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**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Imam Ismail Mohamed Nur, Imam at Masjid al-Iman of Victoria.

This being the first day of the sixth meeting of the Fortieth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 18th day of January, 2017, the Members took their seats.

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

*Madame Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislature:*

My fellow British Columbians, and members of the legislature, let us acknowledge first we have the honour of gathering upon the traditional Lekwungen territory of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. I wish also to recognise, with respect, the history, wisdom, and culture of all our province's Indigenous peoples, including Inuit and Metis.

Members, I will speak today about charting our course through uncertain times to build a strong future. First, let us honour those who contributed to who we are today.

**Tributes**

As we remember British Columbians, let me begin by speaking to the recent tragedy in Quebec City.

Let us speak in one voice to express our condolences, condemn the hatred and violence. Let us reaffirm who we are as Canadians.

I want to thank the Imam for his prayers.

First responders place themselves in harm's way to help others. This year, an entire nation mourned Constable Sarah Beckett, who lost her life in the line of duty.

We lost those who represented British Columbians in Ottawa or in this legislature, Patrick Crofton, Len Marchand, Frederick King, Samuel Bawlf, Don Phillips, and John Nuraney.

And those who inspired us like Rolly Fox, John Young, Stanley Burke, Pritam Singh Jauhal, William Esson, W.P. Kinsella, Harold Mann, Vic Rapp, Dawn Coe-Jones, Dave Broadfoot, and Joe Wai.

And those who helped build vibrant communities, such as Robin Hood, Murray Newman, Bing Thom, Jim Munro, Dr. Raghbir Bains, David Strangway, and David Holmberg.

British Columbia First Nations lost leaders like Philomena Alphonse, Donald Moses, Kathleen Green, Nelson Keitlah, Alban Michael, Norman Tait, Marjorie McRae, Daphne Odjig, Rocky Wilson, Joseph Bartleman, Arthur Manuel, David Bob, and Ollie Chickite.

Today, a service is held for Orsa Marie Douglas, the last living direct descendent of Sir James Douglas, one of the key founding fathers of our great province.

Finally, some of our co-workers and friends who worked for the legislature, John Crawford, Gary Miller, and Deb Hartung.

This year, we celebrate Canada's 150th year. Let us remember the women and men who gave so much to build our country and province.

### **Core Principles**

From these builders the torch has been passed to us to keep B.C. strong, today and for future generations.

But risk is all around us: A weak global economy, the rising tide of protectionism in the United States and in Europe.

We must stand strong on our principles of open and fair trade. For all British Columbians, and especially the 60,000 workers in our forestry sector,

On softwood lumber or any other matter, standing up for British Columbians requires standing upon principles clearly and consistently:

Live within our means; grow the economy, not the size of government; believe in our citizens, not dogmas, doctrines or ideologies; create jobs so that British Columbians can build a future; and protect this magnificent place we call home for future generations.

Principles are brought to life with a plan.

### **Securing A Bright Future**

Your government has a plan. The BC Jobs Plan to grow the economy, and create opportunities—combined with controlling government spending. After all, isn't that why people live in our great province: Secure a great job, own a home, and be able to keep more of their hard-earned money.

Thanks to hardworking British Columbians and the plan, B.C. is getting results.

B.C. has Canada's best fiscal record, with a triple-A credit rating and four consecutive balanced budgets, with a fifth coming next week.

Since the launch of the BC Jobs Plan 5 years ago, B.C. is first in Canada in economic growth.

B.C. is first in creating jobs in Canada—and more British Columbians are working than ever before.

B.C. has the lowest taxes for middle class families.

B.C. has Canada's best health outcomes, including the best cancer survival rates.

B.C. students rank first in the country in student outcomes.

Making record investments while not raising taxes, your government is on track to be free of any operating debt by 2021. For the first time in 40 years, children born that year will no longer be asked to pay for the burdens that our generation has placed upon them.

It could be argued that many other governments are adding to the burden of future generations.

Now more than ever, it is critical that your government has a plan that will protect and grow jobs across our province, despite the risks around us.

That is the only way to sustain and ensure the services and infrastructure families and citizens depend on to get ahead.

## **Health Care**

This includes record investments in healthcare. By 2018, our investments will surpass \$19 billion per year.

Investments like new hospitals in Campbell River, Comox, Haida Gwaii, and the new St. Paul's in Vancouver. Expansions in Surrey, Burnaby, Vernon, Kelowna, and Penticton. Major upgrades in Kamloops, the BC Children's and Women's Hospital, Cranbrook, and the redeveloped Royal Columbian Hospital.

Our success is measured in North America's longest life expectancy, and lowest heart attack rates in Canada. It's measured in the over 3,800 British Columbians receiving medication for hepatitis C. It's measured in 500 new addiction beds and more than 7,300 community mental health beds.

We are also a global centre of innovation. A global leader in genomics and personalized medicine, and led by Dr. Julio Montaner, B.C. is a world leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS, with mortality down by 80 per cent.

## **Opioids**

A strong healthcare system is vital to address unforeseen crises.

British Columbia was the first province to declare a public health emergency for fentanyl, and the first to deregulate life-saving naloxone kits, and get them into the hands of first responders and at-risk British Columbians.

By March 31, 500 new addiction treatment beds and more than 20 overdose prevention sites will have opened.

Your government demanded action, and the Trudeau government responded by regulating pill presses, simplifying the approval process for supervised consumption sites, and coordinating efforts against trafficking with Canada's partners in the People's Republic of China.

Your government is taking action—and ready to do more.

## **Opportunity Through Education And Skills Training**

Your government has made record investments in creating opportunity through education, skills training, and higher learning.

British Columbia is investing a record \$5.1 billion per year for public education, and an overall investment of \$7.5 billion in education and training each year. Average per-pupil funding is now over \$8,900, the highest ever, even with an increase of 10,000 students in the past two years.

B.C. leads Canada for student outcomes, and ranks third around the world, with dramatic increases in high school completion rates for students with special needs, E.L.L. students, and Aboriginal students.

This government has worked with the Teachers' Federation to achieve the longest negotiated settlement in history, ensuring 6 years of labour peace in our classrooms so that our children can learn without interruption.

Your government and the Federation have reached agreement to invest an additional \$50 million immediately to hire up to 1000 new teachers. That's in addition to the Learning Improvement Fund, which has helped teachers to focus more time and resources where it counts: on our children.

The Supreme Court has spoken. Your government is committed to working in good faith with our teachers to put our students first.

## **Infrastructure**

To keep our students safe, your government has committed \$1.7 billion in new infrastructure over the next three years, and invested \$1.3 billion in more than 160 completed school-seismic projects, with more to come over the next three years.

From schools to other vital infrastructure your government is investing \$10 billion—for new hospitals, highways and roads and other projects like the Surrey LRT, Broadway subway, and the George Massey Tunnel replacement project.

Your government is preparing for the future with the Site C dam that will provide clean and affordable power for a growing B.C. for a hundred years. That project has created almost 1,900 jobs already and 33,000 total person-years of employment over the life of the project.

And we will be ready for 2 million more people who will come to make their home here in the next 25 years; our economy will continue to grow, and we will see more people drive electric cars as technology evolves.

### **Innovative Social Initiatives**

Your government has moved forward with innovative investments to prepare our citizens for B.C.'s growing economy.

\$1,200 to every family with a child born after 2006. So that they can start saving for their child's post-secondary education. Already, 55,000 families have received almost \$66 million.

More than 4,300 moms and dads now have the means to get off social assistance, find training and work through the Single Parents Employment Initiative.

Record-breaking investment in adoptions have resulted in the most ever children who have been placed in forever homes.

B.C. has doubled the length of time young adults who were in government care can receive benefits, and extended the maximum age to 26.

No other province does that.

And between 2006 and 2014, the number of children living in low income families in B.C. has fallen by half. Even as we continue to grow in population, British Columbia has 79,000 fewer children living in a low income situation.

### **Safe Communities**

Your government has taken decisive actions to keep our communities safe.

That includes an expanded Guns and Gangs Strategy, increased funding for the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit, new task forces on illegal arms and money laundering, and this spring, a new Office of Crime Reduction and Gang Research.

There is more work to do. But gang-related murders are down; more gangsters are behind bars; hundreds of illegal weapons are off the streets, including more than 1,200 surrendered as part of gun amnesty.

### **Paying Back British Columbians**

Across all of these fronts, British Columbia is making strong progress—always understanding there is more to do.

Fiscal responsibility and a growing economy is the foundation that gives British Columbia the ability to do more, and to be caring from strength.

After years of sacrifice by all of us in British Columbia through challenging times, working together with a plan, your government is now in a position to pay you back, to relieve some financial burdens, and to invest in your household and in your families.

### **Housing**

On housing, your government has made the largest single year investment in Canadian history in, creating nearly 5,000 units of affordable rental housing the elderly, for students, for persons living with disabilities, for persons living on low to moderate incomes.

Your government has exempted the property transfer tax for British Columbians buying newly built homes valued up to \$750,000. 9,100 British Columbians have taken this opportunity, saving almost \$72 million dollars.

Your government has taken action to correct the real estate market with a luxury tax, as well as a tax on foreign purchasers of homes in Metro Vancouver.

And through the BC HOME Partnership program, your government is making an investment in the people who will build our future: first-time homebuyers.

This is an investment in British Columbians who are starting their adult lives, working hard, saving a down-payment for their first home. They can now count on the government to match their investment to build their savings.

This spring, your government will continue to work with municipalities to encourage greater supply of housing, including building more units, and creating smarter, greener communities, connected by transit.

### **Relief From Fiscal Burdens**

As these investments are made in people, your government is now in a position to take a further step to ease the financial burdens on citizens.

British Columbians have worked hard. Your government's plan to control spending, balance budgets, and pay down the debt has resulted in growing surpluses.

That money belongs to you. And in the coming budget, your government will provide financial relief to taxpayers, while continuing to make investments in the services people rely on.

### **A Plan For The Future**

Government is in a position to do this because it has a plan to continue growing our economy into the future. From small business to tourism and technology, to natural resources, trade, and manufacturing.

### **Small Business**

Small businesses are the core of our economy. Over 388,000 small businesses are responsible for a third of British Columbia's GDP, and jobs for over one million people.

In five years, your government has made it easier and less expensive for small business to interact with government, established the Small Business Venture Tax Credit, and continued to reduce unnecessary red tape—which the Canadian Federation of Independent Business recognized again this year as leading the country.

For five years, the BC Jobs Plan has supported B.C.'s private sector to grow and flourish on the global stage. That creates jobs. Your government will continue that work through the next chapter of the Plan.

### **Rural Economic Development Strategy**

Rural communities are the backbone of our province, but today they are facing the challenge of low global prices for commodities.

Your government has invested \$25 million this year, and \$25 million more in each of the next two years to help small communities diversify their economies through the Rural Dividend.

And in the coming weeks, your government will implement a new Rural Economic Development Strategy.

It begins with an unwavering commitment to get to yes on building projects that create jobs in rural communities. Projects like Site C and LNG.

Secondly, investments to create jobs through necessary infrastructure improvements.

And thirdly, a longer term plan to further diversify rural economies, by encouraging the growth of new and emerging sectors, like technology.

### **Tech Sector**

In centres like Vancouver, Surrey, Victoria, and Kelowna, B.C.'s tech sector is vibrant.

Last year, tech contributed \$14.1 billion to our economy. More than 9,900 companies have created more than 100,000 jobs, with wages 75 per cent higher than average.

In five years, your government has supported tech through the BC Tech Strategy, including a \$100 million tech fund, and worked with B.C.'s teachers to introduce the basics of coding to all students in the sixth grade.

Your government recently established a new provincial innovation network, with UBC President Santa Ono as chief advisor. And this spring, Vancouver will once again welcome people from all over the world for the second annual BC Tech Summit.

We will welcome them to call B.C. their home: a place to invest and create jobs for British Columbians.

### **Tourism**

We are a destination for global tourists, and records are being shattered from year to year, with more than 5.1 million visitors last year.

We see that reflected in increased ferry traffic, and 84 weekly flights to and from China—and the 127,000 British Columbians working in 19,000 tourism businesses.

In five years, your government has successfully promoted Aboriginal tourism, more than doubling the number of Aboriginal tourism businesses in 10 years, and supported high profile events with a new Tourism Events Program.

The work continues. Your government will work with BC Ferries to provide a new seasonal ferry service between Port Hardy and Bella Coola, and make investments in tourism infrastructure such as highway rest areas, airports and cycling trails.

### **International Trade and Investment**

British Columbia is a destination for the world—and is Canada's Pacific Gateway to Asia and the world.

We rely on international trade, and continue to develop new customers. In five years, your government has built Canada's most diverse markets, with 40 per cent of B.C. trade with Asia, up from 25 per cent just 10 years ago.

In the coming years, your government will continue to attract major international firms to locate their North American headquarters in Vancouver, and work with small and medium-sized businesses to enter new markets.

### **Forestry**

Diversifying our markets protects us from depending on one market.

Your government and the forestry sector have worked hard to protect our forestry workers from the impacts of any trade disputes with the United States by opening new markets over the last 14 years, resulting in an increase in lumber exports to China of 1,800 per cent.

The federal government is working to resolve the trade dispute with the United States. But B.C. supplies half of Canada's softwood lumber exports. Your government will name an envoy to Washington to make sure B.C. has continued access to the American market, working with the forestry sector and the federal government to secure a new agreement on softwood lumber.

Your government will continue to support innovation and competitiveness, expand opportunities for B.C. forest products overseas, find opportunities for B.C.'s forest fibre, as well as value-added and pulp and paper industries.

### **LNG**

Just like in forestry, workers in B.C.'s clean natural gas sector need global markets to thrive. But unforeseen headwinds have created challenging conditions.

Despite that, the Woodfibre LNG project has made a final investment decision. Other LNG projects continue to move forward in British Columbia with over \$20 billion invested already—including large projects on the cusp of making a decision in the next two years.

World markets may go up and down. But bringing home the generational opportunity of LNG remains within reach because of the work that has been done in our province.

A fiscal framework that gives certainty to investors, and ensures B.C. is globally competitive as markets recover. Strengthened and enduring partnerships with 29 of 32 First Nations.

And your government has made a down payment for all of us. The British Columbia Prosperity Fund already has \$500,000,000. A savings plan for our future, and to pay down our debt.

Your government will continue to work with proponents, and ensure British Columbians have the skills to be first in line for those jobs that will come through the Skills for Jobs Blueprint strategy.

### **Mining**

Perhaps no industry has endured more ups and downs than mining. From near extinction 16 years ago, through more recent challenges of low global prices, mining is rebounding in British Columbia. It contributes \$9.7 billion to our economy—in part because \$2 billion was invested in exploration projects in our province over the last five years.

More than 46,000 British Columbians and their families rely on mining—and the world depends on them for the raw materials needed to make everything from transmission wire to consumer electronics.

Even through these uncertain times, we continue to see new mines. Your government established new targets for upgrades and expansions to nine currently operating mines by 2020, and eight new mines under construction or in operation by 2022.

Today, there are two new mines under construction that will generate 1,000 jobs in rural B.C.

The work is not done. Your government will continue to support the most innovative, sustainable, and safe mining sector in the world.

### **Agrifoods**

In agrifood and seafood, 63,000 British Columbians stand proud as providers of the world's best products.

In five years, your government has focused on identifying more markets and opportunities—and succeeded in increasing the sector by 18 per cent.

Your government will continue to work to add 3,500 jobs in northern First Nations, and work on 51 actions to grow agrifood and seafood revenues by 43 per cent in the next three years.

Your government is also focused on creating new markets and opportunities for our world-leading craft beer and wine industries, by modernizing liquor laws, and giving consumers more choice.

That includes giving consumers opportunity to purchase B.C. wines in grocery stores—a move that people have been waiting for in our province, and a step that is wholly compliant within the rules of trade. To those who may differ in opinion let us say that we will continue to stand up for fair trade, stand up for our consumers and workers in the wine industry.

## **Manufacturing**

Manufacturing continues to play a vital role in our diverse economy. 14,300 British Columbians work in high-tech manufacturing, and 8,300 in Canada's largest and most robust aerospace sector.

In five years, your government has contributed over \$1 million to meet manufacturers' needs, invested over \$5 million on a strategy to continue growth in aerospace, and delivered four sessions with industry leaders to identify opportunities and emerging challenges.

The work is not done. Your government will continue to connect manufacturing companies with new markets, and work with the federal government to build an aircraft simulation and training facility in Comox.

## **First Nations**

British Columbia's First Nations are becoming full partners in Canada's leading economy, with 485 economic and other reconciliation agreements in the past five years alone, and \$10 million invested to support community-driven skills training to prepare Aboriginal people for LNG opportunities.

There is unprecedented engagement and potential for nation to nation co-operation through the annual All Chiefs' gatherings with cabinet ministers—something that has only happened in the last four years in our province.

Your government has convened the first major healing event for families of missing and murdered Indigenous women, and introduced a new safety plan for Highway 16.

An important conversation on Indigenous child welfare has begun with the work of Grand Chief Ed John. This work must continue to strengthen families to care for their children.

From recognizing achievement, such as in sport with the Aboriginal Youth Excellence Awards, to bringing home sacred remains and cultural belongings—the work of reconciliation must continue.

## **Five Conditions**

Growing our economy must be done responsibly. Protecting our coast and our land with world leading systems, fairness for British Columbians, opportunities for our First Nations and Aboriginal peoples, and regulatory review and certification—these are the core principles of British Columbia's Five Conditions on new or expanded heavy-oil pipelines.

For more than four years, your government stood up for B.C. with those conditions—in a clear, consistent and principled way.

Canadians have not only to come to accept the Five Conditions; Canadians are taking actions to satisfy each condition.

Before the Trudeau government approved the Kinder Morgan Project, they took action on an historic Ocean Protection Plan committing to world-leading protection for B.C.'s coast.

Your government reached an unprecedented revenue-sharing agreement with the proponent for up to a billion dollars over 20 years.

B.C. will invest every penny of that in projects brought forward by community groups throughout our province to protect and enhance our environment.

## **Environment**

B.C. is a recognized global leader on climate action, receiving the United Nations lighthouse award for our revenue-neutral carbon tax. Canada has committed to catching up to our price on carbon pollution.

Today, your government is taking further actions through the Climate Leadership Plan: 21 actions across all sectors of our economy, creating jobs and reducing emissions.

Your government is also taking action to protect our natural environment: the landscape and coast that is a reflection of who we are as British Columbians.



The Great Bear Rainforest Agreement was achieved after a decade of work and has been recognized through the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy Initiative.

And a new vision for BC Parks will protect and enhance one of the most important parks systems in the world. We can discover ourselves in our parks, so will future generations and people from around the world.

### Conclusion

Members, we are the stewards of our environment in B.C. We are the builders of our economy.

With the risk of a weak global recovery and protectionism surrounding us, now more than ever, we must be vigilant.

It is up to you, members, to stand up to protect and create jobs for British Columbians in your communities—defend opportunities today so that families can build their future. Serve British Columbians while making sure they keep as much as possible of their hard-earned money.

As we celebrate Canada's Sesquicentennial this year, let us remember our connection to the land, and its critical importance to the success of our children.

It is up to you, members, to build a society that is caring and also strong—to be able to make a difference in peoples' lives not just today but also in the future.

There will be many immediate challenges that the world will throw our way.

In the face of those challenges, let us be strong with a plan for British Columbians.

Let us stand strong upon principles. Upon these principles and the bedrock foundation that is our constitutional monarchy, we will keep building a great British Columbia for all who call this beautiful province their home.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *S. Anton* (Minister of Justice), 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 *Richard T. Lee*, Member for Burnaby North 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 *Raj Chouhan*, Member for Burnaby-Edmonds 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 *Simon Gibson*, Member for Abbotsford-Mission 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. *S. Anton* (Minister of Justice), it was *Ordered*—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by the Speaker, and that she do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as she shall appoint do presume to print the same.

The Hon. *C. Clark* (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), *Eric Foster*, *Scott Hamilton*, *Linda Reimer*, *Jackie Tegart*, *Mike Farnworth*, *Michelle Mungall*, *Maurine Karagianis*, and *Shane Simpson*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Tegart*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Mr. *Hamilton* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services: Report on the Budget 2017 Consultations for the fifth session of the Fortieth Parliament, November 2016.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Hamilton* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Hamilton* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services: Annual Review of the Budgets of the Statutory Offices for the fifth session of the Fortieth Parliament, December 2016.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Hamilton* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of an Information and Privacy Commissioner, pursuant to section 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 165).

The said Special 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 and to delegate to the subcommittee all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- 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.

The said Special Committee is to be composed of *Sam Sullivan*, Convener, *John Yap*, *Doug Bing*, *Doug Routley* and *Leonard Eugene Krog*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *P. Fassbender* (Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink) tabled the Islands Trust Annual Report, 2015-2016.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Mr. *Yap* moved, seconded by Mr. *Martin*—

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 the Hon. *S. Bond*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.57 p.m.

**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

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TEN O' CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Thornthwaite*.

On the motion of Mr. *Horgan*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Get Big Money Out of Politics Act, 2017* 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. *Huntington*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Election Finance Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Huntington*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Cash for Access Elimination Act, 2017* 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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Family Day Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Property Law Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Rideshare Enabling Act, 2017* 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."

**1** 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 sixth session of the Fortieth Parliament, which commenced on February 14, 2017:

1. Standing Order 25 be deleted and the following substituted:

The daily routine business of the House shall be as follows:

Prayers (morning or afternoon sittings)

Introduction of Bills

Statements (Standing Order 25B) (afternoon sittings: Monday and Wednesday; morning sittings: Tuesday and Thursday)

Oral question period (30 minutes, afternoon sittings: Monday and Wednesday; 30 minutes, morning sittings: Tuesday and Thursday)

Presenting Petitions

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Presenting Reports by Committees

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Motions on Notice  
 Written Questions on Notice  
 Proposed Amendments on Notice

### **Orders of the Day.**

The order of business for consideration of the House day by day, after the above routine, shall, unless otherwise ordered, be as follows:

MONDAY

10 a.m. to 12 noon

*(Private Members' Time)*

Private Members' Statements (10 a.m.)

Public Bills in the hands of Private Members

Private Members' Motions

Private Bills

Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice

No division, on Orders of the Day, will be taken in the House or in Committee of the Whole during Private Members' Time, but where a division is requested, it will be deferred until thirty minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House on the Monday, unless otherwise ordered.

MONDAY (AFTERNOON), TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

*(Government Days)*

Throne Speech Debate

Budget Debate including Committee of Supply

Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice

Private Bills

Public Bills in the hands of Private Members

Adjourned debate on other motions

2. Standing Order 47A be deleted and the following substituted:

There shall be a 30 minute Oral Question Period at the opening of each afternoon sitting on Monday and Wednesday and at the opening of each morning sitting on Tuesday and Thursday, which shall be subject to the following rules:

- (a) only questions that are urgent and important shall be permitted;
- (b) questions and answers shall be brief and precise, and stated without argument or opinion;
- (c) supplementary questions may be permitted at the discretion of the Speaker. There shall be no supplementary question to a question taken on notice;
- (d) debate shall not be permitted;
- (e) points of order arising during Oral Question Period may, at the discretion of the Speaker, be deferred until Question Period has been completed;
- (f) Oral Question Period shall not take place on the day of the Speech from the Throne.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

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**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Ms. *Larson* advised the House of the death of Donald Leslie Brothers, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. *Holman*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Banning Publicly-Funded Campaign Advertisements Act, 2017* 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. *Holman*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Election (Spending Limit) Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Holman*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Fixed Fall Election Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Holman*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Members' Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Holman*, Bill (No. M 211) intituled *Fixed Legislative Calendar Act, 2017* 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. *Holman*, Bill (No. M 212) intituled *Empowering Legislative Committees Act, 2017* 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. *Holman*, Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Modernizing Public Participation in Democracy Act, 2017* 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. *D. Routley*, Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Public Records Accountability Act, 2017* 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. *Robinson*, Bill (No. M 215) intituled *Fairness in Financing Local Government Elections Act, 2017* 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. *Simpson*, Bill (No. M 216) intituled *Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2017* 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. *McRae* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint a Representative for Children and Youth for the fifth session of the Fortieth Parliament, November 2016.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *McRae* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, Mr. *McRae* moved—

That Bernard Richard be appointed Representative for Children and Youth and an officer of the Legislature for a five-year term commencing on February 16, 2017, pursuant to section 2 of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act* (S.B.C. 2006, c. 29).

Motion agreed to.

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, racism and religious discrimination.

By agreement the motion was permitted to proceed for one hour.

By leave, Mr. *Ralston* moved—

Be it resolved that this House condemns Islamophobia and all other forms of systemic racism and religious discrimination and, furthermore, condemns the recent terrorist murders of six people at the Islamic Mosque of Quebec City and the rise of incidents of hate speech in communities in British Columbia.

A debate arose.

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 the Hon. A. *Virk*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

**Monday, February 20, 2017**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Simons*.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 217) intituled *First Responders Act, 2017* 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.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

**2** Ms. *Wickens* moved—

Be it resolved that this House enter into discussion and debate of a \$10 per day childcare and early learning plan that supports families and builds our economy.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *L. Reid* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Progress Audit: Integrated Case Management, February 2017.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

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**Monday, February 20, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Fleming*, Bill (No. M 218) intituled *Increasing Youth Participation in Elections Act, 2017* 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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Recall and Initiative Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 220) intituled *Election Amendment Act 1, 2017* 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* presented the First Report of the Special Committee of Selection for the sixth session of the Fortieth Parliament, February 20, 2017.

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Martin* presented the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, The Estimates Process and the Establishment of Select Standing Committees in British Columbia for the fifth session of the Fortieth Parliament, October 2016.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Mr. *Martin* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Health be empowered to:

1. Identify potential strategies to maintain a sustainable health care system for British Columbians; and,
2. Consider health capital funding options.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Health, 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 and to delegate to the subcommittee all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- 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 conduct consultations by any means the committee considers appropriate;
- d) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e) 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.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

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

1. Receive and review 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;
4. Receive and consider all reports and plans transmitted by the Representative to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia; and,
5. Pursuant to section 30 (1) of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act* (S.B.C. 2006, c. 29) undertake a comprehensive review of the Act or portions of the Act by April 1, 2017 to determine whether the functions of the representative described in section 6 are still required to ensure that the needs of children and young adults as defined in that section are met.

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 and to delegate to the subcommittee all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- 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 conduct consultations by any means the committee considers appropriate;
- d) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e) 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.

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 the Hon. *T. Stone*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Throness* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

Mr. *Gibson* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

Ms. *Thornthwaite* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

Mr. *Hogg* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

Mr. *Yap* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

The Hon. *M. Stilwell* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

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## **Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

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

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

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

JUDITH GUICHON  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:  
Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018; and

Supplement to the Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018;  
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
February 17, 2017.*

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

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. *C. Clark* (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 Ms. *James*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

JUDITH GUICHON  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
February 17, 2017.*

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 Finance) tabled the following documents:

Budget and Fiscal Plan, 2017/18 – 2019/20 required under section 7 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Government’s Strategic Plan, 2017/18 – 2020/21 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; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Core Review; Ministry of Environment; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations; Ministry of Health; Ministry of International Trade and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism; Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour; Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing; Ministry of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction and Minister Responsible for the Liquor Distribution Branch; Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation; Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens’ Services; and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;

Crown Agency Service Plans: BC Assessment Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.; BC Innovation Council; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; British Columbia Council for International Education; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; Destination BC; First Peoples’ Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; Industry Training Authority; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Partnerships BC; Royal BC Museum Corporation; Transportation Investment Corporation; 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 3.02 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Donaldson*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Thornthwaite* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, Annual Report, 2015-16, for the fifth session of the Fortieth Parliament, October 2016.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *Thornthwaite* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *T. Lake* (Minister of Health) reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

Mr. *Austin* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.55 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

**Thursday, February 23, 2017**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Trevena*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. S. *Anton* (Minister of Justice) tabled the following documents:  
Report of the 2016 Judicial Compensation Commission, October 27, 2016; and,  
Report of the 2013 Judges Compensation Commission, September 24, 2013.

Ms. *Trevena* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

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**Thursday, February 23, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 221) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 222) intituled *University Amendment Act, 2017* 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."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Monday, February 27, 2017**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Reimer*.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 223) intituled *Right to Roam Act, 2017* 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.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

**4** By leave, Mr. *Foster* moved—

Be it resolved that this House agrees that British Columbia’s carbon tax should remain revenue neutral.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

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**Monday, February 27, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 224) intituled *Endangered Species Act, 2017* 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. *N. Letnick* (Minister of Agriculture) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 9, 2017.*

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. *Mungall*, Bill (No. M 225) intituled *Poverty Reduction and Economic Inclusion Act, 2017* 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. *Farnworth* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Sultan*.

The Hon. *S. Thompson* (Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:



JUDITH GUICHON  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Statutes Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
February 9, 2017.*

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. *Heyman*, Bill (No. M 226) intituled *Species at Risk Protection Act, 2017* 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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 227) intituled *Court Order Enforcement Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *L. Reid* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report: The 2015/16 Public Accounts and the Auditor General’s Findings, February 2017.

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

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**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 228) intituled *Energy and Water Efficiency Act, 2017* 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.”

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 Hon. *R. Coleman* reserved his right to raise a matter of privilege.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Plecas*.

On the motion of Mr. *Krog*, Bill (No. M 229) intituled *Lobbyist Registry Reform Act, 2017* 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 230) intituled *Anti-SLAPP Act, 2017* 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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 231) intituled *Local Government Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 232) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Larson* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Health, Looking Forward: Improving Rural Health Care, Primary Care, and Addiction Recovery Programs for the sixth session of the Fortieth Parliament, March 2017.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. *Larson* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *P. Fassbender* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

The Hon. *P. Fassbender* (Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink) tabled the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2016.

Mr. *B. Routley* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.54 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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## Thursday, March 2, 2017

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hamilton*.

On the motion of Mr. *Simpson*, Bill (No. M 233) intituled *Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *S. Cadieux* (Minister of Children and Family Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Adoption Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 9, 2017.*

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 Hon. *S. Anton* (Minister of Justice) tabled the British Columbia Ferries Commissioner Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2016.

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 House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Lee</i>	<i>Virk</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>McRae</i>
<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Pleacas</i>
<i>Bing</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Anton</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Yamamoto</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Throness</i>
<i>Michelle Stilwell</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Fassbender</i>	<i>Reimer</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Huntington</i>
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Pimm</i>

NAYS—31

<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>D. Routley</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Simons</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Holman</i>	<i>Shin</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Dix</i>	<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>B. Routley</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	

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

JUDITH GUICHON  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 27, 2017.*

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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

**Thursday, March 2, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act, 2017*, 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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Monday, March 6, 2017**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

**5** By leave, Mr. *Eby* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support action to address the unacceptable situation of more than 70 homeless camps in the Lower Mainland and throughout B.C.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

**Monday, March 6, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

JUDITH GUICHON  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
February 17, 2017.*

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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 234) intituled *Wildlife Amendment Act, 2017* was introduced and read a first time.

On the motion, pursuant to Standing Order 78A, that Bill (No. M 234) be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

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<i>Lee</i>	<i>Virk</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>
<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Lake</i>	<i>McRae</i>
<i>Bing</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Pleacas</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>
<i>Yamamoto</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Michelle Stilwell</i>	<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Anton</i>	<i>Throness</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Fassbender</i>	<i>Reimer</i>	<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Larson</i>
<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Foster</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Pimm</i>
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Yap</i>	

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<i>Hammell</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>D. Routley</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Simons</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Holman</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Shin</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Dix</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>B. Routley</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Huntington</i>
<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Weaver</i>

Bill (No. M 234) *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. *James* presented a petition regarding emotional-support animals in rental housing.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2017*, a debate arose.

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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*.

The debate continued.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Adoption Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act, 2017* 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 6.25 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Krog*.

The Hon. *T. Wat* (Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Discriminatory Provisions (Historical Wrongs) Repeal Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
February 9, 2017.*

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. *Wickens*, Bill (No. M 235) intituled *Employment Standards (Domestic Violence Leave) Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *S. Anton* (Minister of Justice) tabled the British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 2015/2016.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2017* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

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**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 236) intituled *Election Amendment Act 2, 2017* 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. 5) intituled *Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Statutes Amendment Act, 2017* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act, 2017* 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.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Simons*.

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

JUDITH GUICHON  
*Lieutenant Governor*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Information Management (Documenting Government Decisions) Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 9, 2017.*

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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 237) intituled *Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2017* 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."

The Speaker made a statement regarding Standing Order 47A and permissible areas of questioning during Oral Question Period.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *S. Anton* (Minister of Justice) tabled the Public Guardian and Trustee Annual Report, 2015-2016.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Statement of 2015/16 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A and Schedule B.

By leave, Mr. *Pimm* tabled MLA Pimm's First Nations Stakeholder Advisory Committee report.

Ms. *Mungall* reserved her right to raise a matter of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act, 2017* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by Ms. *Popham* on the Order Paper to section 4 of Bill (No. 7) was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 7) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Adoption Amendment Act, 2017* 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 6.57 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Thursday, March 9, 2017**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Donaldson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 238) intituled *Community Charter Amendment Act, 2017* 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. *Weaver*, Bill (No. M 239) intituled *Animal Liability Act, 2017* 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. *Hogg*, Bill (No. M 240) intituled *Safe Care Act, 2017* 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. *L. Reid* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Registrar of Lobbyists Investigation Report 17-01, Lobbyist: Michael Goehring, January 23, 2017;  
and,

Auditor General Report, An Audit of B.C. Public Service Ethics Management, March 2017.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*, 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.

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Adoption Amendment Act, 2017* 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 11.57 a.m.

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### Thursday, March 9, 2017

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Adoption Amendment Act, 2017* was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Discriminatory Provisions (Historical Wrongs) Repeal Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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### Monday, March 13, 2017

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Hunt*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

7 By leave, Mr. *Hunt* moved—

Be it resolved that this House supports the elimination of MSP premiums, and not replacing them with increased taxes in other areas.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

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**Monday, March 13, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker made a statement regarding Commonwealth Day.

The Hon. *S. Anton* (Minister of Justice) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

ROBERT BAUMAN  
*Administrator*

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Vancouver Law Courts,*  
*March 9, 2017.*

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. *Robinson* presented a petition regarding safe transportation of animals in vehicles.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Province of British Columbia Fortieth Annual Report pursuant to the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act, Year Ended March 31, 2016*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Discriminatory Provisions (Historical Wrongs) Repeal Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

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

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<i>Lee</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Eby</i>
<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Mungall</i>
<i>Bing</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Hogg</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Bains</i>
<i>Yamamoto</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Elmore</i>
<i>Michelle Stilwell</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Wickens</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Anton</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Shin</i>
<i>Fassbender</i>	<i>Bond</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Heyman</i>
<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Rice</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>
<i>Thomson</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Krog</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Holman</i>	<i>Trevena</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Yap</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>D. Routley</i>
<i>Morris</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>	<i>Huntington</i>	<i>Simons</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Martin</i>	<i>Dalton</i>
<i>Sultan</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Larson</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Tegart</i>	<i>Foster</i>	<i>Corrigan</i>
<i>Reimer</i>	<i>Throness</i>	<i>Karagianis</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Hammell</i>		

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.

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Dalton*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *L. Reid* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Health Funding Explained 2, March 2017.

The Hon. *S. Anton* (Minister of Justice) tabled the Province of British Columbia *Crown Proceeding Act* Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2016.

Ms. *Robinson* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2017* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Discriminatory Provisions (Historical Wrongs) Repeal Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

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## **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

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ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Information Management (Documenting Government Decisions) Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2017*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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## **Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

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ONE THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Ms. *Reimer*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Simons* presented a petition regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide at hospice and palliative care facilities.

The Hon. *C. Oakes* (Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction and Minister Responsible for the Liquor Distribution Branch) tabled the Capital Project Plan Liquor Distribution Branch Distribution Centre Project, February 16, 2017.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Province of British Columbia Consolidated Revenue Fund Guarantees and Indemnities Authorized and Issued For the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2016.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Information Management (Documenting Government Decisions) Amendment Act, 2017* was committed.

Mr. *D. Routley* moved a proposed amendment to section 2 of Bill (No. 6) which was defeated, on division.

Bill (No. 6) was 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. 4) intituled *Election Amendment Act, 2017*.

The debate continued.

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

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 7.01 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

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**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Throness*.

Mr. *Eby* made a personal statement.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Mr. *Sullivan* presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint an Information and Privacy Commissioner for the sixth session of the Fortieth Parliament, March 16, 2017.

The Report was taken as read and received.

Mr. *Holman* presented a petition regarding monitoring blood glucose.

The Hon. *T. Wat* (Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism) tabled the Report on Multiculturalism, 2015/16.

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.

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

*Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, read the titles to the following Acts:  
Bill (No. 2) *Adoption Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 3) *Discriminatory Provisions (Historical Wrongs) Repeal Act*.

Bill (No. 5) *Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 6) *Information Management (Documenting Government Decisions) Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 7) *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act, 2017*.

Bill (No. 9) *Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, in the following words:

“In Her Majesty’s name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

*Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 11) *Supply Act (No. 1), 2017*.

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

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, 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 sixth session of the Fortieth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that she 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 her stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 12.04 p.m.

HON. LINDA REID, *Speaker*

## PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

JUDITH GUICHON  
*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

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS We have thought fit to dissolve the fortieth Legislative Assembly of Our said Province.

NOW KNOW THAT We do, for this end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the fortieth Legislative Assembly accordingly on April 11, 2017, and the members thereof are discharged from further attendance on the same.

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 Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this eleventh day of April, two thousand seventeen and in the sixty-sixth year of Our Reign.

By Command.