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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Reverend Tim Schindel.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 19th day of January, 2007, the Members took their seats.

The Honourable IONA V. CAMPAGNOLO, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne and was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislature:

I wish to recognize those in attendance including former Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable Garde Gardom.

Once again I have the great privilege of addressing you as we begin a new session of the Parliament of British Columbia.

It is important we remember and honour British Columbians who have passed away since this Assembly last convened.

All British Columbians join the Nisga'a people in sadness at the loss of their Chief of Chiefs, Dr. Frank Calder.

We mourn the passing of former members of this Assembly, Val Anderson, Ray Williston, and Peter Hyndman.

Our communities were strengthened and built by former mayors we lost this year: 17-term Prince Rupert Mayor Peter Lester, Marilyn Baker of the District of North Vancouver, Doug Drummond of Burnaby, Ken Hill of Esquimalt, and Jack Loucks of North Vancouver City.

We mourn the loss of Hereditary Chief Jerry Jack of the Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nation, Grand Chief Peter C. James of the Katzie First Nation, and Chief Roy Mussell of the Skwah Band of the Sto-lo Nation.

Our arts community lost friends with the passing of coastal painter E.J. Hughes, filmmaker Daryl Duke, actor and playwright Mavor Moore, poet Max Plater, entertainer Fran Dowie, and volunteers Ernie Fladell and Reva Lander.

The world of journalism lost the bylines of Elizabeth Aird and Denny Boyd.

We lost British Columbians who showed us that individuals can make a difference: Ken Willoughby, who raised awareness about prostate cancer; John Turvey, who helped the residents in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside; and Yung Quon Yu, president of the Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver.

We are saddened by the loss of former Supreme Court Justice John Caldwell Cowan, former deputy minister Stanley Paul Dubas, and Thomas Kunito Shoyama, one of Canada's most respected civil servants.

We remember our dedicated members of the public service who passed away in the last year: Wilma E. Blanchard, Roberta Campbell, Alice Chu, Allan Clayton, Brenda C. Code, Jeanne L. Cressey, Lyndon Cross, Jane Fernandez, Rita Foreman, Craig William Gibson, Karen Hoyseth, Mary C. Hudson, Debbie Hunt, Andrea LaCasse, Theresa Lewis, Douglas W. McKay, Theresa M. Marsolais, Richard Martin, Roger Motut, Parminder Nagra, Rosetta Neal, Nurani Rahemtulla, Joy E. Rushton, Susan H. Schneider, John W. Schildroth, John Schindel, Donna Sheardown, Barbara Sheldan, Lynne Webb, and Larry Wells.

We were also reminded of the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces serving in Afghanistan in mourning the loss of Corporal Andrew James Eykelenboom of Comox and Bombardier Myles Mansell of Victoria.

Tragedy touched us and took from us too soon Gerald Foisy and Shirley Rosette of 108 Mile House in the sinking of the *Queen of the North*, and Bob Newcombe, Doug Erickson, and paramedics Shawn Currier and Kim Weitzel in the Sullivan Mine tragedy. All are remembered with respect.

# Over the last five years British Columbians have marshalled their effort and energy to turn the province into an economic powerhouse and a centre for social innovation and improvement.

Self confidence and optimism have created a legacy of leadership rooted in the power of individual aspiration and the potency of common purpose.

Today we live in a world redefined by enormous shifts in our demographic, economic, and environmental makeup.

At the heart of the government's agenda lies this simple question: What can we do today to secure the future for our children and grandchildren?

This is a time for partnership not partisanship, for boldness not trepidation, for action not procrastination.

British Columbians accomplish what we set our minds to do. We worked together to rebuild our financial foundation. Today, the economy is on track and, for the first time since 1983, we have regained a triple-A credit rating.

Over the last five years British Columbia has led the nation in job growth. The Conference Board of Canada ranks our health system as the best in Canada. Our students are outperforming their counterparts in international assessments.

We have worked together to preserve vast areas of wilderness, to create the Kitasoo Spirit Bear Conservancy, and to pioneer ecosystem-based management.

The Conservation Investment and Incentives Initiative creates a \$120-million partnership to build economic development and conservation programs with First Nations in valuable coastal rainforests.

Last year's unprecedented labour agreements are widely recognized as a singular feat of leadership. Public sector workers worked with government to find solutions that were constructive, flexible, and innovative. There have been fewer strikes and lockouts due to labour disputes in B.C. over the past four years than at any time on record.

The precedent-setting Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement with Alberta will create jobs and opportunity in every region of the province.

Rural British Columbia has record levels of employment and economic growth. That is a credit to our citizens and their hard work.

When we act with resolve and with common purpose, we succeed. Nowhere is that more apparent than in the New Relationship we are forging with First Nations.

First Nations' leaders are leading Canada to close the gaps in health, education, housing, and economic opportunity. Their legacy is a testament to positive leadership and a lasting contribution to Canada.

The powerful currents sweeping across our lives today call for long-term vision not short-term expedience, for selfless rather than selfish actions, for focused rather than fractured responses, and for decision not delay. They demand we look to ourselves for change before asking it of others.

Today's youth are wondering what the future holds for them.

Will we have the courage to tackle difficult problems that have no easy solutions?

Can we find the resolve to ask more of ourselves than we demand of others?

Will we have the foresight to reach higher in education and literacy, to reduce the weight of our footprint on the environment, or to sustain our public health care system?

To these questions your government answers — yes.

We are obliged to act — individually and collectively — before the tipping point becomes the breaking point.

Your government will act:

- To lead Canada in partnership with First Nations.
- To tackle the challenges of global warming and unplanned urban sprawl.
- To increase affordable housing, reduce homelessness, and help those who cannot help themselves.
- To improve quality, choice, and accountability in our two most important public services education and health care.
- To open up Canada's Pacific Gateway and strengthen our economic competitiveness.

These are the elements of the Pacific Leadership Agenda. They are all crucial to achieving the Five Great Goals for the Golden Decade that lies ahead.

#### Your Government has begun the Long Journey to Reconciliation with First Nations

The First Nations Leadership Council deserves our thanks for their open and positive leadership.

Today, three Final Agreements under the B.C. Treaty Commission are being considered for ratification by First Nations.

Those treaties are harbingers of hope and reconciliation of Aboriginal rights with the responsibilities of the Crown.

If they are ratified within the next few months, legislation will be brought to this House for full consideration.

The Province appreciates the federal government's partnership in reaching this historic stage in the treaty processes for the Maa-nulth, Lheidli T'enneh, and Tsawwassen people.

Last year's historic agreements with the Songhees, Esquimalt, Tsay Keh Dene, and Kwadacha people also attest to a New Relationship between First Nations and government.

The Transformative Change Accord, the new health, education and housing frameworks, and hundreds of working agreements between the Province and First Nations will enable First Nations to better control their own destinies.

Recognition of First Nations' contributions to our history and our culture are critical components of reconciliation.

New Osoyoos, Haida Gwaii, and Squamish-Lil'wat cultural centres will reconcile the past with a positive future.

New curricula will be developed with First Nations historians. Oral histories will be gathered through conversations with First Nations Elders.

More will be done to enhance and preserve First Nations languages.

With that spirit of respect and reconciliation in mind, your government will work with this Assembly and First Nations to act on the recommendation of the 2001 review dealing with the artwork in the lower rotunda of the Parliament Buildings.

British Columbia is leading the way towards a positive, contemporary vision for Canada that recognizes all of its founding partners.

It stands proudly for the inclusion of Canada's Aboriginal people as full founding partners in Confederation.

It stands firmly for the recognition and respect of Aboriginal rights, title, and self-determination within the Canadian Constitution.

As we have worked to establish a New Relationship with First Nations, so too must we redefine our relationship with our natural surroundings.

#### British Columbia has Established a Reputation for Environmental Leadership

Over the last five years the government has built on that legacy.

Wildlife habitat protection has expanded from 10,000 hectares to over four million hectares.

For the first time ever, a program is in place to clean up old contaminated sites on Crown land.

Today, 14 per cent of British Columbia land is protected — more than any other province.

This government has created 43 new Class A parks and expanded 38 existing parks.

Your government will act this year to establish several new Class A parks and conservancies and to expand many other existing ones.

Changes will be introduced to strengthen forest stewardship and reduce the risk of forest fires.

Other amendments will improve forest health, encourage better utilization of beetle-killed timber and salvage fiber, and strengthen actions against those who damage our forest or range resources.

After decades of inaction, both groundwater protection and a drinking water action plan are in place.

A \$21-million Living Rivers Trust has been established to enhance watershed management and restore fish habitat.

The new \$150-million Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund will support green projects that improve water quality, wastewater, sewage treatment, and public transit.

After years of denial, the evidence is clear.

Victoria's raw sewage is contaminating the ocean floor and polluting the Pacific.

That is not acceptable. And it will be remedied.

Your government will fund up to one-third of the costs of a new sewage treatment facility for Greater Victoria.

As important as all of these priorities are, none is more important than the critical problem of global warming and climate change.

The challenge of reversing global warming is more difficult today than it was in 1992 at the Rio Summit and more dire than it was in 1997 in Kyoto.

The Kyoto Treaty, which is now in place, just came into force two years ago this Friday.

Little has been done to seriously address this problem which is literally threatening life on Earth as we know it.

Since 1997, greenhouse gas emissions have continued to grow here in British Columbia and across Canada.

Voluntary regimes have not worked.

In 2007, British Columbia will take concerted provincial action to halt and reverse the growth in greenhouse gases.

We will forge new partnerships across both provincial and national boundaries.

The government will act now and will act deliberately.

British Columbia's greenhouse gas emissions are now estimated to be 35 per cent higher than in 1990. The rate of atmospheric warming over the last 50 years is faster than at any time in the past 1,000 years.

The science is clear. It leaves no room for procrastination. Global warming is real.

We will act to stem its growth and minimize the impacts already unleashed. The more timid our response is, the harsher the consequences will be.

If we fail to act aggressively and shoulder our responsibility, we know what our children can expect — shrinking glaciers and snow packs, drying lakes and streams, and changes in the ocean's chemistry.

Our wildlife, plant life, and ocean life will all be hurt in ways we cannot know and dare not imagine.

We do know this — what each of us does matters. What everyone does matters.

Things we take for granted and that have taken millennia to evolve could be at risk and lost in the lifetimes of our children.

Action on climate change was promised in your government's election platform. It is central to the Great Goal of leading the world in sustainable environmental management and it has been an important performance objective in the Province's last two strategic plans. The energy plan government adopted in 2002 is the cleanest, greenest energy plan in North America.

More air shed management plans have been developed over the past five years than in the entire previous decade. A 40-point action plan on climate change was adopted in 2004 and an energy efficient buildings plan in 2005.

Between 2000 and 2004, government's own emissions were reduced by 24 per cent. British Columbia now has the second lowest per capita greenhouse gas emissions in Canada.

However, our emissions are increasing at a rate far faster than most of our neighbours'.

We must act to arrest and reverse that trend.

This government will firmly establish British Columbia standards for action on climate change.

It will aim to reduce B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions by at least 33 per cent below current levels by 2020. This will place British Columbia's greenhouse gas emissions at 10 per cent under 1990 levels by 2020.

It is an aggressive target and will set a new standard. To achieve that goal we will need to be focused and relentless in its pursuit.

Interim targets will be set for 2012 and 2016.

Leaders from business, community groups, and citizens themselves are calling for a new environmental playing field that is fair and balanced but that recognizes we all need to change. We all need to be part of the solution.

The soon-to-be released new climate action and energy plans will be complemented by an air quality improvement initiative.

Each of those plans will aspire to meet or beat the best practices in North America for reducing carbon and other greenhouse gases.

Because our emissions have grown so much since 1990, our task of reducing emissions in percentage terms will be that much more difficult.

Clearly there is a limit to what can be credibly accomplished within any given period of time.

A Climate Action Team will be established. Working with First Nations, other governments, industries, environmental organizations, and the scientific community it will determine the most credible, aggressive, and economically viable sector targets possible for 2012 and 2016.

The Climate Action Team will also be asked to identify practicable options and actions for making the government of British Columbia carbon neutral by 2010.

Your government is confident that balanced action will provide solutions that reduce costs, increase productivity, and make a leading contribution to environmental improvement.

This will be hard work but there is no place better suited to meet this challenge than B.C. because of our diverse and strong economy.

A longer-term emissions reduction target for 2050 will also be established for British Columbia, as it has been for Canada, California, and Oregon.

Citizens might be rightly skeptical of any such long-term targets. What we do today will rightly be judged for the example it sets.

Our economy has the strength and resources to be bold and far reaching.

Indeed, being bold and far sighted will foster innovation, new technologies, and plant the seeds of success. Just as the government's energy vision of 40 years ago led to massive benefits today, so will our decisions today provide far reaching benefits in 2040 and 2050.

Our actions will mean more jobs, new investments, and ultimately greater prosperity for British Columbia. Climate action must be seen and pursued as an economic opportunity as well as an environmental imperative.

Your government's comprehensive climate change and energy strategies will rest on a number of defining principles.

The new energy plan will require British Columbia to be electricity self-sufficient by 2016.

A new personal conservation ethic will form the core of citizen actions in the years ahead. Conservation provides huge benefits at minimal cost.

All new and existing electricity produced in B.C. will be required to have net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2016.

That target may be unprecedented in North America, but it is achievable and realistic in B.C.

Under the new energy plan, British Columbia will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the oil and gas industry to 2000 levels by 2016.

That will include a requirement for zero flaring at producing wells and production facilities.

The energy plan will require that at least 90 per cent of our electricity comes from clean, renewable sources.

Effective immediately, British Columbia will become the first jurisdiction in North America, if not the world, to require 100 per cent carbon sequestration for any coal-fired project.

That means no greenhouse gas emissions will be permitted for coal-fired electricity projects anywhere in British Columbia.

Your government will look to all forms of clean, alternative energy in meeting British Columbians' needs in our provincial economy.

Bioenergy, geothermal energy, tidal, run-of-the-river, solar, and wind power are all potential energy sources in a clean, renewable, low-carbon future.

Your government will pursue British Columbia's potential as a net exporter of clean, renewable energy.

A new \$25-million Innovative Clean Energy Fund will be established to encourage the commercialization of alternative energy solutions and new solutions for clean remote energy that can solve many challenges we face right here in B.C.

Trees infested by the mountain pine beetle will be used to create new clean energy. Wood chips and other wood waste will be better utilized to produce clean power.

Beehive burners will be eliminated in British Columbia.

Legislation will be developed over the next year to phase in new requirements for methane capture in our landfills, the source of about nine per cent of B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions.

That methane can and should be used for clean energy.

New technologies will be encouraged to "green the grid" and reduce energy losses in transmission.

In the weeks ahead, the Premier will meet the governors of Washington and California to work in partnership on several of these and other initiatives to reduce net greenhouse gases in the Pacific Coast Region.

British Columbia will work with California to assess and address the impacts of climate change on our ocean resources and establish common environmental standards for all our Pacific ports. Your government will seek federal co-operation to electrify our ports and reduce container ships' carbon emissions in all of Canada's ports.

A co-ordinated, integrated, market-based approach will be critical to meeting our targets.

Your government will work with the federal government and its Pacific partners to develop a sensible, efficient system for registering, trading, and purchasing carbon offsets and carbon credits.

Later this spring, your government will invite all Pacific Coast governors and their key cabinet members to British Columbia to forge a new Pacific Coast Collaborative that extends from Alaska to California.

Transportation represents about 40 per cent of B.C.'s total greenhouse gas emissions.

B.C. will work with its neighbours to create electrified truck stops and support other anti-idling measures for heavy vehicles.

A federal-provincial partnership will be investing \$89 million for fuelling stations and the world's first fleet of 20 fuel cell buses. This expansion of the number of hydrogen fuelling stations is part of the initial phase of the hydrogen highway. That highway will run from Whistler to Vancouver, Surrey, and Victoria.

But that is just a start.

Your government will work with California and other Pacific states to push for a hydrogen highway that runs from Whistler to San Diego by 2010.

The Gateway Project will reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, and reduce emissions from vehicle idling.

It will dramatically expand cycling networks and connect communities as never before with safer cycling paths and healthier alternatives to driving.

It will establish, for the first time in 20 years, a new transit corridor and open the way for transit improvements to the Fraser Valley connecting Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Langley, and Surrey to Coquitlam and Vancouver.

Electronic tolls will help restrain traffic growth and transit funding will work in concert with decisions to increase densities, reduce sprawl, and reduce costs.

The new \$40-million LocalMotion Fund will also help local governments build walkways, cycling paths, disability access, and other improvements aimed at getting people out of their cars and back on their feet.

The new Canada Line will reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by up to 14,000 tonnes by 2021.

New measures will be implemented to encourage and dramatically increase local transit alternatives.

Over the next year, new regional transit options will be established for our major urban areas in the Lower Mainland, the Fraser Valley, the Capital Regional District and the Okanagan.

New tailpipe emission standards for all new vehicles sold in B.C. will be phased in over the period 2009 to 2016.

Those standards will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by some 30 per cent for automobiles.

British Columbia will establish a low-carbon fuel standard.

It will reduce the carbon intensity of all passenger vehicles by at least 10 per cent by 2020.

These new standards will be developed in recognition of what is already mandated in California, to ensure they are viable and achievable.

Your government has already introduced fuel tax exemptions for ethanol and biodiesel portions of fuels blended with gasoline and diesel.

The \$2,000 sales tax exemption on new hybrid vehicles will be extended to help make those cleaner cars more affordable.

Moving to a hybrid car from a four-wheel-drive SUV can cut personal transportation emissions by up to 70 per cent overnight.

Beginning this month, all new cars leased or purchased by the provincial government will be hybrid vehicles.

New measures will also be taken to reduce energy consumption and emissions in the public sector.

New strategies will be launched to promote Pacific Green universities, colleges, hospitals, schools, prisons, ferries, and airports.

An important symbol of leadership in that regard starts right here in the legislative precinct.

As the Legislative Buildings are upgraded to meet modern seismic standards, new standards of energy efficiency will be set and met.

Many other initiatives will form part of your government's climate action strategy.

A new unified B.C. Green Building Code will be developed over the next year with industry, professional, and community representatives.

Incentives will be implemented to retrofit existing homes and buildings to make them more energy efficient.

New measures will be taken to help homeowners undertake "energy audits" that show them where and how savings can be achieved.

New real-time, in-home smart metering will be launched to help homeowners measure and reduce their energy consumption.

These measures will demand new personal commitment, new investments, and new funding.

Your government remains committed to putting more money back in people's pockets, which allows them more choice in personal spending.

It remains committed to competitive tax rates that stimulate investment and job creation.

This government does not support new taxes on productivity that create disincentives to capital investment. But it does believe that our tax system should encourage responsible actions and individual choices.

The cost of climate change is directly related to our consumption.

Over the next year, the Province will consider the range of possibilities aimed at encouraging personal choices that are environmentally responsible.

It will look for new ways to encourage overall tax savings through shifts in behaviour that reduce carbon consumption.

For our goals to be met citizens must take primary responsibility and make choices that reflect their values.

Conservation is key to a greener future.

Public education and information is critical in that regard.

Your government will ensure that our children have the benefit of that knowledge in their school curricula.

It will work to build literacy on early actions that can be taken at home and at work to make a positive difference to reduce our individual impact on the environment.

A new Citizens' Conservation Council will be established and funded.

Your government will also invest in our forests, nature's carbon sinks.

Next year will mark the six-billionth tree planted in British Columbia since reforestation efforts began in 1930. It took 51 years of planting before our first billion trees were planted.

Today we are planting about 200 million trees a year, or one billion trees every five years.

In the new world, those new trees will have new value as carbon sinks and oxygen creators which help clean our air and offset greenhouse gases. On average, each new tree planted offsets up to one tonne of carbon dioxide over its lifetime.

Your government will substantially increase its tree-planting efforts, which will increase the amount of carbon that is offset each year through reforestation and afforestation.

The new Green Cities Project will foster innovations that reduce our imprint on the planet through sustainable community planning.

New measures will be developed to promote "urban forestry" and new community gardens.

These are just part of the Green Cities Project.

The Green City Awards will recognize B.C.'s most environmentally friendly communities.

The \$21-million Towns For Tomorrow infrastructure program will help small towns across B.C. make improvements in their communities over the next three years.

The new B.C. Spirit Squares program will provide \$20 million for communities to create or enhance outdoor public meeting places.

Those new outdoor gathering spaces will be built in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Colony of British Columbia in 2008.

These new civic spaces will be legacies for our children to celebrate our heritage, culture and community achievements.

Vibrant communities are livable, lively places.

More housing choices and more pedestrian activity are key components of healthier communities.

#### **Housing is the Cornerstone of Strong Social Policy**

The challenges of housing, homelessness, addictions, and mental health require us to rethink the actions of a generation.

Homelessness is a plague that weakens our cities, siphons our strength, and erodes our social fabric.

It weakens us all. It is unacceptable.

The failed approaches of the past that require more money but deliver no improvement are also not acceptable.

New approaches are needed.

Your government believes municipal governments with populations greater than 25,000 should identify and zone appropriate sites for supportive housing and treatment facilities for persons with mental illnesses and addictions in official community plans by 2008.

Changes will be developed to existing funding and transfer payments to ensure integrated regional transportation and housing planning.

We will encourage local government to exempt small-unit, supportive housing projects from development cost charges and levies.

A new assessment class and new tax exemptions for small-unit, supportive housing will be developed over the next year for this legislature's consideration.

This government wishes to add to housing stock while reducing housing costs and reducing the environmental footprint of sprawling communities.

Urban sprawl puts pressure on our limited land base and increases servicing costs for property taxpayers for new roads, bridges, and rapid transit; for sewage and water services; and for increased energy and transmission.

Larger lots, larger homes, excessive fees, and longer time frames have pushed home prices beyond the economic reach of too many. Economic costs have increased and so have environmental ones.

Working with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the private sector the government will develop new incentives to encourage smaller lot sizes and smaller, more energy efficient homes that use less land, less energy, less water, and are less expensive to own.

Our communities should be places where women, children, and seniors can safely walk the streets.

Changes to make police financing equitable for smaller communities with fewer than 5,000 residents will be introduced this session.

Our communities should be places where children are cared for and are safe.

Further improvements to the *Child*, *Family and Community Service Act* will be introduced this session.

Your government will introduce legislation to end mandatory retirement as recommended by the Premier's Council on Aging and Seniors' Issues.

# Your Government's Focus on Improving and Protecting Public Health Care Will Continue

The Conversation on Health is now well underway. It will guide future improvements.

The new First Nations Health Plan was a major milestone that will improve health determinants, health delivery, and health outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Major new initiatives in health promotion are underway.

The ActNow BC program is making progress in fostering greater physical activity, healthier eating habits, and tobacco reduction.

The Action Schools! BC program is spreading into our classrooms across the province to promote healthy living among our students.

Your government is eliminating junk food in all public schools and in all vending machines in provincially owned buildings.

The School Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program is in 50 schools this year and will be available to every public school by 2010.

New measures are being taken to reduce tobacco use.

New supports are being offered to persons on income assistance to help kick their smoking habit.

Legislation will be introduced this session to ban smoking on all school property.

Smoking will be phased out in all indoor public spaces by 2008.

As well as health promotion, new services will be added.

A new electronic surgical patient registry will give patients more control over their surgical options, improve public reporting of wait times, and enable better surgical treatment planning.

A new electronic medical records system will be launched to give physicians better access to patient records and improve service to patients.

The BC HealthGuide will be available in Punjabi and Chinese, to give families in those communities better access to health information in their mother language.

Despite efficiency gains, new funding, and increased service levels attained in the last five years, challenges in health delivery remain.

The demand for new services, technologies, drugs, and treatments continues to grow faster than our ability to pay for them.

The demand for more nurses, doctors, and other health providers grows faster than our capacity to hire and train them.

Insatiable demands for more funding in health care have gone past the tipping point.

Left unchecked, those demands will see our public health care system reach the breaking point, not in decades, but in a matter of years.

Health funding will be increased once again in the new fiscal year by an additional \$885 million.

Overall health spending will have grown by 51.8 per cent since the year 2000 — or about four times the rate of inflation in that period.

Next year's increase in health funding will be 7.3 per cent — twice the rate of economic growth and over three times the current rate of inflation.

Yet the pressures on our health care system continue to escalate.

We must face up to that reality and do what is necessary to make our health care system sustainable for the future.

Your government will continue to listen and learn from British Columbians, to innovate, and to explore new ways of delivering better health services.

And it will lead fundamental health reforms that increase individual choice and maximize the supply of health services within the budgets available.

This will not be easy.

It will not come without controversy or change.

This government is determined to put our public health care system on a footing that ensures sustainability.

The most effective health promotion strategy we have discovered to date is education and individual action.

# This Government is Determined to Make B.C. the Best Educated, Most Literate Jurisdiction on the Continent

Changes passed last year in this Assembly to reduce class sizes, increase accountability, and give parents a new role in class planning are paying off.

For the first time, all school districts are required to publicly report their class sizes, class by class and school by school.

For the first time, they are being held legally accountable for legislated class size and composition requirements.

Here are the results.

There are now over 1,000 more classes in our schools than there were last year, with over 12,000 fewer enrolled students.

In every single district across B.C. average class sizes have dropped this past year.

In every applicable grade, the number of classes with more than 30 students declined.

On average, the number of classes with over 30 students in Grades 4 to 12 declined by 65 per cent.

Parents, teachers and school boards should all be proud of that achievement.

The student-teacher ratio is now as low as it has ever been in British Columbia.

The number of classes across B.C. with two or more ESL students has gone down in the last year.

These are positive trends.

Student completion rates have gone up over the past five years.

However, one in five students does not complete, and over half of B.C.'s Aboriginal students do not complete their studies.

We need to improve to meet the needs of students who are failing to complete.

This year, new steps will be taken to lift our students to higher levels of achievement.

These reforms will be focused on improving quality, choice, and accountability.

British Columbians know that as good as our education system is, it can and must be even better.

Teachers certainly know that.

Your government will act to give teachers new recognition and financial incentives to reward improvements in student achievement and promote professional development.

Teachers will be offered voluntary leadership certification, new resources, professional development, and online supports.

A Premier's Award For Teaching Excellence will also be established to annually recognize and reward excellence in teaching.

New legislation will be introduced to broaden the mandate of school boards, as reflected in a new title: Boards of Education.

Amendments to the *School Act* will also be introduced to enable boards to offer "special academies" upon the approval of school planning councils and consultation with parents.

Boards will be authorized to charge fees approved by school planning councils to defray non-instructional costs or additional costs incurred in offering special academies, trades programs, and band instruments.

This measure will give boards the tools they need to offer students access to programs that might otherwise be closed as a result of the recent Supreme Court ruling.

Boards of Education will also be given a new opportunity to provide early learning programs to preschoolers.

Up to 80 StrongStart Centres will open in underutilized school spaces over the next year. They will help our youngest students to enter school ready to learn.

Boards of Education will be required to develop district literacy plans to improve literacy. They will help co-ordinate literacy initiatives in their communities.

The new ReadNow BC program will provide \$27 million in initial funding to help British Columbians improve their reading skills.

The role of district superintendents will be expanded to be responsible to boards for improving student achievement.

New provincial Superintendents of Achievement will be appointed by the Province to report and make recommendations on improving student achievement in school districts.

New "sunshine legislation" will shed new light on school district companies' business practices. New public reporting and auditing requirements, and new obligations for their directors to be at arm's length from parent boards, will be established.

More choice and flexibility will be encouraged to better meet student needs.

The Graduation Portfolio Standard will be simplified to focus on physical activity, career planning, and community service.

While the Province will set standards for meeting graduation requirements, Boards of Education will determine the most appropriate learning and instruction methods for meeting provincial standards in their districts, including whether or not to offer a portfolio program.

Amendments will be introduced to broaden the Education Minister's capacity to create provincial schools and offer more choice in learning.

Provincial schools will offer new choices in curricula, new course content, and new demonstration schools better tailored to unique student needs.

These new provincial schools will build on the virtual school that is now serving over 16,000 students provincewide.

The virtual school is providing new round-the-clock access to learning, tutoring, and academic supports.

These new measures will be supported in a new B.C. Education Guarantee that assures that all students have ongoing access to courses required for high school completion and that all British Columbians who need it have free, easy access to adult basic education through LearnNowBC.

This year the government will:

Ensure new residents can obtain support in ESL training and streamlined professional and skilled labour certification, to help them use the skills they bring to B.C.;

Establish a teacher employment registry, administered by the College of Teachers, to publicly report the names of teachers disciplined for misconduct involving emotional, physical, or sexual abuse;

Require annual public reports for all public schools on the statistics relating to teacher hirings, terminations, disciplinary actions, and professional development;

And give government the ability to directly communicate with all teachers in B.C.

Amendments will be introduced to require all Boards of Education to establish codes of conduct for students that meet provincially set standards and that institute "zero tolerance" of bullying in B.C.'s schools.

Your government pledged to use underutilized school spaces as public spaces to deliver on public priorities.

It will work with boards to better manage capital planning across all school districts.

A new process will be put in place to ensure that schools or school lands are used for their highest and best use for maximum public benefit.

# The Government Will Open Canada's Pacific Gateway to New Worlds of Knowledge and Economic Opportunity

Knowledge is the key to unlocking our citizens' true potential in the digital world.

Skilled workers are the sine qua non of a modern, competitive economy.

That is why your government has embarked on the largest post-secondary and apprenticeship expansion in 40 years.

It is why it is acting to create 2,500 new graduate spaces and 7,000 more apprenticeship spaces by 2010.

It is why it is expanding the number of industry training organizations in partnership with the Industry Training Authority and the private sector.

Across this province, access to advanced education is better than ever.

Over \$1 billion has been invested in capital improvements in post-secondary education since 2001.

Another \$800 million has been allocated to further expand our universities, colleges, and institutes.

The 25,000 new post-secondary spaces are well underway.

That new legacy of leadership will give B.C.'s young adults and lifelong learners new opportunities for higher learning where they live.

This year a new Children's Education Credit will be established and a new Pacific Leaders Fellowship will be created to provide university students new financial incentives to pursue careers in the provincial public service.

It will also provide existing public servants new opportunities to upgrade their skills.

Campus 2020 will help shape the vision of B.C.'s post-secondary system for years to come.

As your government works to train new workers and give them the skills they need to prosper in this Pacific Century, it will also do more to attract and recruit skilled workers.

The Provincial Nominee Program will be substantially expanded and new efforts will be made to expedite entry for temporary workers in skills-shortage areas.

All of these measures are aimed at maximizing our provincial potential in this time of profound change and global growth.

Central to your government's Great Goal on job creation is maximizing our Pacific advantage.

The government will invest in B.C.'s ports, airports, railways, roads, and bridges to capitalize on British Columbia's core competitive advantage — our location as Canada's only Pacific province.

The heart of your government's economic vision is British Columbia's unique competitive advantage — our proximity, cultural ties, and natural connections to the Asia-Pacific.

Our Pacific advantage will have positive impacts in transportation, in research and technology, in trade development, investment, immigration, and tourism.

The government will unleash our Pacific promise as a budding powerhouse of clean, renewable energy; profitable, sustainable forestry; world-leading technology; high-quality manufacturing; value-added agricultural products; award-winning wines; world-class mineral deposits; and superb tourism destinations.

Investment in mineral exploration in B.C. soared to a record-high \$265 million in 2006 — an 800 per cent increase from 2001.

In that one sector alone, our province has incredible potential for new investment, jobs, opportunities, and partnerships with our Asia-Pacific customers.

Several amendments will be introduced this session to enhance mineral exploration and to also afford private property owners new rights of notice before any person can enter their land for mineral exploration.

New legislation will be tabled to facilitate resort development and establish new resort municipalities that open up our Pacific potential in tourism.

Other measures will be aimed at helping small business.

B.C.'s new tourism strategy will target new markets for growth in the Asia-Pacific and new potential for growth in eco-tourism, agri-tourism, Aboriginal tourism, and cultural tourism.

Your government will continue to pursue a true partnership with the Government of Canada to open Canada's Pacific Gateway.

British Columbians' tax dollars paid to build the St. Lawrence Seaway 50 years ago. Those investments consolidated Canada's place as the Atlantic's primary entrance to the heart of North America. All Canadians benefited.

It is time for Canada to make the same commitment and seize the same opportunity for its Pacific Gateway.

The Asia-Pacific Trade Council is building a blueprint for our province to fully seize upon our Pacific potential in key markets.

Japan, China, India, and South Korea are all vital to our future.

The government will dedicate new resources to capture British Columbia's Asia-Pacific opportunities.

The potential for mutual benefit is enormous.

# Three Short Years from Today, British Columbians will be Living Their Olympic Dream

We will be one day past the opening ceremonies.

Canadians across this land will be glued to their televisions and computers as Canadian athletes reach higher, dig deeper, and go faster — striving to be the best in the world.

It has been said that, "In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level.... A time when we have to shed our fear and give hope to each other. That time is now."

This is our time.

This is British Columbia's time to lead.

Let us strive to inspire others with our commitment and determination.

Let us seize this moment of strength and optimism to embrace the Olympic spirit and capture the Pacific promise.

The torch of hope is in our hands.

Let us hold the torch high and act with speed and purpose, confident in our endeavour.

Let us test our limits and give our grandchildren the gift of a better province, a better country, and a better world.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker reported that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of Her Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General), Bill (No. 1) intituled An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament 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. M. de Jong, seconded by Mr. Farnworth, it was Ordered—

That *Sindi Hawkins*, Member for Kelowna-Mission Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. Farnworth, seconded by the Hon. M. de Jong, it was Ordered—

That *Sue Hammell*, Member for Surrey-Green Timbers Electoral District, be appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. M. de Jong, seconded by Mr. Farnworth, it was Ordered—

That *Harry Bloy*, Member for Burquitlam Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General), 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. *G. Campbell* (Premier) moved that the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

- 1. Aboriginal Affairs;
- 2. Education;
- 3. Finance and Government Services;
- 4. Health;
- 5. Public Accounts;
- 6. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills;
- 7. Crown Corporations;
- 8. Children and Youth:

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of: the Hon. *M. de Jong* (Convener), Messrs. *Cantelon, Jarvis, Mayencourt, Nuraney*, Ms. *Roddick*, Messrs. *Farnworth* and *Horgan*, Ms. *Conroy* and Ms. *Kwan*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3.02 p.m.

# Wednesday, February 14, 2007

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Yap.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Sultan* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Health for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. Sultan moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Ms. Trevena presented a petition protesting cuts in childcare.

Ms. Conroy presented a petition protesting cuts in childcare.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Mr. Cantelon moved, seconded by Mr. Yap—

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.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

# Thursday, February 15, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. MacKay.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

# Thursday, February 15, 2007

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Evans presented a petition protesting cuts in childcare.

Ms. *Conroy* presented a petition protesting cuts in childcare.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That a Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture be appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to Sustainable Aquaculture in British Columbia and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing to consider:

- 1. The economic and environmental impacts of the aquaculture industry in B.C.;
- 2. The economic impact of aquaculture on B.C.'s coastal and isolated communities;
- 3. Sustainable options for aquaculture in B.C. that balance economic goals with environmental imperatives, focusing on the interaction between aquaculture, wild fish and the marine environment;
- 4. B.C.'s regulatory regime as it compares to other jurisdictions; and
- 5. Solicit and consider written and oral submissions from any interested person or organization by any means the Committee considers appropriate.

The Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible but no later than May 31, 2007 or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

That the Special Committee be comprised of Mr. Austin (Convener), Messrs. Cantelon, Coons, Fraser, Horning, Jarvis, Robertson, S. Simpson, Ms. Trevena and Mr. Yap.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Lekstrom* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Lekstrom* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Lekstrom* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Lekstrom* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.34 p.m.

# Monday, February 19, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Routley.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **35** By leave, Ms. *Kwan* moved—

Be it resolved that this House calls on the new Auditor General to monitor the rate of Single Room Accommodation loss as a part of the Auditor General's Office's evaluation of the Olympics.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

# Monday, February 19, 2007

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Hawkins* tabled a petition regarding the Gordon Drive Liquor Store.

Mr. B. Simpson tabled a petition regarding coal fired electrical generating plants.

Mr. *Horning* tabled a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

# Tuesday, February 20, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

Mr. Puchmayr reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.48 a.m.

# Tuesday, February 20, 2007

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion of the Hon. C. Taylor (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. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2008; and

Supplement to the Estimates — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2008;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 16, 2007.

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

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. *G. Campbell* (Premier), "That the 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. Ralston, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bills (Nos. 2 and 3) intituled:

Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2007; and

Income Tax Amendment Act, 2007;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 19, 2007.

Bills introduced and read a first time.

Bills *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. C. Taylor (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Budget and Fiscal Plan 2007/08 – 2009/10 required under section 7 of the *Budget Transparency* and Accountability Act;

Government's 2007/08 – 2009/10 Strategic Plan required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Ministry Service Plans: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Advanced Education; Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, and Integrated Land Management Bureau; Agricultural Land Commission; Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Community Services; Ministry of Economic Development; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Ministry of Environment including Environmental Assessment Office; Ministry of Finance and Associated Entities; Ministry of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing; Forest Practices Board; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; BC Public Service Agency; Ministry of Small Business and Revenue; Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts; Ministry of Transportation;

Crown Agency Service Plans: BC Assessment Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; British Columbia Innovation Council; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Railway Company; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; BC Transmission Corporation; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; Homeowner Protection Office; Industry Training Authority; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Partnerships British Columbia; Provincial Capital Commission; Royal BC Museum Corporation; Tourism British Columbia; Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Limited; and

List of Organizations that have been exempted from section 13 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, and for which service plans are not being filed.

And then the House adjourned at 3.41 p.m.

# Wednesday, February 21, 2007

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Evans.

Ms. *Conroy* advised the House of the death of Burt Campbell, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 10: Follow-up of 2004/2005 Report 2: In Sickness and in Health: Healthy Workplaces for British Columbia's Health Care Workers.

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Small Business and Revenue) presented the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2005.

Mr. Macdonald tabled a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

Mr. Simons tabled a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

# Thursday, February 22, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Wyse.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. B. Penner, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.49 a.m.

# Thursday, February 22, 2007

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

#### **40** The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended as follows for the duration of the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament, commencing February 14, 2007:

1. That Standing Order 2 (1) is deleted and following substituted:

#### Sittings

#### Daily sittings.

**2.** (1) The time for the ordinary meeting of the House shall, unless otherwise ordered, be as follows:

Monday: Two distinct sittings:

10 a.m. to 12 noon 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Two distinct sittings:

10 a.m. to 12 noon 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Two distinct sittings:

10 a.m. to 12 noon 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

2. That Standing Order 3 be deleted and following substituted:

#### Hour of interruption.

Wednesday:

**3.** If at the hour of 6:30 p.m. on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the business of the day is not concluded and no other hour has been agreed on for the next sitting, the Speaker shall leave the Chair:

On Monday until 10 a.m. Tuesday

On Tuesday until 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday
On Wednesday until 10 a.m. on Thursday
On Thursday until 10 a.m. on Monday

subject to the provisions of Standing Order 2 (2) (b).

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

# Monday, February 26, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. McIntyre.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

**11** By leave, Mr. Bennett moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes that new metal mines are necessary for the continuation of a healthy mining industry in British Columbia and that mining is an important contributor to a vibrant provincial economy.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

# Monday, February 26, 2007

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

**40** The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 40 with respect to amending the Standing Orders relative to Sittings.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

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Falcon van Dongen de Jong CampbellReid Roddick CoellHayer BondIlichLee Hansen Abbott Chong Jarvis Christensen Whittred Penner Neufeld Les Horning Richmond Cantelon Coleman BellHagen HoggSultan Krueger Oppal

Lekstrom Mayencourt Polak Hawes Yap Bloy MacKay Black McIntyre Rustad NAYS—30

Brar Cubberley Fraser Krog S. Simpson Hammell Horgan Austin Fleming Coons DixChudnovsky Farnworth Thorne Bains Chouhan James Simons Robertson Wyse Macdonald Kwan Puchmayr Karagianis Ralston Gentner Evans Conroy B. Simpson Routley

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Tuesday, February 27, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Polak.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. C. Richmond, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

# Tuesday, February 27, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Trevena presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

Mr. *Nuraney* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Education for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Nuraney* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *Routley* tabled a copy of the Minority Report of the Select Standing Committee on Education entitled British Columbia's Literacy Crisis: An Alternative Approach.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

# Wednesday, February 28, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Cantelon.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Trevena presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Supplementary Estimates No. 1 — Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2007; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 22, 2007. *Ordered*, that the Message, and the Supplementary Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House recessed until 2.35 p.m.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General Service Plan 2007/08–2009/10.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates – Other Appropriations, Contingencies).

#### (IN COMMITTEE)

43 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$290,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. C. Taylor moved—

That the report of resolution from the Committee of Supply on February 28, 2007, be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. C. Taylor moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of \$290,000,000. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act*, 2006-2007 and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Supply Act*, 2006-2007 (*Supplementary Estimates No. 1*) and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 16, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

The Speaker stated that pursuant to established practice, the Bill would proceed through all stages in one day.

Bill (No. 4) was read a second time, committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

# Thursday, March 1, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Roddick.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. Kwan, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

# Thursday, March 1, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act*, 2006-2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 20, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Horgan*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Retail Petroleum Consumer Protection Act*, 2007 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.

The Speaker made the following statement:

#### Honourable Members:

Several Members of the House have indicated there seems to be some uncertainty as to the appropriate scope of debate and subject matter under Standing Order 25B, the order which provides for daily Statements by Members.

A statement delivered to Members of this House on November 18, 2002, will be of assistance to Members in fashioning their statements under Standing Order 25B.

"Last February 12, 2002, the Standing Orders of the House were amended to adopt under Standing Order 25B, a provision for daily Statements by Members.

There has long existed in this House a similar provision, the weekly <u>Private Members' Statements</u>, under Standing Order 25A. The intent and spirit applicable to weekly <u>Private Members' Statements</u> are also pertinent to daily <u>Statements</u>.

<u>Private Members' Statements</u> have been well canvassed and discussed in a number of Speakers' Rulings in this House, and amply referenced in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 3rd edition at page 46. In order to assist Members with respect to their daily <u>Statements</u>, I will remind the House of the relevant guidelines in this regard. The jurisprudence of this House does not preclude Members from expressing a party's position on political issues or policy. However, the topics covered should not revive discussion on a matter already discussed in the same Session nor should they anticipate a matter already appointed for consideration by the House.

Statements should not reflect negatively on individual Members or groups of Members in the House.

It is also contrary to the intent and spirit of <u>Statements</u> to use these as a vehicle to criticize or rebut another Member's words spoken during other proceedings in the House.

I would ask all Honourable Members to be guided by these principles."

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

Be it resolved that this House hereby authorizes the Committee of Supply for this Session to sit in two sections designated Section A and Section B; Section A to sit in such Committee Room as may be appointed from time to time, and Section B to sit in the Chamber of the Assembly, subject to the following rules:

- 1. The Standing Orders applicable to the Committee of the Whole House shall be applicable in both Sections of the Committee of Supply save and except that in Section A, a Minister may defer to a Deputy Minister to permit such Deputy to reply to a question put to the Minister.
- 2. Subject to paragraph 3, within one sitting day of the passage of this Motion, the House Leader of the Official Opposition may advise the Government House Leader, in writing, of three ministerial Estimates which the Official Opposition requires to be considered in Section B of the Committee of Supply, and upon receipt of such notice in writing, the Government House Leader shall confirm in writing that the said three ministerial Estimates shall be considered in Section B of the Committee of Supply.

- 3. All Estimates shall stand referred to Section A, save and except those Estimates which shall be referred to Section B under the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Order and such other Estimates as shall be referred to Section B on motion by the Government House Leader, which motion shall be governed by the provisions of Standing Order 60A. Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation shall be applicable to this rule.
- 4. Section A shall consist of 18 Members, being 11 Members of the B.C. Liberal Party and 7 Members of the New Democratic Party. In addition, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole, or his or her nominee, shall preside over the debates in Section A. Substitution of Members will be permitted to Section A with the consent of that Member's Whip, where applicable, otherwise with the consent of the Member involved. For the third session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament, the Members of Section A shall be as follows: the Minister whose Estimates are under consideration and Messrs. *Bennett, Cantelon, Hayer, Horning, Jarvis, Lee, Lekstrom*, and *Nuraney*, and Mmes. *McIntyre*, and *Roddick* and Messrs. *Bains, Chouhan, Cubberley, Evans, Farnworth, Fraser* and Ms. *Conroy*.
- 5. At fifteen minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House, the Chair of Section A will report to the House. In the event such report includes the last vote in a particular ministerial Estimate, after such report has been made to the House, the Government shall have a maximum of eight minutes, and the Official Opposition a maximum of five minutes, and all other Members (cumulatively) a maximum of three minutes to summarize the Committee debate on a particular ministerial Estimate completed, such summaries to be in the following order:
  - (1) Other Members;
  - (2) Opposition; and
  - (3) Government.
  - 6. Section B shall be composed of all Members of the House.
  - 7. Divisions in Section A will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells four times.
- 8. Divisions in Section B will be signalled by the ringing of the division bells three times at which time proceedings in Section A will be suspended until completion of the division in Section B.
- 9. Section A is hereby authorized to consider Bills referred to Committee after second reading thereof and the Standing Orders applicable to Bills in Committee of the Whole shall be applicable to such Bills during consideration thereof in Section A, and for all purposes Section A shall be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole. Such referrals to Section A shall be made upon motion without notice by the Minister responsible for the Bill, and such motion shall be decided without amendment or debate. Practice Recommendation #6 relating to Consultation shall be applicable to all such referrals.
- 10. Bills or Estimates previously referred to a designated Committee may at any stage be subsequently referred to another designated Committee on motion of the Government House Leader or Minister responsible for the Bill as hereinbefore provided by Rule Nos. 3 and 9.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, it was *Ordered* that leave be given for the Special Committee of Selection to meet while the House is in session today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

#### Motion agreed to on the following division:

	YEAS—41			
Falcon	Roddick	Oppal	Bennett	
Reid	Hayer	de Jong	Lekstrom	
Coell	Lee	Taylor	Mayencourt	
Ilich	Jarvis	Bond	Polak	
Chong	Nuraney	Hansen	Hawes	
Christensen	Whittred	Abbott	Yap	
Les	Horning	Penner	Bloy	
Richmond	Cantelon	Coleman	МасКау	
Bell	Thorpe	Hogg	Black	
Krueger van Dongen	Hagen	Sultan	Rustad	
		Nays—18		
S. Simpson	Hammell	Lali	Krog	
Fleming	Simons	Dix	Austin	
Farnworth	Routley	Karagianis	Wyse	
Ralston	Fraser	Evans	Sather	
Cubberley	Horgan			

The Hon. *M. de Jong* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection, which read as follows:

#### FIRST REPORT

OAK COMMITTEE ROOM,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
MARCH 1, 2007

#### HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on February 13, 2007 to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Committees of this House reports that the following is the list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees and Special Committees for the present Session:

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—Mr. Mayencourt, (Convener) Messrs. Horning, MacKay, Mmes. McIntyre, Roddick, Whittred, Messrs. Chudnovsky, Coons, Lali and Fraser.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH—Ms. Whittred (Convener), Messrs. Bennett, Cantelon, MacKay, Ms. Polak, Mr. Rustad, Mr. Brar, Ms. Karagianis, Messrs. Krog and Simons.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS—Mr. Rustad (Convener), Messrs. Black, Cantelon, MacKay, Ms. McIntyre, Mr. Yap, Messrs. Evans, Gentner, Horgan and Puchmayr.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION—Mr. Nuraney (Convener), Messrs. Jarvis, Lee, Mayencourt, Ms. Polak, Mr. Rustad, Messrs. Cubberley, Fleming, Macdonald and Routley.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—Mr. Bennett (Convener), Messrs. Black, Bloy, Hawes, Hayer, Lee, Mr. Horgan, Ms. Kwan, Messrs. Ralston and B. Simpson.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH—Mr. Sultan (Convener), Messrs. Hayer, Jarvis, Nuraney, Mmes. Roddick, Whittred, Ms. Conroy, Messrs. Dix, Sather and Wyse.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—Mr. Horning (Convener), Messrs. Bloy, Hawes, Hayer, Mayencourt, Sultan, Ms. Conroy, Messrs. Dix, Farnworth and B. Simpson.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—Mr. Horning (Convener), Messrs. Bloy, Hawes, Hayer, Mayencourt, Ms. Roddick, Messrs. Dix, Horgan, Farnworth and Ms. Thorne.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. Fleming (Convener), Ms. McIntyre, Messrs. Black, Hawes, Ms. Polak, Messrs. Rustad, Sultan, Yap, Messrs. Bains, Gentner, Ralston, and Ms. Thorne.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSIONER—Mr. *Black* (Convener), Mr. *Bloy*, Ms. *Whittred*, Messrs. *Chudnovsky* and *Farnworth*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT—Mr. Cantelon (Convener), Ms. Polak, Mr. Rustad, Messrs. Krog and Lali.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, the Hon. M. de Jong moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be appointed to be empowered to foster greater awareness and understanding among legislators and the public of the BC child welfare system, and in particular to:

- 1. Be the committee that receives and reviews the annual service plan from the Representative for Children and Youth (the "Representative") that includes a statement of goals and identifies specific objectives and performance measures that will be required to exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the Representative during the fiscal year;
  - 2. Be the committee to which the Representative reports, at least annually;
  - 3. Refer to the Representative for investigation the critical injury or death of a child; and
- 4. Receive and consider all reports and plans delivered by the Representative (if any during the time period of these terms of reference) to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. In addition to the powers previously conferred upon Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be empowered:
  - a. to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
  - b. to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
  - c. to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
  - d. to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

1. That the reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia deposited with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly during the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth parliament be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, with the exception of the report referred to in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* which is referred to the Select Standing Committee on Finance

and Government Services, and in addition that the following reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

- Report No. 13, 2004/2005: Building Momentum for Results-based Management: A Study about Managing for Results in British Columbia (March 2005)
- Report No. 3, 2005/2006: Audit of the Government's Corporate Accounting System: Part 1 (June 2005)
- Report No. 10, 2005/2006: Building Better Reports: Our Assessment of the 2004/05 Annual Service Plan Reports of Government (March 2006)
- Report No. 3, 2006/2007: Treaty Negotiations in British Columbia (November 2006)
- Report No. 4, 2006/2007: Province of British Columbia Audit Committees: Doing the Right Things (December 2006)
- Report No. 5, 2006/2007: Audit of Government's Corporate Accounting System: Part 2 (December 2006)
- Report No. 6, 2006/2007: Monitoring the Government's Finances (December 2006)
- Report No. 7, 2006/2007: Government's Post-secondary Expansion 25,000 Seats by 2010 (December 2006)
- Report No. 8, 2006/2007: Changing Course A New Direction for British Columbia's Coastal Ferry System (December 2006)
- Report No. 9, 2006/2007: Seeking Best Practices in Financial Reporting: Report on the Province's 2005/2006 Public Accounts (January 2007)
- Report No. 8, 2004/2005: Follow-up of 2002/2003 Report 5: *Managing Contaminated Sites on Provincial Lands* (November 2004)
- Report No. 9, 2004/2005: Follow-up of Two Health Risk Reports: A Review of Performance Agreements; Information Use in Resource Allocation (December 2004)
- Report No. 12, 2004/2005: Third Follow-up of 2000/2001 Report 4: *Management Consulting Engagements in Government* (March 2005)
- Report No. 1, 2005/2006: Follow-up of the Recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts contained in its Fourth Report of the 3rd Session of the 36th Parliament: *Earthquake Preparedness; Performance Audit* (May 2005)
- Report No. 2, 2005/2006: Joint Follow-up of 2001/2002 Report 1: Managing Interface Fire Risks and Firestorm 2003 Provincial Review (May 2005)
- Report No. 7, 2006/2007: Follow-up of 2003/2004 Report 4: Alternative Payments to Physicians: A Program in Need of Change (February 2006)
- Review Engagement Report re: Partnerships BC Project Report: Achieving Value for Money Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project (December 20, 2005)
- 2. That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be the committee referred to in sections 2, 6, 7, 10, 13 and 14 of the *Auditor General Act*.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Committee be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

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Motion agreed to.

The Hon. R. Thorpe (Minister of Small Business and Revenue) made a personal statement.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Monday, March 5, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Karagianis.

The Hon. *B. Penner*, on behalf of the Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health) tabled the Provincial Health Officer's Annual Report, 2003/2004 and 2004/2005.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **43** By leave, Mr. Sather moved —

Be it resolved that this House urge the BC Government to introduce the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement between British Columbia and Alberta to this House for full debate before it comes into effect on April 1, 2007.

A debate arose.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

#### Monday, March 5, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Public Inquiry Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 26, 2007. Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Trevena* presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act*, 2006-2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 5) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Rustad, the debate was adjourned until later today.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of Motion 43 regarding the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, the House divided.

Motion defeated on the following division:

		YEAS—25	
S. Simpson Fleming Kwan Ralston B. Simpson Hammell Coons	Thorne Simons Puchmayr Gentner Routley Fraser	Horgan Lali Dix Trevena Bains Robertson	Evans Krog Austin Chouhan Macdonald Conroy
	Nays—40		
Falcon Reid Coell Ilich Chong Christensen Les Richmond Bell	Roddick Hayer Lee Jarvis Nuraney Whittred Horning Cantelon Thorpe	Oppal de Jong Bond Hansen Abbott Penner Coleman Hogg Sultan	Lekstrom Mayencourt Polak Hawes Yap Bloy MacKay Black McIntyre
van Dongen	Hagen	Bennett	Rustad

#### (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

# Tuesday, March 6, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Puchmayr.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act, 2007* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 3, 2007.

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. G. Hogg, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,939,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Small Business and Revenue, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Small Business and Revenue) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

# Tuesday, March 6, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Trevena presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

The Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Community Services) tabled the Thirtieth Annual Report of the business done pursuant to the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, for the year ended March 31, 2006.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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### Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—40	
Falcon	Roddick	de Jong	Lekstrom
Reid	Hayer	Campbell	Mayencourt
Coell	Lee	Bond	Polak
Ilich	Jarvis	Hansen	Hawes
Chong	Nuraney	Abbott	Yap
Christensen	Whittred	Penner	Bloy
Les	Horning	Coleman	MacKay
Richmond	Cantelon	Hogg	Black
Bell	Thorpe	Sultan	<i>McIntyre</i>
van Dongen	Oppal	Bennett	Rustad
		Nays—27	
S. Simpson	Hammell	Dix	Chudnovsky
Fleming	Coons	Trevena	Chouhan
Farnworth	Thorne	Bains	Wyse
Kwan	Puchmayr	Karagianis	Sather
Ralston	Gentner	Evans	Macdonald
B. Simpson	Horgan	Krog	Conroy
Cubberley	Lali	Austin	

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 7, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Austin.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 6, 2007. Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. Fraser, Bill (No. M 202) intituled Promotion of Safe Antifreeze Act, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act*, 2006-2007 was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$97,507,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

# Thursday, March 8, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 2) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 3) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Public Inquiry Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

## Thursday, March 8, 2007

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Securities Transfer Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 3, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 7, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Child and Youth Statutes* (Representation Improvement) Amendment Act, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 4, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

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The Hon. J. Les (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Coroners Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 7, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Mayencourt*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Motorcycle Noise Control 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Public Inquiry Act*.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

# **Monday, March 12, 2007**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. MacKay.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) made a statement regarding Commonwealth Day.

The Hon. J. Les (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Security Services Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 8, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

### **4** By leave, Mr. *Rustad* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the vital role of independent power producers in our goal of becoming energy self sufficient and our goal of producing more electricity in an environmentally friendly manner.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

# Monday, March 12, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 8, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. J. Les (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 9, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Trevena presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Public Inquiry Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		YEAS—40	
Reid	Roddick	de Jong	Bennett
Coell	Hayer	Taylor	Mayencourt
Ilich	Lee	Bond	Polak
Chong	Jarvis	Hansen	Hawes
Christensen	Nuraney	Abbott	Yap
Les	Whittred	Penner	Bloy
Richmond	Horning	Neufeld	MacKay
Bell	Cantelon	Hogg	Black
Krueger	Thorpe	Sultan	McIntyre
van Dongen	Oppal	Hawkins	Rustad
		Nays—30	
Brar	Coons	Lali	Krog
S. Simpson	Thorne	Dix	Austin
Fleming	Simons	Trevena	Chouhan
Farnworth	Puchmayr	Bains	Wyse
Kwan	Gentner	Robertson	Sather
Ralston	Routley	Karagianis	Macdonald
B. Simpson	Fraser	Evans	Conroy
Hammell	Horgan		•

Bill (No. 6) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 12, 2007.

*Resolved*, That the said Message, and the amendments accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 2).

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act*, 2007 was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Income Tax Amendment Act*, 2007 was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

#### (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

- 13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$114,062,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.
- 14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,402,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2008.
- 15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,311,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Integrated Land Management Bureau, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and progress of the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Agriculture and Lands) to be considered at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 3) Income Tax Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 5) Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2006-2007.

Her Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

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

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts."

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 4) Supply Act, 2006-2007 (Supplementary Estimates No. 1).

Her Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Act.

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

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 6.18 p.m.

# Tuesday, March 13, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Bloy.

The Hon. *I. Chong* (Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Community Services Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 9, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 12) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Child and Youth Statutes (Representation Improvement) Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 7) 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. 6) intituled *Public Inquiry Act* was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

# Tuesday, March 13, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Bains*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Amendment Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Austin* presented the First Report of the Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. Austin moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Simons presented a petition regarding highway needs of the Sunshine Coast.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Public Inquiry Act* was again committed.

Mr. *Krog* moved a proposed amendment to section 28 (1) of Bill (No. 6) which was defeated on the following division:

BrarHammellHorganKrogS. SimpsonCoonsLaliAustinFlemingThorneDixChudnovskyFarnworthSimonsTrevenaChouhanJamesPuchmayrBainsWyseKwanGentnerRobertsonSatherRalstonRoutleyKaragianisMacdonaldB. SimpsonFraserEvansConroyCubberleyNAYS—42FalconHayerCampbellBennettReidLeeTaylorMayencourtCoellJarvisBondPolakIlichNuraneyHansenHawesChongWhittredAbbottYapChristensenHorningPennerBloyRichmondCantelonNeufeldMacKayBellThorpeColemanBlackKruegerHagenHoggMcIntyrevan DongenOppalSultanRustadRoddickde Jong			YEAS—33	
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	0		Sultan	Rustad

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Wednesday, March 14, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Yap.

On the motion of Mr. *Puchmayr*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Employment Standards Act Amendment Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 10) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled Supply Act (No. 1), 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 13) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled Securities Transfer Act, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 9) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 14) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,479,528,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance and progress of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

## Thursday, March 15, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Mayencourt.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the following documents:

British Columbia Ferry Commission Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2006;

BC Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2005-2006;

British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 2005/06;

Crown Proceeding Act Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2006; and

Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2005/2006.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Child and Youth Statutes (Representation Improvement) Amendment Act*, 2007 was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

# Thursday, March 15, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 14, 2007. Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) on behalf of the Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Deregulation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 14, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Enforcement of Canadian Judgments and Decrees (Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement) Amendment Act, 2007* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 12, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Puchmayr*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Workers Compensation Act Amendment Act*, 2007 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 Ms. *Kwan*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Vancouver Social Housing Amendment Act*, 2007 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 Mr. *Mayencourt*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Human Rights Code Amendment 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Fleming* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. Fleming moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Child and Youth Statutes (Representation Improvement) Amendment Act*, 2007 was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Public Inquiry Act* was again committed.

Mr. *Krog* moved a proposed amendment to section 28 (3) of Bill (No. 6) which was defeated on the following division:

		Yeas—26	
S. Simpson Fleming Farnworth Kwan Ralston Hammell Coons	Thorne Simons Puchmayr Gentner Routley Horgan Lali	Dix Trevena Bains Robertson Karagianis Evans	Krog Austin Wyse Sather Macdonald Conroy
		Nays—36	
Falcon Coell Chong Christensen Richmond Bell Krueger van Dongen Roddick	Hayer Lee Nuraney Whittred Horning Cantelon Hagen Oppal de Jong	Taylor Bond Hansen Abbott Neufeld Coleman Hogg Sultan Bennett	Mayencourt Polak Hawes Yap Bloy MacKay Black McIntyre Rustad

In consideration of section 28 of Bill (No. 6) the Committee divided as follows:

	YEAS—36		
Falcon	Hayer	Taylor	Bennett
Coell	Lee	Bond	Mayencourt
Chong	Nuraney	Hansen	Polak
Christensen	Whittred	Abbott	Hawes
Richmond	Horning	Neufeld	Yap
Bell	Cantelon	Coleman	MacKay
Krueger	Hagen	Hogg	Black
van Dongen	Oppal	Sultan	McIntyre
Roddick	de Jong	Hawkins	Rustad

#### NAYS—23

S. Simpson	Gentner	Bains	Chouhan
Fleming	Routley	Robertson	Wyse
Ralston	Horgan	Karagianis	Sather
Coons	Lali	Evans	Macdonald
Thorne	Dix	Krog	Conroy
Simons	Trevena	Austin	

On the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 6) complete without amendment, the Committee divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS	36

Falcon	Hayer	Taylor	Bennett
Coell	Lee	Bond	Mayencourt
Chong	Nuraney	Hansen	Polak
Christensen	Whittred	Abbott	Hawes
Richmond	Horning	Neufeld	Yap
Bell	Cantelon	Coleman	MacKay
Krueger	Hagen	Hogg	Black
van Dongen	Oppal	Sultan	McIntyre
Roddick	de Jong	Hawkins	Rustad

### NAYS—20

S. Simpson	Gentner	Trevena	Austin
Fleming	Routley	Bains	Wyse
Ralston	Horgan	Karagianis	Sather
Coons	Lali	Evans	Macdonald
Thorne	Dix	Krog	Conroy

Bill (No. 6) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 6) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

#### YEAS-36

Hayer	Taylor	Bennett
Lee	Bond	Mayencourt
Nuraney	Hansen	Polak
Whittred	Abbott	Hawes
Horning	Neufeld	Yap
Cantelon	Coleman	MacKay
Hagen	Hogg	Black
Oppal	Sultan	<i>McIntyre</i>
de Jong	Hawkins	Rustad
	Lee Nuraney Whittred Horning Cantelon Hagen Oppal	Lee Bond Nuraney Hansen Whittred Abbott Horning Neufeld Cantelon Coleman Hagen Hogg Oppal Sultan

### Nays—21

S. Simpson	Gentner	Trevena	Austin
Fleming	Routley	Bains	Wyse
Ralston	Horgan	Karagianis	Sather
Hammell	Lali	Evans	Macdonald
Coons	Dix	Krog	Conroy
Thorne		_	•

Bill (No. 6) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Community Services Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Wyse* that the debate on second reading of Bill (No. 11) be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

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

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Falcon	Cantelon	Bennett	Dix
Coell	Hagen	Mayencourt	Trevena
Chong	Oppal	Polak	Bains
Christensen	de Jong	Fleming	Karagianis
Richmond	Taylor	Ralston	Krog
Bell	Bond	Cubberley	Austin
Krueger	Hansen	Coons	Wyse
van Dongen	Abbott	Gentner	Sather
Roddick	Neufeld	Routley	Conroy
Lee	Coleman	Hawes	MacKay
Nuraney	Hogg	Yap	Black
Whittred	Sultan	Horgan	McIntyre
Horning	Hawkins	Lali	Rustad

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.32 p.m.

# Monday, March 26, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Routley.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General 2007 Report 11: Infection Control: Essential for a Healthy British Columbia: The Provincial Overview.

The Hon. S. Bond (Minister of Education and Deputy Premier and Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *School (Student Achievement Enabling) Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 23, 2007. Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. G. Abbott (Minister of Health) tabled the Surrey Outpatient Facility Major Capital Project Plan, March 19, 2007.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **44** By leave, Mr. *Chudnovsky* moved—

Be it resolved that this House calls on the Government to improve substantially the system of road maintenance in British Columbia.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

# Monday, March 26, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Fleming*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Payday Lending Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Supply Act* (No. 1), 2007 was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Community Services Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 11) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

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On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Security Services Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 15) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

# Tuesday, March 27, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The Hon. S. Bond (Minister of Education and Deputy Premier and Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Teaching Profession (Teacher Registration) Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 23, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 12) intituled Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 was committed.

In consideration of section 7 of Bill (No. 12) the Committee divided as follows:

### YEAS—38

Falcon	Roddick	de Jong	Lekstrom
Reid	Hayer	Taylor	Mayencourt
Coell	Lee	Bond	Hawes
Ilich	Jarvis	Hansen	Yap
Chong	Nuraney	Penner	Bloy
Les	Whittred	Neufeld	MacKay
Richmond	Horning	Hogg	Black
Bell	Cantelon	Sultan	McIntyre
Krueger	Thorpe	Bennett	Rustad
van Dongen	Hagen		

### NAYS—26

Brar	Coons	Dix	Krog
S. Simpson	Thorne	Trevena	Austin
Farnworth	Simons	Bains	Chudnovsky
Kwan	Puchmayr	Robertson	Chouhan
Ralston	Gentner	Karagianis	Macdonald
Cubberley	Routley	Evans	Conroy
Hammell	Horgan		

In consideration of section 8 of Bill (No. 12) the Committee divided as follows:

### YEAS—38

Falcon	Roddick	de Jong	Lekstrom
Reid	Hayer	Taylor	Mayencourt
Coell	Lee	Bond	Hawes
Ilich	Jarvis	Hansen	Yap
Chong	Nuraney	Penner	Bloy
Les	Whittred	Neufeld	MacKay
Richmond	Horning	Hogg	Black
Bell	Cantelon	Sultan	McIntyre
Krueger	Thorpe	Bennett	Rustad
van Dongen	Hagen		

### NAYS—26

Brar	Coons	Dix	Krog
S. Simpson	Thorne	Trevena	Austin
Farnworth	Simons	Bains	Chudnovsky
Kwan	Puchmayr	Robertson	Chouhan
Ralston	Gentner	Karagianis	Macdonald
Cubberley	Routley	Evans	Conroy
Hammell	Horgan		

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

# Tuesday, March 27, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Trevena presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

Mr. *Black* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations for the Second Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Black* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 12) intituled Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 was again committed.

In consideration of section 15 of Bill (No. 12) the Committee divided as follows:

		YEAS—41	
Falcon	Roddick	de Jong	Lekstrom
Reid	Hayer	Taylor	Mayencourt
Coell	Lee	Bond	Polak
Ilich	Jarvis	Hansen	Hawes
Chong	Nuraney	Abbott	Yap
Christensen	Whittred	Penner	$\overrightarrow{Bloy}$
Les	Horning	Neufeld	MacKay
Richmond	Cantelon	Coleman	Black
Bell	Thorpe	Hogg	<i>McIntyre</i>
Krueger	Hagen	Bennett	Rustad
van Dongen	C		
		Nays—29	
Brar	Cubberley	Routley	Evans
S. Simpson	Hammell	Horgan	Krog
Fleming	Coons	Dix	Austin
Farnworth	Thorne	Trevena	Chudnovsky
James	Simons	Bains	Chouhan
Kwan	Puchmayr	Robertson	Macdonald
Ralston	Gentner	Karagianis	Conroy
B. Simpson			•

In consideration of section 61 of Bill (No. 12) the Committee divided as follows:

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Falcon Roddick Campbell Lekstrom ReidHayer Taylor Mayencourt CoellBond Polak Lee Ilich Jarvis Hansen Hawes Chong Nuraney Abbott Yap Christensen Whittred Penner Bloy Neufeld MacKay Les Horning Richmond Cantelon Coleman Black **McIntyre** Bell**Thorpe** Hogg Krueger Hagen Rustad Bennett van Dongen de Jong

Nays—27

Cubberley Brar Horgan Krog Hammell Austin S. Simpson DixFleming Coons Trevena Chudnovsky Chouhan Farnworth Thorne Bains Robertson Kwan Puchmayr Macdonald Ralston Gentner Karagianis Conroy B. Simpson Routley Evans

Bill (No. 12) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled Community Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 was committed.

In consideration of section 14 of Bill (No. 11) the Committee divided as follows:

#### YEAS—42

Falcon Roddick Campbell Lekstrom Reid Haver Taylor Mavencourt Coell Lee Bond Polak IlichJarvis Hansen Hawes Chong Abbott Nuraney Yap Christensen Whittred Penner Bloy Les Horning Neufeld MacKay Richmond Cantelon Coleman Black**McIntyre** BellThorpe Hogg Krueger Hagen Bennett Rustad van Dongen de Jong

#### NAYS—28

Brar Cubberley Fraser Evans Hammell S. Simpson Horgan Krog Fleming Coons Austin DixFarnworth Thorne Trevena Chudnovsky Chouhan Kwan Puchmayr Bains Robertson Macdonald Ralston Gentner B. Simpson Routley Karagianis Conroy

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

### (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

# Wednesday, March 28, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Austin

Wyse

Conroy

Chudnovsky

Macdonald

Chouhan

Prayers by Mr. Austin.

On the motion of Mr. *Cubberley*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Anaphylactic Student Protection Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. B. Simpson presented a petition regarding road maintenance services in the Quesnel area.

Mr. Fraser presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Securities Transfer Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled Community Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 was again committed.

Mr. *Macdonald* moved a proposed amendment to section 15 of Bill (No. 11), which was defeated on the following division:

Trevena

Robertson

Karagianis

Bains

Evans

Krog

Brar	Hammell	
S. Simpson	Coons	
Fleming	Thorne	
Farnworth	Puchmayr	
Kwan	Gentner	
Ralston	Fraser	
Cubberlev	Dix	

#### Nays—41

Falcon Roddick de Jong Bennett Reid Hayer **Taylor** Lekstrom Coell Lee **Bond** Polak IlichJarvis Hansen Hawes Chong Nuraney Abbott Yap Christensen Whittred Penner BloyHorning Neufeld MacKay Les Richmond Cantelon Coleman Black Bell**Thorpe** Hogg **McIntyre** Krueger Hagen Sultan Rustad van Dongen

### In consideration of section 15 of Bill (No. 11) the Committee divided as follows:

#### YEAS-41

Falcon Roddick de Jong Bennett Reid Taylor Lekstrom Hayer Coell Bond Polak Lee Ilich Jarvis Hansen Hawes Chong Nuraney Abbott Yap Christensen Whittred Penner Bloy Horning Neufeld MacKay Les Richmond Cantelon Coleman Black BellThorpe Hogg McIntyre Krueger Hagen Sultan Rustad van Dongen

### Nays—26

Hammell Trevena Austin Brar S. Simpson Coons Bains Chudnovsky Fleming Thorne Robertson Chouhan Farnworth Puchmayr Karagianis Wyse Gentner Macdonald Kwan Evans Ralston Fraser Krog Conroy Cubberley Dix

### In consideration of section 16 of Bill (No. 11) the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS—39

Falcon van Dongen Taylor Lekstrom Roddick Bond Polak Reid Coell Hansen Hawes Lee IlichJarvis Abbott Yap Bloy Chong Nuraney Penner Christensen Whittred Neufeld MacKay Horning Coleman Black Les **McIntyre** Richmond Cantelon Hogg BellRustad Hagen Sultan Krueger de Jong Bennett

#### Nays—25

Brar Coons Trevena Austin S. Simpson Thorne Chudnovsky Bains Farnworth Puchmayr Robertson Chouhan Kwan Gentner Karagianis Wyse Macdonald Ralston Fraser Evans Cubberley Dix Krog Conroy Hammell

Bill (No. 11) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$881,847,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Transportation) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.32 p.m.

# Thursday, March 29, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Sather.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Coroners Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 8) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled *Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 16) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General 2006/2007 Report 12: Switching Tracks: A Review of the BC Rail Investment Partnership.

Bill (No. 14) intituled Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

# Thursday, March 29, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. S. Bond (Minister of Education and Deputy Premier and Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, March 28, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Farnworth*, Bill (No. M 211) intituled *Public Protection Act*, 2007 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 Mr. Sather, Bill (No. M 212) intituled Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) Act, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Fraser presented a petition regarding safe antifreeze.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Tobacco Sales* (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act, 2007 was committed.

Mr. Dix moved a proposed amendment to section 13 of Bill (No. 10), which was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 10) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled Security Services Act was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* on behalf of the Hon. *W. Oppal* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the Child and Youth Officer for British Columbia Annual Report, 2005-2006.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

*Ian D. Izard*, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 6) Public Inquiry Act.

Bill (No. 7) Child and Youth Statutes (Representation Improvement) Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 9) Securities Transfer Act.

Bill (No. 10) Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 11) Community Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 12) Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 14) Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Her Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

The said assent was announced by *Ian. D. Izard*, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts."

*Ian D. Izard*, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, read the title to the following Act: Bill (No. 13) *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2007.

Her Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Act.

The said assent was announced by *Ian. D. Izard*, Q.C., Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 6.19 p.m.

# **Monday, April 16, 2007**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Roddick.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

The Assistant Deputy Speaker made a statement with regard to the guidelines of Private Members' Statements, namely, that debate should not include personal attacks on individuals or groups of Members in the House.

### **34** By leave, Mr. *Yap* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the importance of creating a competitive tax climate in the province in order to create a vibrant and sustainable economy that benefits all British Columbians.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

# **Monday, April 16, 2007**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. Coell* (Minister of Advanced Education and Minister Responsible for Research and Technology) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Knowledge Network Corporation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 12, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Chudnovsky presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 15) intituled Security Services Act was again committed.

Mr. *Farnworth* moved a proposed amendment to section 34 of Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

Brar	YEAS—31		
	Cubberley	Fraser	Austin
S. Simpson	Hammell	Horgan	Chudnovsky
Fleming	Coons	Dix	Chouhan
Farnworth	Thorne	Trevena	Wyse
James	Simons	Bains	Sather
Kwan	Puchmayr	Karagianis	Macdonald
Ralston	Gentner	Evans	Conroy
B. Simpson	Routley	Krog	·

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Roddick Falcon de Jong Lekstrom Reid Hayer **Taylor** Mayencourt Coell Lee Bond Polak Ilich Jarvis Hawes Hansen Chong Nuraney Abbott Yap Christensen Whittred Penner Bloy MacKay Horning Neufeld Les Richmond Cantelon Coleman Black Bell**Thorpe** Hogg **McIntyre** Krueger Hagen Sultan Rustad van Dongen Bennett Oppal

Mr. Farnworth moved a proposed amendment to section 52 (3) of Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

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BrarHammell Fraser Krog S. Simpson Coons Horgan Austin Farnworth Thorne Chouhan DixJames Simons Trevena Wvse Sather Kwan Puchmayr Robertson Ralston Macdonald Gentner Karagianis B. Simpson Routley Evans Conroy Cubberley

NAYS—41

Falcon Taylor Lekstrom Lee Reid Jarvis Bond Mayencourt Polak Coell Nuraney Hansen IlichWhittred Abbott Hawes Chong Horning Penner Yap Les Cantelon Neufeld Blov MacKay Richmond **Thorpe** Coleman BellHagen Hogg Black McIntyre Krueger Oppal Sultan Roddick de Jong Bennett Rustad Hayer

Bill (No. 15) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 19) 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. 8) intituled Coroners Act was committed.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again. Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

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### (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

# Tuesday, April 17, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Hawes.

The Hon. *B. Penner* (Minister of Environment and Minister Responsible for Water Stewardship and Sustainable Communities) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 12, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Coroners Act* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

# Tuesday, April 17, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Chouhan*, Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Human Rights Code Amendment Act* (No. 2), 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Simons presented a petition regarding long-term care facilities in Powell River.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 18, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Yap.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Securities Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 16, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. J. Les (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection (Payday Loans) Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 16, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Ms. *James*, Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Minimum Wage Fairness Act*, 2007 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 Mr. Austin, Bill (No. M 215) intituled Water Resource Protection Act, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, Mr. Krog tabled a document referred to during Oral Question Period.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,494,380,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Education and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Education) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Thursday, April 19, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Bloy.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

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(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

# Thursday, April 19, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Adult Guardianship and Planning Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 17, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. O. Ilich (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Labour and Citizens' Services Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 12, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 12, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Karagianis reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be appointed to review the annual reports and service plans of British Columbia Crown Corporations.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the Committee be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be empowered:

- 1. To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the pre-budget consultation report prepared by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 2 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* and, in particular, to:
  - (a) Conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means the committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to public meetings, telephone and electronic means;
  - (b) Prepare a report no later than November 15, 2007 on the results of those consultations; and

- 2. (a) To consider and make recommendations on the annual reports, rolling three-year service plans and budgets of the following statutory officers:
  - (i) Auditor General;
  - (ii) Chief Electoral Officer;
  - (iii) Conflict of Interest Commissioner;
  - (iv) Information and Privacy Commissioner;
  - (v) Merit Commissioner;
  - (vi) Ombudsman:
  - (vii) Police Complaint Commissioner;
  - (viii) Representative for Children and Youth; and,
  - (b) To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to other matters brought to the Committee's attention by any of the Officers listed in 2 (a) above.
- 3. That the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be the committee referred to in sections 19, 20, 21 and 23 of the *Auditor General Act* and that the performance report in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* be referred to the committee.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, the committee shall be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That a Special Committee to Review the *Personal Information Protection Act* be appointed to examine in accordance with section 59 of the *Personal Information Protection Act* (SBC 2003, c. 63) and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing to the collection, use and disclosure of personal information by organizations.

The Special Committee so appointed shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and is also empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, but no later than one year after the adoption of this motion, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That a Special Committee to Appoint a Conflict of Interest Commissioner be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of a Commissioner, pursuant to section 14 of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* (RSBC 1996, c. 287) and that the said Committee shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition is empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee (but to deal with matters in the order in which the Committee has been authorized to deal with them);
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 18) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

# Monday, April 23, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Routley.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **47** By leave, Mr. *Chouhan* moved—

Be it resolved that this House cover farm workers under all relevant provisions of the *Employment Standards Act*;

Be it further resolved that the BC government immediately reestablish the Agricultural Compliance Team (RCMP and WCB) and other inter-agency teams (RCMP, WCB, HRDC, CCRA and Motor Vehicle Branch) to ensure enforcement;

Be it further resolved that the roadside spot checks of vehicles is restored and increased;

Be it further resolved that the BC government order immediately a public inquiry into the roadside accident of a van carrying farm workers on March 6, 2007.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

# Monday, April 23, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. R. Neufeld (Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Finance Statutes (Innovative Clean Energy Fund) Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 23, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 16) intituled *Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled *Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *School (Student Achievement Enabling) Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,151,076,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Advanced Education, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Advanced Education) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

# Tuesday, April 24, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Simons.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

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The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *School (Student Achievement Enabling) Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

## Tuesday, April 24, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. R. Thorpe (Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Deregulation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 32) intituled *Assessment Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 23, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Fraser presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

### **49** The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

Be it resolved that in the spirit of the Province's New Relationship with the First Nations and Aboriginal people, the Legislative Assembly accept and adopt the 2001 Report of the Speaker's Advisory Panel titled "A Review of the Depiction of Aboriginal Peoples in the Artworks of the Parliament Buildings" and refer this matter to the Legislative Assembly Management Committee for implementation of the report's recommendation.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—68	
Falcon	Cantelon	Polak	Bloy
Reid	Thorpe	Brar	Horgan
Coell	Hagen	S. Simpson	Lali
Ilich	Oppal	Fleming	Dix
Chong	de Jong	Farnworth	Trevena
Christensen	Campbell	James	Robertson
Les	Bond	Kwan	Karagianis
Richmond	Hansen	Ralston	Krog
Bell	Abbott	B. Simpson	Austin
Krueger	Penner	Cubberley	Chudnovsky
van Dongen	Neufeld	Hammell	Chouhan
Roddick	Coleman	Coons	Wyse
Hayer	Hogg	Thorne	Sather
Lee	Sultan	Simons	Macdonald
Nuraney	Hawkins	Fraser	Conroy
Whittred	Bennett	Hawes	McIntyre
Horning	Mayencourt	Yap	Rustad
		Nays—3	
Jarvis	Lekstrom	MacKay	

And then the House adjourned at 6.33 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 25, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Robertson.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Human Rights Code* (*Mandatory Retirement Elimination*) *Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 20, 2007. Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 33) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 24, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Cantelon*, Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Farnworth rose on a point of order regarding statements made by the Premier during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. M. de Jong made representations.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Ms. Kwan reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

Mr. Simons reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

## Thursday, April 26, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Puchmayr.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General 2007/2008 Report 1: Special Audit Report to the Speaker: The Financial Framework Supporting the Legislative Assembly.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

### Thursday, April 26, 2007

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 34) intituled *Homeowner Protection Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 25, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. K. Falcon (Minister of Transportation) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 36) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 26, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 35) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2)*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, April 25, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Horgan*, Bill (No. M 216) intituled *Members' Conflict of Interest Amendment Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. Cantelon reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

# Monday, April 30, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Mayencourt.

Mr. *Krog* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **51** By leave, Mr. *Hawes* moved—

Be it resolved that this House strongly encourage the Federal Government to partner with the Province of British Columbia in emergency mitigation flood measures throughout the province and that the Federal Government be a full participant with the Province of British Columbia in developing and implementing a long-term strategy for flood prevention, which would include dike construction and management as well as gravel and silt removal processes where necessary.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

## Monday, April 30, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Bennett

Polak

Hawes Yap

MacKay

*McIntvre* 

Rustad

Bloy

Lekstrom

Mayencourt

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Fraser presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

Ms. *Trevena* presented a petition regarding the Mercury Marina and Trailer Park.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *School (Student Achievement Enabling) Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division

		YEAS—43
Falcon	Roddick	de Jong
Reid	Hayer	Taylor
Coell	Lee	Bond
Ilich	Jarvis	Hansen
Chong	Nuraney	Abbott
Christensen	Whittred	Penner
Les	Horning	Neufeld
Richmond	Cantelon	Coleman
Bell	Thorpe	Hogg
Krueger	Hagen	Sultan
van Dongen	Oppal	Hawkins

NAYS—30

Brar Cubberley Horgan Evans S. Simpson Hammell Lali Krog Fleming Coons DixAustin Farnworth Thorne Trevena Chouhan James Simons Bains Wyse Kwan Puchmayr Robertson Sather Ralston Gentner Macdonald Karagianis B. Simpson Fraser

Bill (No. 20) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Teaching Profession (Teacher Registration) Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

# Tuesday, May 1, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Polak.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 20) intituled School (Student Achievement Enabling) Amendment Act, 2007 was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

### (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

- 27. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$43,899,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.
- 28. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$33,560,000 be granted to her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Contracts and Funding Arrangements, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

## **Tuesday, May 1, 2007**

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Bennett

Polak

Hawes Yap

MacKay

**McIntvre** 

Rustad

Black

Lekstrom

Mayencourt

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) tabled the Report of the Independent Commission to Review MLA Compensation pursuant to the Commission's terms of reference announced on January 30, 2007.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 20) intituled School (Student Achievement Enabling) Amendment Act, 2007 was again committed.

In consideration of section 7 of Bill (No. 20) the Committee divided as follows:

		1EAS-42
Falcon	Roddick	de Jong
Reid	Hayer	Taylor
Coell	Lee	Bond
Ilich	Jarvis	Hansen
Chong	Nuraney	Abbott
Christensen	Whittred	Penner
Les	Horning	Colemai
Richmond	Cantelon	Hogg
Bell	Thorpe	Sultan
Krueger	Hagen	Hawkins
van Dongen	Oppal	

#### NAYS—32

Fraser BrarCubberley Krog S. Simpson Hammell Horgan Austin Fleming Coons Lali Chudnovsky Farnworth Thorne DixChouhan James Simons Trevena Wyse Kwan Puchmayr Bains Sather Ralston Robertson Macdonald Gentner B. Simpson Routley Karagianis Conroy

In consideration of section 17 of Bill (No. 20) the Committee divided as follows:

#### YEAS—41

Falcon Roddick de Jong Bennett Reid Hayer Taylor Lekstrom CoellLee Bond Mayencourt Ilich JarvisHansen Polak Chong Nuranev Abbott Hawes Christensen Whittred Penner Yap Les Horning Coleman MacKay Richmond Cantelon Hogg Black Bell**McIntvre** Hagen Sultan Krueger Oppal Hawkins Rustad van Dongen

#### Nays—31

Cubberley Brar Fraser Krog S. Simpson HammellHorgan Austin Coons DixChudnovsky Fleming Farnworth Thorne Trevena Chouhan James Simons Bains Wyse Kwan Sather Puchmayr Robertson Macdonald Ralston Karagianis Gentner B. Simpson Routley Evans

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

Bill to be considered later today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Teaching Profession (Teacher Registration) Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 21) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. C. Richmond, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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Bill (No. 24) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 2, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. McIntyre.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. O. Ilich (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) tabled the WorkSafeBC Annual Report 2006 and 2007–2009 Service Plan.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

#### (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

- 38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$579,354,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.
- 39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,630,000 be granted to her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, *Emergency Program Act*, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

# Thursday, May 3, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Roddick.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

### Thursday, May 3, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawes*, Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Mission Foundation Amendment Act*, 2007 was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *B. Penner* (Minister of Environment and Minister Responsible for Water Stewardship and Sustainable Communities) tabled the Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 2005/2006.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

- 29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$186,557,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.
- 30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,957,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2008.
- 49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,077,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Environmental Appeal Board and Forest Appeals Commission, to 31st March, 2008.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

- 31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$54,555,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.
- 32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,633,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Public Affairs Bureau, to 31st March, 2008.
- 43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$557,800,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Management of Public Funds and Debt, Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 2008.

- 44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$498,800,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs, to 31st March, 2008.
- 45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, BC Family Bonus, to 31st March, 2008.
- 46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,268,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Electoral Boundaries Commission, to 31st March, 2008.
- 47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Commissions on Collection of Public Funds, to 31st March, 2008.
- 48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Allowances for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Finance) to be considered at the next sitting.

Mr. *Horgan* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

# **Monday, May 7, 2007**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Retail Petroleum Consumer Protection Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

## Monday, May 7, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing) reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

Mr. Fraser presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.31 p.m.

## Tuesday, May 8, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Wyse.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *G. Abbott*, it was *Ordered* that leave be given for the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills to meet while the House is in session today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 26) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

 $Section \ B \ of \ Committee \ of \ Supply \ reported \ progress \ of \ the \ estimates \ of \ the \ Ministry \ of \ Health.$ 

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *Horning* presented a Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:

REPORT

BIRCH ROOM, MAY 8, 2007

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills begs leave to report as follows:

- (1) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences Act* has been proved, and the Committee recommends to the House that the Bill proceed to Second Reading;
- (2) That the preamble to Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Mission Foundation Amendment Act*, 2007 has been proved, and the Committee recommends to the House that the Bill proceed to Second Reading.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HORNING, Chair

The Report was read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Horning* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (2), Bill (No. Pr 401) and Bill (No. Pr 402) to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

## Tuesday, May 8, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. Pr 402) intituled *Mission Foundation Amendment Act*, 2007 was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

- 22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$255,333,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.
- 23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,233,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Community Services, BC Public Service Agency, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Community Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Community Services) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 9, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Evans.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Thorpe* (Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform) tabled the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2006.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

# **Thursday, May 10, 2007**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Routley.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 26) intituled *Health Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

# **Thursday, May 10, 2007**

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Fleming*, Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Private Post-Secondary Accountability* and *Student Protection Act*, 2007 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 "Private Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Coleman* (Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing) tabled the Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2006.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,819,670,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.32 p.m.

# **Monday, May 14, 2007**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. MacKay.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **52** By leave, Mr. *MacKay* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support the electrification of Highway 37 so as to minimize greenhouse gas emissions in the north-west region of the province.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

## Monday, May 14, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. Pr 401) intituled *Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences Act* was read a second time, and by leave, committed, reported complete without amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act* (No. 2), 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 35) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 33) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *Education Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007.

Bill (No. 22) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled *Assessment Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 32) 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. 18) intituled Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, was committed.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Knowledge Network Corporation Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 23) 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. 18) intituled *Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$126,298,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

### **Tuesday, May 15, 2007**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Hawes.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled *Homeowner Protection Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 34) 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. 21) intituled Teaching Profession (Teacher Registration) Amendment Act, 2007 was committed.

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The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again. Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

- 16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$419,487,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.
- 17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,334,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2008.
- 18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, *Crown Proceeding Act*, to 31st March, 2008.
- 19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, British Columbia Utilities Commission, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Attorney General) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

# **Tuesday, May 15, 2007**

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Teaching Profession (Teacher Registration) Amendment Act*, 2007 was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 was committed.

In consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 22) the Committee divided as follows:

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Falcon	Roddick	de Jong
Reid	Hayer	Campbell
Coell	Lee	Taylor
Ilich	Jarvis	Bond
Chong	Nuraney	Hansen
Christensen	Whittred	Abbott
Les	Horning	Neufeld
Richmond	Cantelon	Coleman
Bell	Thorpe	Hogg
Krueger	Hagen	Sultan
van Dongen	Oppal	Bennett

#### Nays—31

Brar	Hammell	Horgan	Austin
S. Simpson	Coons	Lali	Chudnovsky
Fleming	Thorne	Dix	Chouhan
Farnworth	Simons	Trevena	Wyse
James	Puchmayr	Bains	Sather
Kwan	Gentner	Robertson	Macdonald
B. Simpson	Routley	Karagianis	Conroy
Cubberley	Fraser	Evans	•

Mr. *Cubberley* moved a proposed amendment to section 4 of Bill (No. 22) which was defeated on the following division:

#### YEAS—31

Brar	Hammell	Horgan	Austin
S. Simpson	Coons	Lali	Chudnovsky
Fleming	Thorne	Dix	Chouhan
Farnworth	Simons	Trevena	Wyse
James	Puchmayr	Bains	Sather
Kwan	Gentner	Robertson	Macdonald
B. Simpson	Routley	Karagianis	Conroy
Cubberley	Fraser	Evans	•

#### Nays—43

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Falcon	Roddick	de Jong	Bennett
Reid	Hayer	Campbell	Lekstrom
Coell	Lee	Taylor	Mayencourt
Ilich	Jarvis	Bond	Polak
Chong	Nuraney	Hansen	Hawes
Christensen	Whittred	Abbott	Yap
Les	Horning	Neufeld	MacKay
Richmond	Cantelon	Coleman	Black
Bell	Thorpe	Hogg	McIntyre
Krueger	Hagen	Sultan	Rustad
van Dongen	Oppal	Hawkins	

Mr. Cubberley moved a further proposed amendment to section 4 of Bill (No. 22) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS	32
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Brar	Hammell	Horgan	Austin
S. Simpson	Coons	Lali	Chudnovsky
Fleming	Thorne	Dix	Chouhan
Farnworth	Simons	Trevena	Wyse
James	Puchmayr	Bains	Sather
Kwan	Gentner	Robertson	Macdonald
B. Simpson	Routley	Karagianis	Conroy
Cubberley	Fraser	Evans	Mayencourt

#### Nays—40

Falcon	Roddick	Oppal	Sultan
Reid	Hayer	de Jong	Hawkins
Coell	Lee	Campbell	Bennett
Ilich	Jarvis	Taylor	Lekstrom
Christensen	Nuraney	Bond	Polak
Les	Whittred	Hansen	Hawes
Richmond	Horning	Abbott	Yap
Bell	Cantelon	Neufeld	MacKay
Krueger	Thorpe	Coleman	<i>McIntyre</i>
van Dongen	Hagen	Hogg	Rustad

Section 33 of Bill (No. 22) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 22) complete with amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 22) was reported complete with amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 22) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

#### YEAS—42

Falcon	Roddick	de Jong	Bennett
Reid	Hayer	Campbell	Lekstrom
Coell	Lee	Taylor	Mayencourt
Ilich	Jarvis	Bond	Polak
Chong	Nuraney	Hansen	Hawes
Christensen	Whittred	Abbott	Yap
Les	Horning	Neufeld	Bloy
Richmond	Cantelon	Hogg	MacKay
Bell	Thorpe	Sultan	McIntyre
Krueger	Hagen	Hawkins	Rustad
van Dongen	Oppal		

#### Nays—30

Coons	Lali	Austin
Thorne	Dix	Chudnovsky
Simons	Trevena	Chouhan
Puchmayr	Bains	Wyse
Gentner	Robertson	Sather
Routley	Karagianis	Macdonald
Fraser	Evans	Conroy
Horgan		•
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By leave, Bill (No. 22) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled Assessment Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled *Finance Statutes (Innovative Clean Energy Fund) Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Economic Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

# Wednesday, May 16, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Yap.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

Lance Finch
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 37) intituled *Legislative Assembly (Members' Remuneration and Pensions) Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts, May 16, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Austin* presented the Final Report of the Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture for the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 20) intituled School (Student Achievement Enabling) Amendment Act, 2007 was again committed.

Mr. Cubberley moved a proposed amendment to section 20 of Bill (No. 20), which was defeated, on division.

Mr. Cubberley moved a proposed amendment to section 37 of Bill (No. 20), which was defeated, on division.

Section 37 of Bill (No. 20) passed, on division.

On the motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 20) complete without amendment, the Committee divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

	YEAS—41		
Falcon	Roddick	de Jong	Hawkins
Reid	Hayer	Taylor	Bennett
Coell	Lee	Bond	Lekstrom
Ilich	Jarvis	Hansen	Polak
Chong	Whittred	Abbott	Hawes
Christensen	Horning	Penner	Yap
Les	Cantelon	Neufeld	MacKay
Richmond	Thorpe	Coleman	Black
Bell	Hagen	Hogg	<i>McIntyre</i>
Krueger	Oppal	Sultan	Rustad
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		Nays—30	
Brar	Hammell	Lali	Krog
S. Simpson	Coons	Dix	Austin
Fleming	Thorne	Trevena	Chudnovsky
Farnworth	Simons	Bains	Chouhan
James	Puchmayr	Robertson	Wyse
Kwan	Gentner	Karagianis	Macdonald
Ralston	Routley	Evans	Conroy
Cubberley	Horgan		Ž

Bill (No. 20) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 35) intituled Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2007 was committed.

Section 18 of Bill (No. 35) passed, on division.

Sections 22 to 40 of Bill (No. 35) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 35) reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

#### (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$265,742,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Economic Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Economic Development) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

# Thursday, May 17, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Trevena

Karagianis

Chudnovsky Chouhan

Macdonald

Bains

Evans Krog

Austin

Wyse

Sather

Conroy

MacKay

**McIntyre** 

Rustad

Black

Prayers by Ms. Polak.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled *Finance Statutes (Innovative Clean Energy Fund) Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

#### YEAS—67

Reid	Oppal	James
Coell	de Jong	Kwan
Ilich	Taylor	Ralston
Christensen	Bond	Cubberley
Les	Hansen	Hammell
Richmond	Abbott	Coons
Bell	Penner	Thorne
van Dongen	Neufeld	Simons
Roddick	Coleman	Puchmayr
Hayer	Sultan	Gentner
Lee	Bennett	Routley
Jarvis	Lekstrom	Fraser
Whittred	Mayencourt	Hawes
Horning	Polak	Yap
Cantelon	Brar	Bloy
Thorpe	Fleming	Horgan
Hagen	Farnworth	Dix

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Bill (No. 30) 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. 23) intituled *Knowledge Network Corporation Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled *Legislative Assembly (Members' Remuneration and Pensions) Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

#### **Thursday, May 17, 2007**

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Trevena presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled *Legislative Assembly (Members' Remuneration and Pensions) Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

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

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$489,876,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.

- 34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,004,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Direct Fire, to 31st March, 2008.
- 35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$337,845,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests and Range, Housing and Construction Standards, to 31st March, 2008.
- 50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,761,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Forests and Range) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

# Monday, May 28, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled Ombudsman Special Report No. 30: Victims of Crime; Victims of Change: Transition and Discretion in Crime Victim Assistance Legislation in British Columbia.

By leave, on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Anaphylactic Student Protection Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

### Monday, May 28, 2007

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Robertson*, Bill (No. M 218) intituled *Small Business Fairness and Protection Act*, 2007 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 Mr. Gentner, Bill (No. M 219) intituled Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. R. Thorpe (Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform) tabled the BC Assessment Authority Annual Report 2006.

Mr. *Fleming* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament entitled Appointment of an Auditor General.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. Fleming moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. Fleming moved—

That the Legislative Assembly appoint Mr. John Doyle as the Auditor General for the Province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Auditor General Act* (SBC 2003 c. 2).

Motion agreed to.

Ms. James presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.

Mr. Farnworth presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.

Mr. Dix presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.

Mr. Ralston presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.

Mr. Sather presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.

Mr. Gentner presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.

Mr. *Krog* presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.

Ms. Karagianis presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.

- Mr. Wyse presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.
- Mr. Coons presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.
- Mr. Puchmayr presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.
- Mr. Simons presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.
- Mr. *Macdonald* presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.
- Mr. Chouhan presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.
- Mr. Brar presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.
- Mr. Fleming presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.
- Mr. *Horgan* presented a petition regarding gasoline prices.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

# **Tuesday, May 29, 2007**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Puchmayr.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsman Special Report No. 31: Winning Fair and Square: A Report on the British Columbia Lottery Corporation's Prize Payout Process.

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The Hon. G. Abbott (Minister of Health) tabled the following documents:

Major Capital Project Plan for Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals Project, pursuant to section 14 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*; and

Major Capital Project Plan for Royal Jubilee Hospital (Victoria), Patient Care Centre, pursuant to section 14 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

## **Tuesday, May 29, 2007**

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *Thorne*, Bill (No. M 220) intituled *Home Inspection Act*, 2007 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 Mr. *Sather*, Bill (No. M 221) intituled *Local Government Conflict of Interest Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Chudnovsky reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

Ms. Trevena presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

Mr. B. Simpson presented a petition regarding road conditions in the Likely area.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,771,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2008.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Office of the Premier.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

11. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$50,960,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

#### Wednesday, May 30, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. Trevena.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) introduced Mr. Rick Hansen, President and CEO of the Rick Hansen Foundation, at the Bar of the House.

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The Hon. S. Bond (Minister of Education and Deputy Premier and Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy) made a statement.

Ms. *James* made a statement.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Karagianis* presented a petition regarding funding for Mary Manning Centre and Sexual Abuse Intervention Programs in BC.

The Hon. *J. Les* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Annual Report, 2006.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 30) intituled *Finance Statutes (Innovative Clean Energy Fund) Amendment Act, 2007* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House recessed for five minutes.

The Hon. M. de Jong moved—

Pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2) the following schedule be adopted for the completion of debate on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Human Rights Code* (*Mandatory Retirement Elimination*) *Amendment Act*, 2007, Bill (No. 34) intituled *Homeowner Protection Amendment Act*, 2007, and Bill (No. 37) intituled *Legislative Assembly* (*Members' Remuneration and Pensions*) *Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007:

Thursday, May 31st 5:30 p.m. Bills 31, 34 and 37 (completion of 2nd reading, committee stage and 3rd reading)

Unless previously completed at the times and dates mentioned, the Speaker and the Chair of Committee of the Whole will forthwith put all necessary questions for the disposal of the various stages of the Bills indicated, without amendment or debate. Any divisions called on the second or third reading of the Bills may be taken in accordance with Standing Order 16 and all other divisions, including amendments in the House and divisions in the Committee of the Whole will be subject to the provisions of Practice Recommendation No. 1. Proceedings under this motion shall not be subject to the provisions of Standing Order 81 or the Standing or Sessional Orders relating to times and days of sittings of the House.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

Falcon	Roddick	de Jong	Lekstrom
Reid	Hayer	Taylor	Mayencourt
Coell	Lee	Bond	Polak
Ilich	Jarvis	Hansen	Hawes
Chong	Nuraney	Abbott	Yap
Christensen	Whittred	Neufeld	$\overrightarrow{Bloy}$
Les	Horning	Coleman	MacKay
Richmond	Cantelon	Hogg	Black
Bell	Thorpe	Sultan	<i>McIntyre</i>
Krueger	Hagen	Hawkins	Rustad
van Dongen	Oppal	Bennett	
		Nays—31	
Brar	Hammell	Horgan	Krog
S. Simpson	Coons	Lali	Austin
Fleming	Thorne	Dix	Chudnovsky
Farnworth	Simons	Trevena	Chouhan
James	Puchmayr	Bains	Sather
Kwan	Gentner	Robertson	Macdonald
Ralston	Routley	Karagianis	Conroy
Cubberley	Fraser	Evans	•

Bill (No. 34) intituled *Homeowner Protection Amendment Act*, 2007 was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Human Rights Code* (*Mandatory Retirement Elimination*) *Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

# **Thursday, May 31, 2007**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Simons.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Human Rights Code (Mandatory Retirement Elimination) Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

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Falcon Hagen Farnworth DixReid OppalJames Bains Coell de Jong Kwan Robertson IlichTaylor Ralston Karagianis Chong Bond Cubberley Evans Christensen Abbott Hammell Krog Coons Richmond Penner Austin BellNeufeld Thorne Chudnovsky van Dongen Coleman Simons Chouhan RoddickHogg Puchmayr Wyse Sather Hayer Sultan Gentner Hawkins Routley Macdonald Lee Jarvis Bennett Fraser Conroy Nuraney Lekstrom Hawes MacKay Whittred Mayencourt Yap Black Horning Polak Bloy **McIntyre** Cantelon Brar Lali Rustad Fleming Thorpe

Bill (No. 31) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled *Legislative Assembly (Members' Remuneration and Pensions) Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Thorne*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

#### **Thursday, May 31, 2007**

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *James*, Bill (No. M 222) intituled *Parliamentary Calendar Act*, 2007 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.

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Legislative Assembly Management Committee Annual Report, for the period March 2005 to March 2007.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Karagianis* presented a petition regarding funding for Mary Manning Centre and Sexual Abuse Intervention Programs in B.C.

Mr. Fraser presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

Mr. Routley presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

The Hon. K. Falcon (Minister of Transportation) tabled the British Columbia Railway Company Annual Report, 2006.

Mr. Fleming presented a petition regarding cuts to childcare.

Mr. Routley presented a petition regarding Honeymoon Bay flooding.

Mr. *Robertson* presented a petition regarding the impact of the Canada Line on small businesses.

The Hon. C. Taylor (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Report of Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2006;

Statement of 2006/07 Borrowings pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedules A and Schedules B; and

Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses for the year ending March 31, 2007, Revised Schedule I, May 31, 2007.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That the Legislative Assembly appoint Mr. Errol Price as the Acting Auditor General for the Province of British Columbia pursuant to section 7 of the *Auditor General Act*, effective from June 2, 2007 until the date when Mr. John Doyle is able to commence his official duties as Auditor General.

Motion agreed to.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled *Legislative Assembly (Members' Remuneration and Pensions) Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to an Order of the House adopted May 30, 2007, all necessary questions for the disposal of the various stages of Bill (No. 37) and Bill (No. 31) were put.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 37), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

Falcon **Taylor** Lekstrom Hayer Reid Mayencourt Lee Bond Coell Jarvis Hansen Polak IlichNuraney Abbott Hawes Chong Whittred Penner Yap Christensen Horning Neufeld Bloy MacKay Richmond Cantelon Coleman Bell **Thorpe** Black Hogg Krueger Hagen Sultan **McIntyre** van Dongen Oppal Hawkins Rustad Roddick de Jong Bennett

#### NAYS—30

Brar Cubberley Fraser Austin S. Simpson Hammell Horgan Chudnovsky Fleming Coons DixChouhan Farnworth Thorne Bains Wyse James Simons Robertson Sather Kwan Puchmayr Karagianis Macdonald Gentner Ralston Krog Conroy B. Simpson Routley

Bill (No. 37) was read a second time.

Bill (No. 37) was committed.

Section 1 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 2 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 3 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 4 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 5 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 6 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 7 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 8 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 9 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 10 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 11 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 12 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 13 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 14 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 15 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 16 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 17 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 18 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 19 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 20 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 21 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 22 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 23 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

Section 24 of Bill (No. 37) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise, and report Bill (No. 37) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 37) was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 37) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

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Falcon	Hayer
Reid	Lee
Coell	Jarvis
Ilich	Nuraney
Chong	Whittred
Christensen	Horning
Richmond	Cantelon
Bell	Thorpe
Krueger	Hagen
van Dongen	Oppal
Roddick	de Jong

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Taylor
Bond
Hansen
Abbott
Penner
Neufeld
Coleman
Hogg
Sultan
Hawkins
Bennett

Lekstrom
Mayencourt
Polak
Hawes
Yap
Bloy
MacKay
Black
McIntyre
Rustad

#### Nays—30

Fraser BrarCubberley Austin S. Simpson Hammell Horgan Chudnovsky Fleming Coons DixChouhan Farnworth Thorne Bains Wyse James Simons Robertson Sather Kwan Puchmayr Karagianis Macdonald Gentner Ralston Conroy Krog B. Simpson Routley

Bill (No. 37) was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Human Rights Code* (Mandatory Retirement Elimination) Amendment Act, 2007, was committed.

Section 1 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 2 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 3 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 4 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 5 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 6 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Section 7 of Bill (No. 31) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 31) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

#### (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

- 20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,219,530,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2008.
- 21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$647,114,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Community Living Services, to 31st March, 2008.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

By agreement, summary debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Children and Family Development) to be considered at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

#### (IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

- 1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,072,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Legislation, to 31st March, 2008.
- 2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,350,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2008.
- 3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$322,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2008.
- 4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,961,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC, to 31st March, 2008.
- 5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,952,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2008.
- 6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$833,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Merit Commissioner, to 31st March, 2008.
- 7. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$4,214,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsman, to 31st March, 2008.
- 8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,532,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 2008.
- 9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,815,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Representative for Children and Youth, to 31st March, 2008.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered forthwith.

The Hon. C. Taylor moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committees of Supply on March 6, 7, 12, 14, 28, April 18, 23, May 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 29 and 31 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. C. Taylor moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 29 billion, 279 million, 654 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2007 and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. C. Taylor moved—

That there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of 1 billion, 866 million, 907 thousand dollars. This sum includes that authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2007 and is granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the capital, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

IONA CAMPAGNOLO

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 38) intituled *Supply Act*, 2007-2008 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, May 30, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Bill (No. 38) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. C. Taylor, Bill (No. 38) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 38) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) tabled the Legislative Library Annual Report, 2006.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. Pr 401) Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences Act.

Bill (No. Pr 402) Mission Foundation Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 8) Coroners Act.

Bill (No. 15) Security Services Act.

Bill (No. 16) Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 18) Forests and Range Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 19) Small Business and Revenue Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 20) School (Student Achievement Enabling) Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 21) Teaching Profession (Teacher Registration) Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 22) Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 23) Knowledge Network Corporation Act.

Bill (No. 24) Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 26) Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 30) Finance Statutes (Innovative Clean Energy Fund) Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 31) Human Rights Code (Mandatory Retirement Elimination) Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 32) Assessment Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 33) Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 34) Homeowner Protection Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 35) Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2007.

Bill (No. 37) Legislative Assembly (Members' Remuneration and Pensions) Statutes Amendment Act. 2007.

Her Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

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

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts."

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 38) Supply Act, 2007-2008.

Her Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Act.

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

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 6.23 p.m.

# Monday, October 15, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Mayencourt.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Elections BC Annual Report, 2006/07;

Elections BC Service Plan, 2007/08 – 2009/10;

Office of the Auditor General 2007/2008 Report 2: The Child and Youth Mental Health Plan: A Promising Start to Meeting an Urgent Need;

Office of the Auditor General Annual Report, 2006/2007;

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 2005 – 2006; 2006 – 2007;

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2006;

Electoral Boundaries Commission Preliminary Report and Summary, August 15, 2007; and

Office of the Merit Commissioner Annual Report, 2006/2007.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **54** By leave, Ms. *Polak* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognizes the necessity of twinning the Port Mann Bridge as a key initiative in opening up our Pacific Gateway.

On the motion of Ms. McIntyre, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

# Monday, October 15, 2007

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Elmer George Sr., Elder, Songhees Nation.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 40) intituled *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

October 12, 2007.

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Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 41) intituled *Final Agreement Consequential Amendments Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

October 12, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 42) intituled *Treaty First Nation Taxation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

October 12, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That Chief Kim Baird of the Tsawwassen First Nation be permitted to address this Assembly from the Bar of the House.

Motion agreed to.

Chief Baird was conducted to the Bar of the House and addressed the Legislature.

The House recessed until 2.10 p.m.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Krog* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Advanced Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Agriculture and Lands Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Agricultural Land Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

BC Arts Council Annual Report, 2006-2007;

BC Games Society Annual Report, 2006-2007;

BC Housing Management Commission Annual Report, 2006/07;

BC Hydro Annual Report, 2006/07;

BC Innovation Council Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

BC Public Service Agency Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

BC Transit Annual Report, 2007;

BC Transmission Corporation Annual Report, 2007;

British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch Annual Report, 2006/2007;

British Columbia Lottery Corporation Annual Report, 2006-07;

British Columbia Securities Commission Annual Report, 2006/07;

Children and Family Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Columbia Basin Trust Annual Report, 06-07;

Columbia Power Corporation Annual Report, 2006/07;

Community Living British Columbia Annual Service Plan Report, April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007;

Community Services Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Economic Development Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Education Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Employment and Income Assistance Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Environment including Environmental Assessment Office Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Finance and Associated Entities Annual Service Plan Reports, 2006/07;

First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council Annual Report, 2006/07;

Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Government's Annual Strategic Plan Report, 2006/07;

Health Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Homeowner Protection Office Annual Report, 2006/2007;

Industry Training Authority Annual Report, 2006/2007;

Labour and Citizens' Services Annual Service Plan Reports, 2006/07;

Legal Services Society Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/2007;

Oil and Gas Commission Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/2007;

Open Learning Agency Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Partnerships British Columbia Annual Report, 2006/2007;

PavCo Annual Report, April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007;

Premier Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Provincial Capital Commission Annual Report, 2006/2007;

Public Accounts 2006/07 and Ministerial Accountability Report, 2006/2007;

Public Safety and Solicitor General Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Public Safety and Solicitor General's Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch Annual Report, 2006/2007;

Quarterly Report (First Quarter April to June 2007) Fiscal Year 2007/08;

Royal BC Museum Annual Report, 2006-2007;

Small Business and Revenue Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Tourism, Sport and the Arts Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Transportation Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/07;

Tourism British Columbia Annual Report, 2006/07;

Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd. Annual Service Plan Report, 2006/2007.

And then the House adjourned at 2.56 p.m.

## Tuesday, October 16, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Roddick.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Adult Guardianship and Planning Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection (Payday Loans) Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

By leave, the House reverted to the proceedings on second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Adult Guardianship and Planning Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007, 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 debate on Bill (No. 27) continued.

Bill (No. 27) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled Securities Amendment Act, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 28) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

# Tuesday, October 16, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. B. Simpson advised the House of the death of Frank Garden, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) tabled the Tsawwassen First Nation Harvest Agreement, Tax Treatment Agreement and Real Property Tax Co-ordination Agreement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 17, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Yap.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Krog reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. Karagianis, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

## Thursday, October 18, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Polak.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 29) intituled Adult Guardianship and Planning Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

### Thursday, October 18, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the following documents:

Final Report of the 2007 British Columbia Judges Compensation Commission; and

Report and Recommendations of the 2007 British Columbia Judicial Justices of the Peace Compensation Commission.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) referred Members to the provisions of section 6 (3) of the *Judicial Compensation Act* and the procedure established therein relative to Compensation Commission Reports.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

# Monday, October 22, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

By leave, on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Minimum Wage Fairness Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The Speaker ruled as follows:

Honourable Members:

This Bill provides for an increase in the minimum wage and a reduction in the rate of income tax payable by corporations other than credit unions. The reduction in the rate of tax payable is an interference with Crown revenues and out of order in a Private Members' Bill. The increase in the minimum wage imposes an impost on many employers. Standing Order 67 would require a recommendation by message of the Lieutenant Governor to validate such a Bill and I note that only the government can obtain such a motion.

Accordingly, this Bill is not in order.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

By leave, on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Promotion of Safe Antifreeze Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The Speaker ruled as follows:

Honourable Members:

Bill M 202, at Section 1 creates an offence under *The Offense Act*. Creation of an offence is an interference with Crown prerogatives in a Private Members' Bill.

Accordingly, this Bill is not in order.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

## Monday, October 22, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Fraser presented a petition regarding safe antifreeze.

Mr. Wyse presented a petition regarding smoking areas in Royal Canadian Legions.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Adult Guardianship and Planning Statutes Amendment Act*, 2007 was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 23, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Routley.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 27) intituled Business Practices and Consumer Protection (Payday Loans) Amendment Act, 2007 was committed.

Mr. *Fleming* moved a proposed amendment to section 112.05 (1) contained within section 4 of Bill (No. 27), which was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 27) reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled Securities Amendment Act, 2007 was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

# Tuesday, October 23, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. K. Falcon (Minister of Transportation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly. *Government House*,

October 17, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By notice from the Hon. K. Falcon (Minister of Transportation) to the Table, Bill (No. 36) intituled Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2007 was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Speaker made the following statement:

#### Honourable Members:

There appears to be some uncertainty in relation to the longstanding practice of debates on Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members. Such bills have strict limitations procedurally and, in this regard, I refer Members to Standing Order 67 and the considerable body of jurisprudence emanating from this Standing Order.

Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members have on innumerable occasions been introduced and permitted to proceed to second reading, notwithstanding such bills may have a flaw preventing the adoption of the measure. As purely a matter of courtesy, the proponents of such bills have been permitted to speak briefly to second reading outlining the thrust of such a bill, but on a point of order being raised, or in the absence of such a point of order being raised, it is the Speaker's duty to advise the Members that the Bill in the Hands of a Private Member, cannot proceed further and the bill is accordingly ruled out of order. Members will understand that it would be totally inappropriate for the Chair to allow a bill to proceed to a vote on second reading, when the bill itself contained a fatal flaw as prescribed in our Standing Orders and innumerable Speakers' rulings in this House.

Many jurisdictions in the Commonwealth do not even permit such a bill to proceed beyond first reading and such bills are removed from the Order Paper after introduction. No opportunity to speak to second reading is provided. The practice of this House has been somewhat more benign and as I stated earlier, the proponents of such flawed bills, as a matter of pure courtesy, have been permitted a limited time to speak on second reading before the bill is ruled out of order.

The Chair is prepared to continue this practice, as long as the Members clearly understand that a Bill in the Hands of a Private Member which does not conform to the well established rules of this House cannot proceed to a vote. As there are several grounds on which a Public Bill in the Hands of a Private Member may be out of order, sponsors of such bills may wish to check with the Clerks before second reading to see if their bill contains one of the flaws which would prevent the bill from moving forward.

Let it be clear, however, that it is the Speaker and the Speaker alone who has been given the authority and responsibility to rule a bill out of order on procedural grounds.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

The Hon. *M. de Jong* rose on a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 9 regarding remarks made by the Leader of the Official Opposition subsequent to a ruling by the Speaker relating to a Public Bill in the Hands of Private Members.

Mr. Farnworth made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Robertson* presented a petition regarding the impact of the Canada Line on small businesses.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Securities Amendment Act*, 2007 was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 24, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Puchmayr.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 39) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act*, 2007 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

October 12, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Ms. *Karagianis*, Bill (No. M 223) intituled *First Nations Heritage Protection* and *Conservation Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. de Jong* rose on a point of order regarding remarks made by the Leader of the Official Opposition during Question Period.

Mr. Farnworth made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act*.

The debate continued.

Mr. Evans sought leave to suspend Standing Order 45A, to allow an extension in speaking time.

The Speaker ruled as follows:

#### Honourable Members:

I have been asked by the Member for Nelson-Creston to put to the House a question of leave to suspend Standing Order 45A which fixes time limits for Members when speaking to bills and motions before this House.

The accepted procedure for amending the Standing Orders is by way of motion on notice which motion would state clearly the amendment desired. Such a motion when called would be debated by the House and passed or defeated in the normal way.

The time fixed by Standing Order 45A is quite specific and applies equally to both sides of the House and, in my respectful opinion, it would be inappropriate to request a significant amendment to the Standing Orders in the course of second reading of a bill.

I therefore decline in these specific circumstances to put the question of leave of the House to grant the Member an exemption from the application of Standing Order 45A. All Members are bound by the provisions of the existing Standing Order and I so rule.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—62	
Falcon	Oppal	Farnworth	Dix
Reid	de Jong	James	Trevena
Coell	Taylor	Kwan	Bains
Ilich	Bond	Ralston	Robertson
Chong	Hansen	B. Simpson	Karagianis
Christensen	Abbott	Cubberley	Krog
Les	Penner	Hammell	Austin
Bell	Neufeld	Coons	Chudnovsky
van Dongen	Coleman	Thorne	Chouhan
Roddick	Hogg	Simons	Wyse
Hayer	Sultan	Routley	Macdonald
Lee	Bennett	Fraser	Conroy
Nuraney	Mayencourt	Hawes	Black
Whittred	Polak	Yap	McIntyre
Cantelon	Brar	Horgan	Rustad
Thorpe	Fleming		
		Nays—3	
Jarvis	Lekstrom	MacKay	

Bill (No. 40) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled *Final Agreement Consequential Amendments Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 41) read a second time, on division, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *Treaty First Nation Taxation Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—59	
Falcon	Thorpe	Fleming	Dix
Reid	Oppal	Farnworth	Trevena
Coell	de Jong	James	Robertson
Ilich	Taylor	Kwan	Karagianis
Chong	Bond	Ralston	Krog
Christensen	Hansen	Cubberley	Austin
Les	Abbott	Hammell	Chudnovsky
Bell	Penner	Coons	Chouhan
van Dongen	Neufeld	Thorne	Wyse
Roddick	Coleman	Simons	Macdonald
Hayer	Hogg	Routley	Conroy
Lee	Sultan	Fraser	Black
Nuraney	Mayencourt	Hawes	<i>McIntyre</i>
Whittred	Polak	Yap	Rustad
Cantelon	Brar	Horgan	
		Nays—3	
Jarvis	Lekstrom	MacKay	

Bill (No. 42) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. K. Falcon, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. G. Abbott moved that the House do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to, on division.

And then the House adjourned at 6.19 p.m.

## Thursday, October 25, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *B. Barisoff* (Speaker) tabled the Office of the Auditor General 2007/2008 Report 3: A Review of the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project: Governance and Risk Management.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

### Thursday, October 25, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

# Monday, October 29, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. McIntyre.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **66** By leave, Mr. Sultan moved—

Be it resolved that this House encourages all provinces and territories to reduce barriers to trade and labour mobility by following the model set out in the B.C./Alberta Trade and Investment Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).

A debate arose.

On the motion of Ms. McIntyre, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

### Monday, October 29, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the following:

British Columbia Ferry Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2007; and BC Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2006-2007.

Mr. *Fraser* presented a petition regarding antifreeze containing ethylene glycol.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 40) intituled Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act was committed.

In Committee, the Chair made the following remarks:

#### Honourable Members:

Today we are embarking on the Committee Stage of Bill No. 40, a Bill to approve and give effect to the final agreement made between the Tsawwassen First Nation, the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia. I wish to take this opportunity, in light of the unique form of the Bill, to comment on the process to be used in Committee debate.

This Bill, like the Nisga'a bill of 1999, is intended to approve the final agreement which is attached as a schedule, and to enact ancillary legislation to conform with various aspects of the agreement.

It is a Crown prerogative to make agreements. The role of Parliament is to debate, accept, reject or amend the Bill but, subject to technical amendments, it cannot amend the Agreement.

In the case at hand, the Chair will not accept amendments to the Schedule other than purely technical amendments to ensure the Schedule contains the correct text. The Chair will not accept amendments to sections of the Bill which have the effect of amending the Schedule, but will accept amendments to sections of the Bill that are relevant and otherwise in order.

It seems to the Chair that section 3 of the Bill embodies the operative portion of the Bill. It is to be remembered that the committee stage of a Bill does not provide an opportunity to recanvass all the arguments which were applicable at second reading where the principle of the Bill was under debate. During committee stage, debate must be strictly confined to the section which is before the Committee, likewise, debate on proposed amendments must be strictly relevant to the amendment as proposed. The agreement, while not amendable, except as provided above, will be open to debate when the Schedule is called, subject to the observations made with respect to section 3.

K. Whittred, Chair

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again. Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

# Tuesday, October 30, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Mayencourt.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 40) intituled Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

### Tuesday, October 30, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Farnworth* asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, for the Auditor General to conduct an audit into all private land releases on Vancouver Island.

The Hon. M. de Jong made representations.

Mr. Farnworth made further representations.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

Ms. McIntyre presented a petition regarding smoking areas in Royal Canadian Legions.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That this House recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, pursuant to section 14 of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 287, the appointment of the Hon. H. A. D. Oliver as Commissioner to December 31, 2007.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 40) intituled Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

#### Honourable Members:

Earlier today the Official Opposition House Leader rose under Standing Order 35 to adjourn the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, for the Auditor General to conduct an audit into all private land releases on Vancouver Island.

The Government House Leader stated that in his opinion the submission by the Official Opposition House Leader did not meet the well defined tests governing an application under Standing Order 35.

The Speaker's role in considering such an application is to determine whether the test of urgency of debate has been met so as to set aside the normal business of the House. The Speaker must also consider whether or not there is an opportunity to raise the matter at another time under Routine Proceedings or Orders of the Day. The House has a daily Question Period and Motions on Notice are debated on Mondays during Private Members' Time.

There have been occasions on which a debate has proceeded under Standing Order 35 with the unanimous consent of the House, but in the absence of unanimity, the Chair must decide whether the matter raised overcomes the somewhat stringent restrictions applicable to motions under Standing Order 35.

What the framers of Standing Order 35 had in mind was the sudden emergence of a matter, which clearly falls within the jurisdiction of the province, which required, as a matter of urgency, debate in this House where no other opportunity was available to touch on the matter.

For the reasons stated, it is the opinion of the Chair that the matter raised by the Official Opposition House Leader fails to meet the stringent requirements of Standing Order 35, and I so rule.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

## Wednesday, October 31, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Hawes.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. B. Simpson rose on a point of order regarding answers to Questions taken on Notice during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. M. de Jong made a statement.

Mr. Farnworth made a statement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 40) intituled Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The Speaker made the following statement:

#### Honourable Members:

Earlier today the Member for Cariboo North sought to raise a point of order regarding the timing of presenting an answer to a question taken on notice during Oral Question Period.

It has been a long-standing practice in this House that a Minister may take a question on notice, to be answered at a later date. The determination of when to return with an answer is in the discretion of the Minister and not a matter that the Chair rules upon. Answers to questions taken on notice are normally presented after Question Period so as not to take up the time of Question Period.

The Member also commented upon the taking of notice on behalf of another Minister by the Government House Leader. Due to the special nature of the House Leader's role in the House the taking of notice on behalf of another Minister is similar to the long-standing practice whereby the Government House Leader may move a motion on behalf of another Minister.

For further comment on Question Period I would refer the Members to Speaker Schroeder's ruling of June 30, 1982, and Speaker Sawicki's ruling of April 13, 1992.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Thursday, November 1, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Polak.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 40) intituled Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

#### Thursday, November 1, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 40) intituled Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act was again committed.

On the motion that the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

Falcon	Lee	Taylor	Polak
Coell	Jarvis	Bond	Hawes
Chong	Nuraney	Hansen	Yap
Christensen	Whittred	Abbott	Bloy
Les	Cantelon	Penner	MacKay
Richmond	Thorpe	Neufeld	Black
Bell	Hagen	Coleman	<i>McIntyre</i>
Krueger	Oppal	Sultan	Rustad
Roddick	de Jong	Lekstrom	
		Nays—17	
Brar	Coons	Gentner	Wyse
S. Simpson	Thorne	Trevena	Macdonald
Fleming	Routley	Krog	Conroy
Farnworth	Fraser	Austin	Sather
B. Simpson			

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

# Monday, November 5, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **70** By leave, Mr. *Gentner* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support the Agricultural Land Reserve by resolving that future land removed from the agricultural land reserve for the purposes of treaty making must go before the Agricultural Land Commission for a decision regarding exclusion under the *Land Commission Act*.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

### Monday, November 5, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Gentner*, Bill (No. M 224) intituled *Agricultural Land Reserve Protection Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 40) intituled Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act was again committed.

In consideration of section 9 of Bill (No. 40) the Committee divided as follows:

		Yeas—65	
Falcon	Hagen	Fleming	Horgan
Reid	Oppal	Farnworth	Dix
Coell	de Jong	James	Trevena
Ilich	Taylor	Kwan	Bains
Chong	Bond	Ralston	Robertson
Christensen	Hansen	B. Simpson	Karagianis
Les	Abbott	Cubberley	Krog
Richmond	Penner	Hammell	Austin
Bell	Neufeld	Coons	Chudnovsky
Roddick	Coleman	Thorne	Chouhan
Hayer	Hogg	Simons	Wyse
Lee	Sultan	Puchmayr	Macdonald
Jarvis	Bennett	Routley	Conroy
Nuraney	Mayencourt	Fraser	Black
Whittred	Polak	Hawes	<i>McIntyre</i>
Cantelon	Brar	Yap	Rustad
Thorpe			
		Nays—4	
Lekstrom	Gentner	Sather	MacKay

Bill (No. 40) was reported complete with amendment.

Bill as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 41) intituled *Final Agreement Consequential Amendments Act*, 2007 was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

Bill (No. 42) intituled *Treaty First Nation Taxation Act* was committed, reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed, on division.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007.

On the motion of Mr. Krog, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 6, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Routley.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, on the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Farnworth*, it was *Ordered*—
That *Katherine Whittred*, Member for North Vancouver-Lonsdale Electoral District, be appointed a Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That Ms. *Val Roddick* be substituted for Ms. *Katherine Whittred* as a Member on the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That Bill (No. 40) intituled *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act* be re-committed with respect to the Schedule.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 40) intituled *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act* was re-committed with respect to the Schedule.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 40) complete with amendment was agreed to, on division.

Bill (No. 40) was 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 second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

Mr. Farnworth moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007 be amended by striking out "now read a second time" and adding "read a second time six months hence."

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

### Tuesday, November 6, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) read a message from Sindi Hawkins.

On the motion of Mr. *Wyse*, Bill (No. M 225) intituled *British Columbia Rail Corridor Safety Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. B. Simpson reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2006/2007.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of Mr. S. Simpson, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 7, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Evans.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

	Yeas—63		
Falcon	Hagen	Farnworth	Horgan
Coell	Oppal	James	Dix
Ilich	de Jong	Kwan	Trevena
Chong	Campbell	Ralston	Robertson
Christensen	Taylor	B. Simpson	Karagianis
Les	Bond	Cubberley	Krog
Richmond	Hansen	Hammell	Austin
Bell	Abbott	Coons	Chudnovsky
Krueger	Penner	Thorne	Chouhan
Roddick	Neufeld	Simons	Wyse
Hayer	Coleman	Puchmayr	Macdonald
Lee	Hogg	Routley	Conroy
Nuraney	Sultan	Fraser	Black
Whittred	Bennett	Hawes	McIntyre
Cantelon	Polak	Yap	Rustad
Thorpe	S. Simpson	Bloy	
		Nays—4	
Jarvis	Lekstrom	Sather	MacKay

Bill (No. 40) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act*, 2007, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Rustad, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. B. Penner moved that the House do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to, on division.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

### Thursday, November 8, 2007

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Trevena.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Ms. *Trevena*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

## Thursday, November 8, 2007

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Roddick presented two petitions regarding smoking areas in Royal Canadian Legions.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate on the amendment continued.

Ms. McIntyre reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

## Monday, November 19, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Mayencourt.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **69** By leave, Mr. *Black* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize Spirit Square communities throughout the province, and encourages community participation in their local Spirit Square celebrations of BC150 years.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

# Monday, November 19, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Trevena presented a petition regarding smoking areas in Royal Canadian Legions.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

Brar	Yeas—27		
	Cubberley	Horgan	Chudnovsky
S. Simpson	Hammell	Gentner	Chouhan
Fleming	Coons	Dix	Wyse
Farnworth	Puchmayr	Bains	Macdonald
James	Lali	Robertson	Conroy
Kwan	Routley	Karagianis	Sather
Ralston	Fraser	Evans	

Nays—38

Falcon Lee Bond Mayencourt Reid Jarvis Hansen Polak Coell Nuraney Abbott Hawes IlichWhittred Penner Yap Christensen Cantelon Bloy Coleman ThorpeMacKay Les Hogg Richmond Hagen Sultan Black BellOppal Bennett **McIntyre** Roddick de Jong Lekstrom Rustad Hayer Taylor

The debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Dix moved the following amendment—

That Bill (No. 43) not be read a second time now for the following reasons: It undermines local democracy; will result in dramatic increases in local property taxes and dramatic increases in transit fares; will not provide the resources necessary to create the public transit improvements which are so necessary in the lower mainland; and is an intrusion into municipal autonomy.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

# Tuesday, November 20, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Roddick.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

#### Tuesday, November 20, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *B. Penner* (Minister of Environment and Minister Responsible for Water Stewardship and Sustainable Communities) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

Lance Finch
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 44) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,

November 16, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. *Robertson*, Bill (No. M 226) intituled *Right to Know Act*, 2007 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 Mr. *Robertson*, Bill (No. M 227) intituled *Toxics Use Reduction Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. Kwan reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

Mr. Fraser presented a petition regarding smoking areas in Royal Canadian Legions.

Ms. Conroy presented a petition regarding Tree Farm Licence No. 23.

Mr. *Bennett* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. Bennett moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 21, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Elmer George Sr., Songhees Nation.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) advised the House of the death of Hereditary Chief Cosmos Richard Frank of the Ahousaht First Nation.

The House observed a minute of silence.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

Lance Finch
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 45) intituled *Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,

November 16, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation) tabled the Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement, Tax Treatment Agreement and Real Property Tax Co-ordination Agreements.

By leave, the Hon. M. de Jong moved—

Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes of the Uchucklesaht First Nation, Chief Councillor Violet Mundy of the Ucluelet First Nation, Chief Councillor Therese Smith of the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tles7et'h' First Nation, Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Senior of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, and Hereditary Chief Bert Mack of the Toquaht First Nation be permitted to address this Assembly from the Bar of the House.

Motion agreed to.

Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes was conducted to the Bar of the House and addressed the Legislature.

Chief Councillor Violet Mundy was conducted to the Bar of the House and Richard Mundy addressed the Legislature on her behalf.

Chief Councillor Therese Smith was conducted to the Bar of the House and addressed the Legislature.

Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Senior was conducted to the Bar of the House and addressed the Legislature.

Hereditary Chief Bert Mack was conducted to the Bar of the House and addressed the Legislature.

The House recessed for five minutes.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The Hon. G. Abbott (Minister of Health) reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

# Thursday, November 22, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Farnworth.

The Hon. S. Bond (Minister of Education and Deputy Premier and Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

Lance Finch Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 46) intituled *First Nations Education Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts, November 21, 2007.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

Falcon	de Jong	Farnworth	Gentner
Reid	Campbell	James	Dix
Coell	Taylor	Kwan	Trevena
Ilich	Bond	Cubberley	Bains
Christensen	Hansen	Hammell	Robertson
Richmond	Abbott	Thorne	Karagianis
Bell	Penner	Simons	Evans
Roddick	Coleman	Puchmayr	Krog
Hayer	Hogg	Lali	Chudnovsky
Lee	Sultan	Routley	Wyse
Jarvis	Bennett	Fraser	Macdonald
Whittred	Lekstrom	Hawes	Conroy
Cantelon	Polak	Yap	Black
Thorpe	Brar	Bloy	<i>McIntyre</i>
Hagen	S. Simpson	Horgan	Rustad
Oppal	Fleming	G	

Bill (No. 44) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 12.08 p.m.

# Thursday, November 22, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *James*, Bill (No. M 228) intituled *Representative for Seniors Act*, 2007 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 Ms. *James*, Bill (No. M 229) intituled *Community Care and Assisted Living Act Amendment Act*, 2007 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 Mr. Sather, Bill (No. M 230) intituled An Act to Prohibit the Capture of Wild Birds of Prey 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 Mr. Simons, Bill (No. M 231) intituled Representative for Children and Youth Act Amendment Act, 2007 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 Mr. *Krog*, Bill (No. M 232) intituled *Smoke Free Cars Act*, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health) rose on a point of privilege regarding comments made by the Member for Cowichan-Ladysmith during Question Period on November 21, 2007.

Mr. Farnworth reserved the right to respond to the matter of privilege.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement.

Mr. Evans presented a petition regarding Tree Farm Licence No. 23.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 40) Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act.

Bill (No. 41) Final Agreement Consequential Amendments Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 42) Treaty First Nation Taxation Act.

Bill (No. 27) Business Practices and Consumer Protection (Payday Loans) Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 28) Securities Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 29) Adult Guardianship and Planning Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

His Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

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

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. G. Campbell (Premier) made a statement regarding the retirement of the Hon. H. A. D. Oliver, Q.C., Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

Ms. James made a statement.

Mr. *Black* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Black* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. G. Campbell (Premier) moved—

That this House recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor the appointment of Mr. Paul Fraser, Q.C. as a statutory officer of the Legislative Assembly to exercise the powers and duties assigned to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* (RSBC c. 287).

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Fleming* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Fleming* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. O. Ilich (Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services) tabled the Labour Relations Annual Report, 2006.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled *Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

	Yeas—59		
Falcon	Hagen	Fleming	Gentner
Reid	Oppal	Farnworth	Dix
Coell	de Jong	James	Trevena
Ilich	Taylor	Ralston	Bains
Christensen	Bond	Cubberley	Robertson
Richmond	Hansen	Hammell	Karagianis
Bell	Abbott	Simons	Krog
Roddick	Penner	Puchmayr	Austin
Hayer	Coleman	Lali	Chudnovsky
Lee	Hogg	Routley	Wyse
Jarvis	Sultan	Fraser	Sather
Nuraney	Mayencourt	Hawes	Black
Whittred	Polak	Yap	McIntyre
Cantelon	Brar	Bloy	Rustad
Thorpe	S. Simpson	Horgan	
		Nays—1	

Lekstrom

Bill (No. 45) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for commital at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 6.34 p.m.

## Monday, November 26, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. Thorne.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

#### **84** By leave, Mr. *Lali* moved—

Be it resolved that this House demand the government immediately convene an emergency summit on the future of forestry in this province which will allow communities, workers and the citizens of British Columbia to, once again, have a direct say in the development of a new vision for our forests, our industry, and our communities.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

## Monday, November 26, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. Routley presented a petition regarding childcare funding.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism) tabled the following:

*Crown Proceeding Act* Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2007, and British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 2006/07.

Mr. *Routley* made representations regarding the point of privilege raised by the Hon. *G. Abbott* (Minister of Health) on November 22, 2007.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* advised the House of an agreement pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (1) with respect to the completion of Bill (No. 44) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act*, Bill (No. 45) intituled *Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Act*, and Bill (No. 46) intituled *First Nations Education Act* by the end of the day on Thursday, November 29, 2007. However, agreement could not be reached under the provisions of section (1) of Standing Order 81.1 in relation to Bill (No. 39) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act*, 2007, and Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007, and therefore moved the following motion:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2), on or before November 29, 2007 at 6 p.m. all remaining stages on Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2007* shall be completed and disposed of. At 4 p.m. on the date mentioned, the Speaker and the Chair of Committee of the Whole will forthwith put all necessary questions for the disposal of all remaining stages of the said Bill without amendment or debate. Any divisions called on the second or third reading of such Bill may be taken in accordance with Standing Order 16 and all other divisions will be covered by Practice Recommendation No. 1. Proceedings under this motion shall not be subject to the provisions of Standing Order 81 or the Standing or Sessional Orders relating to times and days of sittings of the House.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—39	
Falcon	Hayer	Bond	Mayencourt
Reid	Jarvis	Hansen	Polak
Coell	Nuraney	Abbott	Hawes
Ilich	Whittred	Penner	Yap
Christensen	Cantelon	Neufeld	Bloy
Les	Thorpe	Coleman	MacKay
Richmond	Hagen	Hogg	Black
Bell	Oppal	Sultan	<i>McIntyre</i>
Krueger	de Jong	Bennett	Rustad
Roddick	Taylor	Lekstrom	
		Nays—31	
Brar	Hammell	Gentner	Austin
S. Simpson	Coons	Dix	Chudnovsky
Fleming	Thorne	Trevena	Chouhan
Farnworth	Simons	Bains	Wyse
James	Lali	Robertson	Macdonald
Kwan	Routley	Karagianis	Conroy
Ralston	Fraser	Evans	Sather
Cubberley	Horgan	Krog	

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 44) intituled Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act was committed.

Mr. S. Simpson moved a proposed amendment to section 2 (1) (b) of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

Brar	Yeas—31		
	Hammell	Gentner	Austin
S. Simpson	Coons	Dix	Chudnovsky
Fleming	Thorne	Trevena	Chouhan
Farnworth	Simons	Bains	Wyse
James	Lali	Robertson	Macdonald
Kwan	Routley	Karagianis	Conroy
Ralston	Fraser	Evans	Sather
Cubberley	Horgan	Krog	

Nays—39

Falcon Mayencourt Hayer Bond Polak Reid Lee Hansen Coell Jarvis Abbott Hawes IlichNuraney Penner Yap Christensen Bloy Cantelon Neufeld Les Thorpe Coleman MacKay Richmond Hagen Hogg Black **McIntyre** BellOppal Sultan Krueger de Jong Rustad Bennett Roddick Lekstrom Taylor

Mr. S. Simpson moved a proposed amendment to section 2 (1) of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS—29

Dix BrarCoons Austin Trevena Chudnovsky Fleming Thorne Farnworth Simons Bains Chouhan James Routley Robertson Wyse Macdonald Kwan Fraser Karagianis Ralston Horgan Evans Conrov Sather Cubberley Gentner Krog Hammell

Nays—38

Falcon Hayer Bond Lekstrom Mayencourt Reid Jarvis Hansen Coell Nuraney Abbott Polak Whittred Hawes Ilich Penner Christensen Cantelon Neufeld Yap Les Thorpe Coleman MacKay Richmond Black Hogg Hagen McIntyre BellOppal Sultan Krueger de Jong Bennett Rustad Roddick Taylor

Mr. *Cubberley* moved a proposed amendment to section 5 of Bill (No. 44) which was defeated on the following division:

YEAS-30

Dix BrarCoons Austin Fleming Thorne Trevena Chudnovsky Farnworth Chouhan Simons Bains James Lali Robertson Wyse Kwan Routley Karagianis Macdonald Ralston FraserEvans Conroy Cubberley Horgan Krog Sather Hammell Gentner

Nays—37

Bond FalconJarvis Lekstrom CoellMayencourt Nuraney Hansen Ilich Whittred Abbott Polak Christensen Cantelon Penner Hawes Thorpe Neufeld Les Yap Richmond Hagen Coleman MacKay BellBlackOppal Hogg **McIntyre** Krueger de Jong Sultan Roddick Taylor Bennett Rustad Hayer

Bill (No. 44) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 6.32 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 27, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Routley.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled *First Nations Education Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

	Yeas—64		
Falcon	de Jong	James	Dix
Coell	Taylor	Kwan	Trevena
Ilich	Bond	Ralston	Bains
Les	Hansen	Cubberley	Robertson
Richmond	Abbott	Hammell	Karagianis
Bell	Penner	Coons	Evans
Krueger	Neufeld	Simons	Austin
Roddick	Coleman	Puchmayr	Chudnovsky
Hayer	Hogg	Lali	Chouhan
Jarvis	Sultan	Routley	Wyse
Nuraney	Bennett	Fraser	Macdonald
Whittred	Mayencourt	Hawes	Conroy
Cantelon	Polak	Yap	Sather
Thorpe	Brar	Bloy	Black
Hagen	S. Simpson	Horgan	McIntyre
Oppal	Fleming	Gentner	Rustad

Bill (No. 46) 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. 45) intituled Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Act was committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

#### Tuesday, November 27, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. S. Simpson, Bill (No. M 233) intituled Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2007 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 "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

#### Honourable Members:

Last Thursday, November 22, the Minister of Health raised a question of privilege with respect to a matter arising during Oral Question Period on November 21. Specifically, the Minister objected to words spoken by the Member for Cowichan-Ladysmith which the Minister characterized as accusation by the Member regarding the care of an individual at the Lodge on Fourth in Ladysmith. The Minister tabled additional information in support of his submission.

On November 26, the Member for Cowichan-Ladysmith responded to the question of privilege raised by the Minister of Health and outlined the facts relating to the incident at issue, from his own perspective.

The Chair has carefully examined the submission and material tendered by both the Minister of Health and the Member for Cowichan-Ladysmith. The Chair concludes that there exists a clear difference of opinion between both Members as to the facts relating to the incident which occurred.

Privilege exists to protect Members with respect to their functioning as Members of the House. The strict definition of privilege cannot be expanded to include disputes as to facts, opinions and conclusions between Members.

It is a very long-standing practice of this House that a Member's statement is accepted by the House in the absence of indisputable evidence to the contrary.

There must be *prima facie* evidence that the Member for Cowichan-Ladysmith deliberately misled the House. No such evidence was submitted to the Chair. In addition, the Minister of Health has not established, in his submission, sufficient foundation to enable the Chair to make a *prima facie* finding that the House was deliberately misled.

The matter raised by the Minister of Health is a matter which squarely falls into the category of a dispute as to facts and as such does not form the basis for a question of privilege, and I so rule.

HON. B. BARISOFF, Speaker

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 45) intituled Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Act was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 28, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. C. Richmond (Minister of Employment and Income Assistance) presented a petition regarding smoking areas in Royal Canadian Legions.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act*, 2007.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong* that the debate on second reading of Bill (No. 39) be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—39	
Falcon	Roddick	Bond	Mayencourt
Reid	Hayer	Hansen	Polak
Coell	Jarvis	Abbott	Hawes
Ilich	Whittred	Penner	Yap
Chong	Cantelon	Neufeld	Bloy
Christensen	Thorpe	Coleman	MacKay
Les	Hagen	Hogg	Black
Richmond	Oppal	Sultan	<i>McIntyre</i>
Bell	de Jong	Bennett	Rustad
Krueger	Taylor	Lekstrom	
		Nays—28	
S. Simpson	Cubberley	Fraser	Krog
Fleming	Hammell	Horgan	Chudnovsky
Farnworth	Coons	Gentner	Chouhan
James	Thorne	Dix	Wyse
Kwan	Simons	Trevena	Macdonald
Ralston	Lali	Karagianis	Conroy
B. Simpson	Routley	Evans	Sather

Bill (No. 46) intituled *First Nations Education Act* was committed and reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 46) the House divided.

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

Falcon	Hagen	Fleming	Bloy
Reid	Oppal	Farnworth	Horgan
Coell	de Jong	James	Gentner
Ilich	Taylor	Kwan	Dix
Chong	Bond	Ralston	Trevena
Christensen	Hansen	B. Simpson	Karagianis
Les	Abbott	Cubberley	Evans
Richmond	Penner	Hammell	Krog
Bell	Neufeld	Coons	Chudnovsky
Krueger	Coleman	Thorne	Chouhan
Roddick	Hogg	Simons	Wyse
Hayer	Sultan	Lali	Macdonald
Jarvis	Bennett	Routley	Conroy
Whittred	Mayencourt	Fraser	Black
Cantelon	Polak	Hawes	McIntyre
Thorpe	S. Simpson	Yap	Rustad

Bill (No. 46) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Act was again committed.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

# Thursday, November 29, 2007

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Krog.

On the motion of Mr. *Dix*, Bill (No. M 234) intituled *Medicare Protection Public Access Act*, 2007 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.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 45) intituled *Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Act* was again committed and reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 45), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—63	
Falcon	de Jong	James	Horgan
Reid	Taylor	Kwan	Gentner
Coell	Bond	Ralston	Dix
Chong	Hansen	B. Simpson	Trevena
Christensen	Abbott	Cubberley	Bains
Les	Penner	Hammell	Karagianis
Richmond	Neufeld	Coons	Krog
Bell	Coleman	Thorne	Chudnovsky
Krueger	Hogg	Simons	Chouhan
Roddick	Sultan	Puchmayr	Wyse
Hayer	Bennett	Lali	Macdonald
Jarvis	Mayencourt	Routley	Conroy
Whittred	Polak	Fraser	Black
Cantelon	S. Simpson	Hawes	<i>McIntyre</i>
Thorpe	Fleming	Yap	Rustad
Hagen	Farnworth	Bloy	
		Nays—2	
Lekstrom	MacKay		

Bill (No. 45) read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate on the amendment continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

# Thursday, November 29, 2007

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Sather*, Bill (No. M 235) intituled *Drinking Water Protection Amendment Act*, 2007 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 Mr. B. Simpson, Bill (No. M 236) intituled Public Interest Protection Act, 2007, was introduced and read a first time.

Mr. B. Simpson asked leave of the House pursuant to Standing Order 81 to permit the Bill to proceed through all stages in one day.

Leave was not granted.

Bill (No. M 236) *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *C. Taylor* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Report of Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2007.

Mr. Simons presented a petition regarding safety issues on Highway 101 on the Sunshine Coast.

Mr. Simons presented a petition regarding meat inspection regulations.

Ms. Conroy presented a petition regarding Tree Farm Licence No. 23.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled *Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act*, 2007.

The debate on the amendment continued.

Mr. Gentner reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The debate on the amendment continued.

Pursuant to an Order of the House adopted November 26, 2007, all necessary questions for the disposal of the various stages of Bill (No. 43) were put.

The amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43) was negatived.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 43), the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

		Yeas—36	
Falcon	Roddick	Hansen	Mayencourt
Reid	Hayer	Abbott	Polak
Coell	Jarvis	Penner	Hawes
Chong	Whittred	Neufeld	Yap
Christensen	Cantelon	Coleman	Bloy
Les	Hagen	Hogg	MacKay
Richmond	de Jong	Sultan	Black
Bell	Taylor	Bennett	McIntyre
Krueger	Bond	Lekstrom	Rustad
		Nays—28	
S. Simpson	Cubberley	Routley	Robertson
Fleming	Hammell	Fraser	Karagianis
Farnworth	Coons	Horgan	Krog
James	Thorne	Gentner	Chouhan
Kwan	Simons	Dix	Wyse
Ralston	Puchmayr	Trevena	Macdonald
B. Simpson	Lali	Bains	Conroy

Bill (No. 43) was read a second time.

Bill (No. 43) was committed.

The title of Bill (No. 43) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise, and report Bill (No. 43) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Bill (No. 43) was reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed, on division.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

E. George MacMinn, Q.C., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 45) Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Act.

Bill (No. 46) First Nations Education Act.

Bill (No. 43) Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Amendment Act, 2007.

Bill (No. 44) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act.

His Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

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

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. M. de Jong moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the Third Session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 4.44 p.m.

## Tuesday, February 12, 2008

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Hawes.

The Hon. B. Barisoff (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Office of the Auditor General 2007/2008 Report 4: Follow-up of 2004/05 Report 3: Preventing and Managing Diabetes in British Columbia;

Office of the Auditor General 2007/2008 Report 5: Preventing Fatalities and Serious Injuries in B.C. Forests: *Progress Needed*;

Office of the Auditor General 2007/2008 Report 6: Literacy: Creating the Conditions for Reading and Writing Success;

Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report, 2006;

Office of the Representative for Children and Youth Joint Special Report: Health and Well-Being of Children in Care in British Columbia: Educational Experience and Outcomes;

Office of the Representative for Children and Youth 2007 Progress Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the BC Children and Youth Review; and

Office of the Representative for Children and Youth Annual Service Plan Report, 2007/08 to 2009/10.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Honourable Stephen L. Point, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this third session of the Thirty-eighth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you on the accomplishments of the past year. The session has seen the passage of measures of wideranging and significant importance to the people of our province. Honourable Members, on behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your legislative duties.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. W. Oppal (Attorney General) then said:

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:* 

It is His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment: Quarterly Report (Second Quarter April to September 2007) Fiscal Year 2007/08; and Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2007.

And then the House prorogued at 10.09 a.m.

HON. BILL BARISOFF, Speaker

#### **PROCLAMATION**

[L.S.] STEVEN L. POINT
Lieutenant Governor

# CANADA: PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come—Greeting

To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, at Our City of Victoria—Greeting

#### A PROCLAMATION

KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to prorogue Our said Legislature or Parliament on the twelfth day of February, two thousand eight at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at Our City of Victoria.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, the Honourable Steven L. Point, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-first day of January, two thousand eight and in the fifty-sixth year of Our Reign.

By Command.