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Monday, December 7, 2020

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Forty-second Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 1st day of December, 2020, the Members took their seats, having taken the prescribed oath.

The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne.

The Hon. D. Eby (Attorney General) said:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, advised the House that only one candidate has declared his intention to stand for the election of Speaker and, accordingly, Raj Chouhan, Member for Burnaby-Edmonds Electoral District, was declared as the duly elected Speaker. He was then taken out of his place by the Hon. M. Farnworth and Mr. Milobar and conducted to the Chair and made a statement expressing his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by electing him to be their Speaker.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Hon. J. Horgan (Premier) made a statement.

Ms. *Bond* made a statement.

Ms. Furstenau made a statement.

The Hon. R. Chouhan (Speaker) made a statement.

The Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 2 (1), the House do now adjourn until 2 o'clock p.m. today when Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor will present the Speech from the Throne.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 10.30 a.m.

Monday, December 7, 2020

Two o'clock P.M.

Blessing by Butch Dick, Elder, Songhees Nation.

The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne. The Speaker standing on Her Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

The Hon. D. Eby (Attorney General) then said:

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that she freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, she grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from her the most favourable construction.

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

OPENING

We begin by acknowledging the Lekwungen peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, upon whose traditional lands we are gathered today.

We open the 42nd Parliament at a difficult moment, when the successes we collectively achieved in flattening the COVID-19 infections curve in the spring stand in contrast with the toll extracted by the wave we confront now.

It is a longstanding tradition to begin a new session by memorializing prominent British Columbians who have passed away since the last Speech from the Throne.

At this extraordinary time, it is appropriate to focus on the almost 500 British Columbians who have died from COVID-19.

We pause to mourn those who have passed — all of them taken from us by a virus that was unknown just one year ago.

We acknowledge the grief the pandemic has caused all British Columbians, especially those who have lost someone they love.

And we recognize the compounding effect of the pandemic on the parallel health emergency that is the opioid crisis.

We mourn those we have lost to an increasingly toxic drug supply. They were our children, parents, sisters, brothers, and neighbours.

And their memory fuels our continued resolve to turn back the tide again — to save lives, get people treatment and end this terrible crisis.

While COVID-19 threatens people of all ages, our elders are especially at risk.

Seniors infected by COVID-19 are more likely to end up in the hospital and, sadly, much more likely to die from it than younger people.

Those whose health is most endangered by this global pandemic are the same people who have already been through their share of hard times.

They faced challenges they did not always choose. But they carried on with an eye toward a better future.

Now it falls to us to do the same. This moment calls on us all to show resiliency and look out for each other — as those who came before us did.

We did not choose the challenge of COVID-19, but we are meeting it.

Health-care providers have worked themselves to exhaustion and put themselves at risk to care for others.

So many other workers have kept our supply chains running and food on our shelves.

Teachers and educational support staff are keeping our classrooms and child care centres open so children can continue to learn, grow, and make connections with friends.

Most of all, ordinary British Columbians have made extraordinary efforts and sacrifices to keep their communities safe.

Overwhelmingly, British Columbians have united behind front-line caregivers and workers and continue to reject those who would divide us.

Already we can see the signs of better days ahead, as science and research lead the way with new treatments and vaccines.

As we gather here today, we recommit to putting our shoulders to the wheel and working together to make those better days a reality, as quickly as possible, for everyone.

Focusing now on beating the virus will allow British Columbia to move as quickly as possible to address our economic recovery.

By investing in people, strengthening communities, and supporting jobs and growth in a clean-energy future, we can build a recovery for everyone.

All will be guided by this government's core principles, including climate action and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

PROTECTING PEOPLE'S HEALTH

Nothing is more important than the health of your family.

While the scale of COVID-19 means we use numbers to understand its spread, behind those numbers are real people and real families.

Families grieving a parent or grandparent who died without their children by their bedside to comfort them.

Others unable to find solace in the rites, sacraments or ceremonies of mourning.

Even for those who recover, COVID-19 can mean weeks of pain, fear and uncertainty.

Your government's priority in the fight against COVID-19 has been, and will remain, protecting people's health. In the spring, government acted decisively.

In a matter of weeks, the Government of British Columbia:

- Worked with the federal government to quickly close the border with the United States;
- Addressed outbreaks in long-term care by limiting workers to one facility and providing supports for safer visits for families;
- Acted to provide appropriate care in Indigenous, rural and remote communities;
- Postponed non-urgent surgeries to prepare for the initial surge of hospitalizations;
- Secured the large amounts of personal protective equipment our frontline workers need to keep our health system safe; and
- Worked with public-health officials to implement a strategic testing and contact-tracing strategy to limit outbreaks as they emerged.

In early fall, your government rolled out additional plans, including:

- Hiring 7,000 new front-line health-care workers, including health-care aides, to help ensure seniors get the high-quality care they need and deserve; and
- Hiring approximately 1,000 people to work as contact tracers to help stop further spread in the community;

The steps taken so far have saved lives. However, as we face the latest wave of COVID-19, we must do even more.

In the months ahead, your government will build on the measures already in place. Some programs will be extended or expanded, and new ones launched.

First and foremost, we will continue to support people, communities and businesses to implement whatever public-health protections are necessary to address outbreaks.

Preparations are underway for when a vaccine is available.

The focus will be distributing it to British Columbians quickly and safely, beginning with those most at risk.

A new Hospital at Home initiative is ramping up across the province that allows patients to receive medical services in their own homes, helping to reduce congestion in hospitals.

Your government will also move ahead with a health-care plan based on three main goals:

- Faster care, so patients will have shorter wait times for the care they need;
- Care closer to home, so more people will be able to receive care in their local community, or even at home;
- More personalized care, to make it simpler and less stressful for patients and their families to navigate the health-care system.

Your government will take action on faster care by:

- adding more MRI machines in high-demand areas to reduce wait times;
- training, recruiting and certifying more skilled health-care professionals; and
- bringing in new approaches to build on the success of our Surgical Renewal Plan and an increase in diagnostic procedures.

Government will ensure patients get care closer to home by delivering ten more community-based Urgent Primary Care Centres in more communities and building and modernizing hospitals.

And your government will develop more personalized health care by expanding primary care networks and refocusing on rural health care.

It will also work with health employers and unions to hire a workforce that better represents the communities it serves.

Keeping seniors safe and allowing them to live with the dignity and independence they deserve are top priorities for your government.

Government will continue to make the investments needed to deliver better care for seniors, and stability and safety for long term care workers.

PROTECTING PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOODS

When COVID-19 hit, B.C. was an economic leader in Canada.

Our province saw robust growth, rising wages, and unemployment at or near the lowest in Canada for two years running.

Balanced budgets and a triple-A credit rating put us in an enviable fiscal position.

Over the same time, government made significant investments to benefit British Columbian families, communities and businesses, and to help make life more affordable for people.

Building affordable housing helps more families find good places to live while helping businesses attract and retain talent.

Investments in child care give children a good start in life, while creating jobs and allowing more people to join the workforce.

Fixing roads and bridges shortens commute times and makes life safer, while creating jobs and helping B.C. businesses get their goods to market.

The same applies to the investments and the necessary public-health measures that keep people safe during a pandemic.

These actions do not restrict economic activity. They are the tools government can use to foster it.

In short, healthy people are necessary for a healthy economic recovery.

Your government acted quickly to support people during the pandemic:

- More than 600,000 workers received help from a \$1,000 Emergency Benefit;
- More than 86,000 renters got the peace of mind that came with temporary rent relief and protection from the threat of eviction;
- More than 200,000 people on disability and income assistance received crisis supplements;
- 80 per cent of BC families got more money in their pockets, thanks to a doubling of the enhanced climate action tax credit.

During this first phase, your government's interventions were focused on helping people observe health restrictions without fear of losing their incomes or homes.

Businesses received help through property tax cuts, deferred tax payments, and BC Hydro rate relief.

These measures have helped protect jobs and businesses. Amongst the large provinces in Canada, B.C. has the highest job recovery rate of pre-pandemic employment levels.

But, as with fighting the virus itself, now is the time to redouble our efforts.

This fall, your government released a robust Economic Recovery Plan.

Eligible businesses are already receiving direct support from the plan's various measures, including the small business recovery grant, the Increased Employment Incentive and the PST rebate on machinery and equipment.

These supports provide direct funding to hard-hit businesses, making it easier for them to invest in the people and capital needed to recover.

In the short term, government will support businesses, jobs and incomes, in several ways:

- Give most British Columbian households direct financial assistance and help support economic activity during the recovery with the BC Recovery Benefit;
- Reward eligible businesses for hiring;
- Help thousands of people upskill or reskill and find in-demand jobs in the post-COVID-19 economy;
- Make it easier for companies to bet on themselves and increase productivity by rebating the PST on capital investments like machinery and equipment;
- Give renters a bit more financial breathing room.

Protecting incomes and businesses will help us realize a strong economic recovery.

Other actions will, too.

Your government will ramp up investments in transportation infrastructure, which will stimulate growth during the recovery period and benefit British Columbians through shorter commute times and greener transportation.

Expanding child care and early learning is another strong economic development policy.

By creating jobs and allowing more parents to go to work, it counts as strategic economic infrastructure every bit as much as roads and highways.

In the months ahead, your government will provide millions of dollars to child care providers to help them deliver COVID-19-safe care and millions more to school boards and health authorities for renovations to create more spaces.

This moment calls for action.

The way to get through this difficult time is by following the same approach we used during the first wave: by listening to the experts, supporting health-care workers on the front lines, and taking care of each other.

This government pledges to be there for British Columbians for the long haul.

Soon, members of the Legislative Assembly will be asked to vote for the appropriation of funds to make the plans outlined above a reality.

Representing British Columbians in the Legislature is a privilege and responsibility — never more so than at a moment like this.

To the members of the Legislature: may your commitment to the well-being of all British Columbians guide and inspire your work.

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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.

The certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of Members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election were read by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:

"Elections BC Victoria, B.C., November 17, 2020

Kate Ryan-Lloyd

Clerk of the House

Room 221, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

DEAR KATE RYAN-LLOYD:

Please consider this letter a certified report, per section 147 of the *Election Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 106), regarding the results of the 42nd Provincial General Election.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor dissolved the 41st Parliament of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia via a Proclamation issued on September 21, 2020. A general election was required to fill vacancies caused by the dissolution.

Writs of election were issued on the morning of September 21, calling for a general election on October 24. The general election was held pursuant to the provisions of the *Election Act*. The writs in 86 of 87 electoral districts have been returned as of today, November 17. The election results in one electoral district, West Vancouver-Sea to Sky, are subject to a judicial recount. The writ for that electoral district will be returned on conclusion of the judicial recount.

I hereby certify that the following 86 members have been elected to represent their respective electoral districts as set out below:

ELECTORAL DISTRICT BALLOT NAME POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION ABBOTSFORD-MISSION Pam Alexis **BC NDP** ABBOTSFORD SOUTH Bruce Banman **BC** Liberal Party ABBOTSFORD WEST Michael de Jong **BC** Liberal Party BOUNDARY-SIMILKAMEEN Roly Russell BC NDP Anne Kang BURNABY-DEER LAKE **BC NDP** BURNABY-EDMONDS Raj Chouhan BC NDP BURNABY-LOUGHEED Katrina Chen BC NDP BURNABY NORTH Janet Routledge **BC NDP** CARIBOO-CHILCOTIN Lorne Doerkson **BC** Liberal Party CARIBOO NORTH Coralee Oakes **BC** Liberal Party CHILLIWACK Dan Coulter **BC NDP** CHILLIWACK-KENT Kelli Paddon **BC NDP** COLUMBIA RIVER-REVELSTOKE Doug Clovechok BC Liberal Party COQUITLAM-BURKE MOUNTAIN Fin Donnelly **BC NDP** COOUITLAM-MAILLARDVILLE Selina Robinson BC NDP COURTENAY-COMOX Ronna-Rae Leonard **BC NDP** COWICHAN VALLEY Sonia Furstenau BC Green Party BC NDP Delta North Ravi Kahlon Delta South Ian Paton **BC** Liberal Party ESQUIMALT-METCHOSIN Mitzi Dean BC NDP Fraser-Nicola Jackie Tegart **BC** Liberal Party KAMLOOPS-NORTH THOMPSON Peter Milobar **BC** Liberal Party KAMLOOPS-SOUTH THOMPSON **Todd Stone BC** Liberal Party KELOWNA-LAKE COUNTRY Norm Letnick **BC** Liberal Party KELOWNA-MISSION Renee Merrifield **BC** Liberal Party KELOWNA WEST Ben Stewart **BC** Liberal Party KOOTENAY EAST Tom Shypitka **BC** Liberal Party KOOTENAY WEST Katrine Conroy **BC NDP** Langford-Juan de Fuca John Horgan BC NDP LANGLEY Andrew Mercier **BC NDP** LANGLEY EAST Megan Dykeman BC NDP MAPLE RIDGE-MISSION Bob D'Eith **BC NDP** MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS Lisa Beare BC NDP MID ISLAND-PACIFIC RIM Josie Osborne **BC NDP** Nanaimo Sheila Malcolmson **BC NDP** Nanaimo-North Cowichan Doug Routley BC NDP John Rustad NECHAKO LAKES **BC** Liberal Party Nelson-Creston **Brittny Anderson BC NDP** Jennifer Whiteside NEW WESTMINSTER BC NDP North Coast Jennifer Rice **BC NDP** NORTH ISLAND Michele Babchuk **BC NDP**

North Vancouver-Lonsdale	Bowinn Ma	BC NDP
North Vancouver-Seymour	Susie Chant	BC NDP
Oak Bay-Gordon Head	Murray Rankin	BC NDP
Parksville-Qualicum	Adam Walker	BC NDP
PEACE RIVER NORTH	Dan Davies	BC Liberal Party
PEACE RIVER SOUTH	Mike Bernier	BC Liberal Party
PENTICTON	Dan Ashton	BC Liberal Party
PORT COQUITLAM	Mike Farnworth	BC NDP
PORT MOODY-COQUITLAM	Rick Glumac	BC NDP
Powell River-Sunshine Coast	Nicholas Simons	BC NDP
Prince George-Mackenzie	Mike Morris	BC Liberal Party
Prince George-Valemount	Shirley Bond	BC Liberal Party
RICHMOND NORTH CENTRE	Teresa Wat	BC Liberal Party
RICHMOND-QUEENSBOROUGH	Aman Singh	BC NDP
RICHMOND SOUTH CENTRE	Henry Yao	BC NDP
RICHMOND-STEVESTON	Kelly Greene	BC NDP
SAANICH NORTH AND THE ISLANDS	Adam Olsen	BC Green Party
SAANICH SOUTH	Lana Popham	BC NDP
Shuswap	Greg Kyllo	BC Liberal Party
Skeena	Ellis Ross	BC Liberal Party
Stikine	Nathan Cullen	BC NDP
Surrey-Cloverdale	Mike Starchuk	BC NDP
Surrey-Fleetwood	Jagrup Brar	BC NDP
Surrey-Green Timbers	Rachna Singh	BC NDP
Surrey-Guildford	Garry Begg	BC NDP
Surrey-Newton	Harry Bains	BC NDP
Surrey-Panorama	Jinny Sims	BC NDP
Surrey South	Stephanie Cadieux	BC Liberal Party
Surrey-Whalley	Bruce Ralston	BC NDP
Surrey-White Rock	Trevor Halford	BC Liberal Party
Vancouver-Fairview	George Heyman	BC NDP
Vancouver-False Creek	Brenda Bailey	BC NDP
Vancouver-Fraserview	George Chow	BC NDP
Vancouver-Hastings	Niki Sharma	BC NDP
Vancouver-Kensington	Mable Elmore	BC NDP
Vancouver-Kingsway	Adrian Dix	BC NDP
Vancouver-Langara	Michael Lee	BC Liberal Party
Vancouver-Mount Pleasant	Melanie Mark	BC NDP
Vancouver-Point Grey	David Eby	BC NDP
Vancouver-Quilchena	Andrew Wilkinson	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-WEST END	Spencer Chandra Herbert	BC NDP
Vernon-Monashee	Harwinder Sandhu	BC NDP

VICTORIA-BEACON HILL Grace Lore BC NDP VICTORIA-SWAN LAKE Rob Fleming BC NDP

WEST VANCOUVER-CAPILANO Karin Kirkpatrick BC Liberal Party

Sincerely,

Anton Boegman Chief Electoral Officer British Columbia"

"Elections BC Victoria, B.C., November 20, 2020

Kate Ryan-Lloyd

Clerk of the House

Room 221, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

DEAR KATE RYAN-LLOYD:

As you know, a provincial general election was held on October 24.

The District Electoral Officer for the electoral district of West Vancouver-Sea to Sky was required to apply to the Supreme Court for a judicial recount of the ballots in the district in accordance with section 139 (5) (b) of the *Election Act*. This resulted in a delay in returning the writ of election for this electoral district.

Mr. Justice David Crerar conducted the judicial recount on November 16 and 17, 2020. Following the conclusion of the judicial recount, a two-day appeal period was observed as required by s. 144 of the Act. The appeal period ended on November 19, with no application made for an appeal.

Mr. Justice David Crerar has since issued a certificate of the results of the judicial recount to the District Electoral Officer. The District Electoral Officer for West Vancouver-Sea to Sky has now returned the writ and signed certificate of election to my office.

In accordance with section 147 (2) of the *Election Act*, I hereby certify the election of BC Liberal candidate Jordan Sturdy as the Member to represent the electoral district of West Vancouver-Sea to Sky in the Legislative Assembly.

Sincerely,

Anton Boegman Chief Electoral Officer British Columbia"

On the motion of the Hon. D. Eby (Attorney General), it was Ordered—

That the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of Members be entered upon the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. Eby* (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.

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

GENERAL

1. That, as an exercise of the Legislative Assembly's exclusive right to regulate its own internal affairs as they relate to its legislative and deliberative functions, including control over the conduct of its proceedings, the use of videoconferencing technology be authorized to enable all Members to be present in the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly through remote participation, counting toward quorum, while other Members continue to be present physically in the Legislative Chamber, thereby enabling hybrid proceedings of the House.

2. That Zoom be approved as the videoconferencing technology platform for the purposes of supporting hybrid proceedings of the House.

SITTING SCHEDULE

3. That, notwithstanding Standing Order 2 (2) (a) and unless otherwise ordered, the House sit the weeks of December 7 and 14, 2020.

QUORUM AND ATTENDANCE

- 4. That Members who are participating in the House's proceedings by the approved videoconferencing technology be counted as present for the purposes of the quorum of ten Members, as set out in section 42 of the *Constitution Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 66) and Standing Order 6, and for the purposes of determining a majority of votes as set out in section 43 of the *Constitution Act*.
- 5. That Members who are participating in the House's proceedings by the approved videoconferencing technology must have the audio and video functions enabled with their face clearly visible in order to be counted towards quorum, to participate in debate, and to vote.

VOTING AND DIVISIONS

- 6. That, notwithstanding Standing Order 16:
 - (1) When the Speaker puts the question, no further debate on the question shall be permitted.
 - (2) When a division is requested, it shall be deferred until 15 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the sitting during which the division is requested. If there are less than 30 minutes remaining prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the sitting during which the division is requested, then it shall stand deferred until 15 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the afternoon sitting of the following sitting day.
 - (3) Notwithstanding Standing Order 25 and subsection (2) of this order, if a division is requested during a morning sitting, it shall stand deferred until the afternoon sitting of the same day.
 - (4) If a division is requested in a Committee of the Whole, the clause of the bill under consideration shall be postponed, and the division shall be deferred in accordance with subsection (2) of this order.
 - (5) If a division is requested in the Committee of Supply, Section B, the division shall be deferred in accordance with subsection (2) of this order.
 - (6) If a deferred division is scheduled to take place during a sitting, the Speaker shall ring the bells and recess the proceedings 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the sitting. At 20 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the sitting, the Speaker shall call the House back to order. No longer than 5 minutes thereafter, the Speaker shall again state the question.
 - (7) If a division is deferred in a Committee of the Whole or the Committee of Supply, Section B, the House shall resolve itself into the appropriate Committee prior to the ringing of the bells and recess set out in subsection (6) of this order.
 - (8) No Member shall enter or leave the Legislative Chamber or connect to or disconnect from the approved videoconferencing technology after the final statement of the question until the division has been fully taken, and every Member present shall vote.
 - (9) When two or more deferred divisions are to be taken during a sitting, the divisions shall be taken in succession in the order they were deferred.
 - (10) During a sitting at which a deferred division is to take place, no motion to adjourn the House shall be in order until after that vote and the conclusion of any consequential

- business that must be disposed of. If successive divisions are scheduled, the House shall sit beyond the ordinary time of adjournment until the conclusion of all divisions and until other business consequential to the division has been disposed of.
- (11) Divisions are not permitted on a motion that a committee rise and report, and on a routine motion moved by the Government House Leader or their designate that the House adjourn.

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

- 7. That any Standing Order requiring that a document be "handed in" or "laid upon the Table" or transmitted by other similar physical means be interpreted to include the transmission of a document by approved electronic means.
- 8. That the transmission of a document by the Office of the Clerk to all Members by electronic means constitute for all purposes the distribution and delivery of that document, regardless of whether a Member has received the document.
- 9. That, notwithstanding Standing Order 25B (2) and the usual practices of the House, at least two hours prior to the scheduled start of a sitting of the House, the Whips shall provide to the Office of the Speaker a list and, if applicable, the sequence, of Members wishing to make an introduction or to participate in an item under Routine Business.
- 10. That, notwithstanding the usual practices of the House, any Member who intends to move a motion in amendment to a bill at committee stage, of which notice is not typically required, should provide at least one hour of notice to the Office of the Clerk prior to introducing that motion in the House to ensure the electronic distribution of that motion to all Members forthwith after it is moved.

SPEAKER'S DISCRETION

- 11. That, for greater certainty, the Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion on the applicability of Standing Order 17A as it may relate to the facilitation of participation of Members in proceedings of the House.
- 12. That, for greater certainty and further to Standing Order 19 and Standing Order 20, the Speaker be empowered to intervene on any matter of decorum on the Speaker's own initiative or on a point of order raised by a Member, including by muting a Member's microphone and excluding Members from the sitting in cases of serious misconduct.
- 13. That the Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion in the interpretation of the provisions of any Standing Order requiring Members to stand or speak in their assigned place as this requirement may relate to Members participating via the approved videoconferencing technology and to Members participating in person in the Legislative Chamber.
- 14. That the Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion, in consultation with the House Leaders or the Whips, in the interpretation of any provision of the Standing Orders or this order that may require leniency or alteration in order to allow all Members to be able to fully exercise their duties and rights in the proceedings of this House conducted in a hybrid manner.

OTHER

- 15. That, should any provision contained in this order be inconsistent with the Standing Orders, the provision in this order prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 16. That this order expire on December 31, 2020.

Motion agreed to.

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

That *Spencer Chandra Herbert*, Member for Vancouver-West End Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

That *Norm Letnick*, Member for Kelowna-Lake Country Electoral District, be appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

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

That *Ronna-Rae Leonard*, Member for Courtenay-Comox 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. D. Eby (Attorney General), it was Ordered—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by the 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. *J. Horgan* (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:
- 9. Agriculture, Fish and Food;

and further that a Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives be appointed for the present Parliament,

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. Farnworth* (Convener), *Lisa Beare*, *Bob D'Eith*, *Garry Begg*, *Michele Babchuk*, *Niki Sharma*, *Peter Milobar*, *Stephanie Cadieux*, *Doug Clovechok*, and *Sonia Furstenau*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.43 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. A. Kang.

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

Janet Austin
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2020 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 4, 2020.

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. S. Robinson (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

Janet Austin
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:

Supplementary Estimates No. 3—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2021 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 4, 2020.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. R. Chouhan (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General Information Report, Summary of COVID-19 Pandemic Funding Allocations and Other Financial Relief Measures;

Conflict of Interest Commissioner 2019 Annual Report;

Human Rights Commissioner Report, Disaggregated demographic data collection in British Columbia: The grandmother perspective, September 2020;

Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 2019-2020;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 45, Course Correction: The Ministry of Education 2019 Provincial Exam Errors, August 2020;

Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2019/2020;

Registrar of Lobbyists Annual Report, 2019-20;

Registrar of Lobbyists Investigation Report 20-01, BC Salmon Farmers Association, Designated Filer: John Paul Fraser, September 24, 2020;

Representative for Children and Youth Report, A Way to Cope: Exploring non-suicidal self injury in B.C. youth;

Representative for Children and Youth Annual Report 2019/20 and Service Plan 2020/21 to 2022/23; Representative for Children and Youth Financial Statements 2019/20;

Representative for Children and Youth Report, Left Out: Children and youth with special needs in the pandemic, December 2020;

Representative for Children and Youth Report, Illuminating Service Experience: A Descriptive Analysis of Injury and Death Reports for First Nations Children and Youth in B.C., 2015 to 2017, December 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 475, Attorney General, August 14, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 475, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, August 17, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 477, Attorney General, August 19, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 485, Attorney General, August 24, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 579, Attorney General, September 25, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Ministerial Order No. M314, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, August 24, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Ministerial Order No. M324, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, September 2, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 492, Attorney General, August 31, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Ministerial Order No. M358, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, September 25, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 566, Ministry of Attorney General, September 25, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 586, Ministry of Attorney General, November 18, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 593, Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, November 26, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Ministerial Order No. M425, Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, November 26, 2020; and,

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Ministerial Order No. M425, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, November 27, 2020.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Mr. Begg moved, seconded by Ms. Lore—

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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. M. Farnworth, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment/dissolution:

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, Report on the Budget 2021 Consultation—Volume I and Volume II, for the fifth Session of the Forty-first Parliament, August 2020;

Government's Strategic Plan Annual Report 2019-20;

Public Accounts, 2019/20 (including Consolidated Revenue Fund Detailed Schedules of Payments and Consolidated Revenue Fund Supplementary Schedules);

Ministry Service Plan Reports, 2019/20: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training; Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Citizens' Services; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture; Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;

Ministerial Accountability Report, 2019/20;

Crown Agency Service Plan Reports, 2019/20: BC Assessment Authority; BC Council for International Education; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Oil and Gas Commission; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; Destination BC; First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; Forest Enhancement Society of BC; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; Industry Training Authority; Innovate BC; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Aid BC; Partnerships BC; Real Estate Council of BC; Royal BC Museum Corporation;

List of Organizations that have been exempted from Section 13 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Ministry of Health Major Capital Project Plan: Burnaby Hospital Redevelopment Project, February 2020;

Ministry of Health Major Capital Project Plan: Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project, June 2020:

Ministry of Health Major Capital Project Plan: Dawson Creek and District Hospital Redevelopment Project, June 2020;

Ministry of Health Major Capital Project Plan: Stuart Lake Hospital Redevelopment Project, January 2020;

Budget 2020 First Quarterly Report, September 2020; and,

British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2019/2020.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. S. Malcolmson.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* presented the Interim Report of the Special Committee of Selection for the First Session of the Forty-second Parliament, December 8, 2020.

"Parliament Buildings, December 8, 2020

Mr. Speaker:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on December 7, 2020 to prepare and report lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House, presents its interim report that the following is the list of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees on Children and Youth, Finance and Government Services, Legislative Initiatives, and Public Accounts for the present session:

Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth — Jinny Sims (Convener), Susie Chant, Fin Donnelly, Kelli Paddon, Jennifer Rice, Henry Yao, Karin Kirkpatrick, Mike Morris, Coralee Oakes.

Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services — Janet Routledge (Convener), Pam Alexis, Megan Dykeman, Rick Glumac, Grace Lore, Harwinder Sandhu, Lorne Doerkson, Greg Kyllo, Ben Stewart.

Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives — *Jinny Sims* (Convener), *Brittny Anderson*, *Garry Begg, Megan Dykeman, Kelli Paddon, Doug Routley, Michael Lee, Todd Stone, Andrew Wilkinson*.

Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts — *Mike Bernier* (Convener), *Brittny Anderson*, *Dan Coulter*, *Rick Glumac*, *Andrew Mercier*, *Niki Sharma*, *Mike Starchuk*, *Bruce Banman*, *Jackie Tegart*.

Hon. M. Farnworth

CHAIR AND GOVERNMENT HOUSE LEADER"

The Report was taken as read and received.

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

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be empowered to foster greater awareness and understanding among legislators and the public of the B.C. child welfare system, including the specific needs of Indigenous children, youth, families and communities, 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; and,
- 5. Undertake, pursuant to section 30 (1) of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act* (S.B.C. 2006, c. 29), a comprehensive review of the Act or portions of the Act before April 1, 2022 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.

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be empowered to:

- a) appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any
 of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of
 its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b) 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) conduct consultations by any means the Committee considers appropriate;
- d) adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e) retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee 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. Farnworth moved—

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

- 1. Examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the budget consultation paper prepared by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 2 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* (S.B.C. 2000, c. 23) 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; and,
 - b) prepare a report no later than November 15, 2021, on the results of those consultations.
- 2. Consider and make recommendations on the annual reports, rolling three-year service plans and budgets of the statutory officers, namely, the:
 - (a) Auditor General;
 - (b) Chief Electoral Officer;
 - (c) Conflict of Interest Commissioner;
 - (d) Human Rights Commissioner;
 - (e) Information and Privacy Commissioner;
 - (f) Merit Commissioner;
 - (g) Ombudsperson;
 - (h) Police Complaint Commissioner; and,
 - (i) Representative for Children and Youth.

3. Inquire into and make recommendations with respect to other matters brought to the Committee's attention by any of the aforementioned statutory officers.

That the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in sections 19, 20, 21 and 23 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) and that the report in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) be referred to the Committee.

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be empowered to:

- a) appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b) 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) adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d) 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. Farnworth moved—

That all reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia transmitted to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. For greater certainty, the following exceptions are provided:

- a) the report referred to in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) shall be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services; and,
- b) reports of the Auditor General respecting the Legislative Assembly prepared under the provisions of the *Legislative Assembly Management Committee Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 258) shall be referred to the Legislative Assembly Management Committee.

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be the Committee referred to in sections 6, 7, 10, 13 and 14 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2).

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be empowered to:

- a) appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b) 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) adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d) 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. Farnworth moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to review the *Personal Information Protection Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 73) pursuant to section 59 of that Act and that the Special Committee shall have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and, in addition, be empowered to:

- a) appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any
 of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all
 or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b) 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) conduct consultations by any means the Special Committee considers appropriate;
- d) adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e) retain personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That any information or evidence previously under consideration by the Special Committee appointed by order of the House on February 18, 2020 be referred to the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee shall submit a report, including any recommendations respecting the results of the review, to the Legislative Assembly within one year of this motion being adopted by the House; and shall 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 said Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Mable Elmore* (Convener), *Garry Begg, Rick Glumac, Rachna Singh, Dan Ashton, Andrew Wilkinson*, and *Adam Olsen*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

That a Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act* be appointed to examine, inquire into, and make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly on the following:

- 1. Reforms related to independent oversight, transparency, governance, structure, service delivery, standards, funding, training and education, and any other considerations which may apply respecting the modernization and sustainability of policing under the *Police Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 367) and all related agreements.
- 2. The role of police with respect to complex social issues including mental health and wellness, addictions, and harm reduction; and in consideration of any appropriate changes to relevant sections of the *Mental Health Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 288).
- 3. The scope of systemic racism within British Columbia's police agencies, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, independent municipal police and designated policing units, and its impact on public safety and public trust in policing.
- 4. Whether there are measures necessary to ensure a modernized *Police Act* is consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007), as required by section 3 of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (S.B.C. 2019, c. 44).

That the Special Committee undertake the above examinations as it deems appropriate with regard to relevant reports, studies, and examinations.

That any information or evidence previously under consideration by the Special Committee appointed by order of the House on July 8, 2020 be referred to the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee have all the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition is empowered to:

- a) appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any
 of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all
 or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b) 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) conduct consultations by any means the Committee considers appropriate;
- d) adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e) retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House by October 8, 2021, 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 Special Committee is to be composed of *Doug Routley* (Convener), *Garry Begg, Rachna Singh*, *Grace Lore*, *Rick Glumac*, *Harwinder Sandhu*, *Dan Davies*, *Trevor Halford*, *Ian Paton* and *Adam Olsen*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. M. Farnworth on behalf of the Hon. D. Eby (Attorney General) tabled the following documents:

British Columbia Ferries Commissioner Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2020, August 28, 2020;

Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 2019/2020;

Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch Annual Report, 2019/20;

Labour Relations Board of British Columbia Annual Report, 2019; and,

Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2019/2020.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2020, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.56 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Thursday, December 10, 2020

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. Lore.

On the motion of Mr. *Stone*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Assessment (Split Assessment Classification) Amendment Act*, 2020 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. *Halford*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Food and Beverage Delivery Fees Cap 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 Hon. *M. Farnworth* on behalf of the Hon. *G. Heyman* (Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy) tabled the Environmental Emergency Program: 2019/2020 Report to the Legislature.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* on behalf of the Hon. *N. Simons* (Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction) tabled the TogetherBC: British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy Annual Report, 2019.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* on behalf of the Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) tabled the Commission of Inquiry into Money Laundering in British Columbia Interim Report, November 2020.

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 *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2020.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, December 10, 2020

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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 *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2020.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Monday, December 14, 2020

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. Merrifield.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

1 Ms. Rice moved—

Be it resolved that this House support the government's continued actions to protect the health and livelihoods of all British Columbians as we fight the second wave of COVID-19.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Monday, December 14, 2020

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *Cadieux*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Equal Pay Reporting 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 Hon. *S. Robinson* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Province of British Columbia Consolidated Revenue Fund Guarantees and Indemnities Approved for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2020.

By leave, the Hon. L. Beare moved—

That a Special Committee be appointed to review the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 165) pursuant to section 80 of that Act.

That the Special Committee have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a) appoint of its number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any
 of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all
 or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b) 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) conduct consultations by any means the Committee considers appropriate;
- d) adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e) retain such personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee submit a report, including any recommendations respecting the results of the review, to the Legislative Assembly within one year of this motion being adopted by the House; and shall 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 said Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Rick Glumac* (Convener), *Susie Chant, Janet Routledge, Henry Yao, John Rustad, Tom Shypitka*, and *Adam Olsen*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsperson Special Report No. 46, Complaint Handling Guide, Setting up Effective Complaint Resolution Systems in Public Organizations, December 2020.

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 *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2020.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) was deferred to later 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.

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

The House recessed until 6.10 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, the House proceeded to deferred divisions.

The motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2020 was agreed to on the following deferred division:

	Yeas—55		
Farnworth	Coulter	Kang	Routledge
Alexis	Cullen	Leonard	Routley
Anderson	Dean	Lore	Russell
Babchuk	D'Eith	Ма	Sandhu
Bailey	Dix	Malcolmson	Sharma
Bains	Donnelly	Mark	Simons
Beare	Dykeman	Mercier	Sims
Begg	Eby	Osborne	A. Singh
Brar	Elmore	Paddon	R. Singh
Chandra Herbert	Fleming	Popham	Starchuk
Chant	Glumac	Ralston	Walker
Chen	Greene	Rankin	Whiteside
Chow	Heyman	Rice	Yao
Conroy	Kahlon	Robinson	
		Nays—29	
Milobar	de Jong	Merrifield	Stewart
Ashton	Doerkson	Morris	Stone
Banman	Halford	Oakes	Tegart
Bernier	Kirkpatrick	Paton	Wat
Bond	Kyllo	Ross	Wilkinson
Cadieux	Lee	Rustad	Furstenau
Clovechok	Letnick	Shypitka	Olsen
Davies			

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 6.27 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Davies.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. R. Chouhan (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Representative for Children and Youth Report, A Parent's Duty: Government's Obligation to Youth Transitioning into Adulthood, December 2020; and,

Elections BC, Modern Elections for Modern Times, Annual Report, 2019/20 and Service Plan, 2020/21–2022/23.

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

That *Mike Starchuk* replace *Rick Glumac* as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2020 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 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 3) intituled Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 was again committed.

The Committee recessed until 6.10 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, the Committee proceeded to deferred divisions.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 3) passed on the following deferred division:

	Yeas—53		
Farnworth	Cullen	Leonard	Routledge
Alexis	Dean	Lore	Routley
Anderson	D'Eith	Ма	Russell
Babchuk	Dix	Malcolmson	Sandhu
Bailey	Donnelly	Mark	Sharma
Bains	Dykeman	Mercier	Simons
Beare	Fleming	Osborne	Sims
Begg	Glumac	Paddon	A. Singh
Brar	Greene	Popham	R. Singh
Chant	Heyman	Ralston	Starchuk
Chen	Horgan	Rankin	Walker
Chow	Kahlon	Rice	Whiteside
Conroy	Kang	Robinson	Yao
Coulter			
		Nays—29	
Milobar	Doerkson	Morris	Stone
Banman	Halford	Oakes	Sturdy
Bernier	Kirkpatrick	Paton	Tegart
Bond	Kyllo	Ross	Wat
Cadieux	Lee	Rustad	Wilkinson
Clovechok	Letnick	Shypitka	Furstenau
Davies	Merrifield	Stewart	Olsen
de Jong	Ų.		

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. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Letnick.

The Hon. *K. Conroy* advised the House of the death of William "Bill" King, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. S. Robinson (Minister of Finance) tabled the Statement of 2019/20 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the Financial Administration Act, Schedule A and Schedule B.

The Hon. R. Chouhan (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Human Rights Commissioner, Laying the Foundations, Annual Report, 2019/20 and Service Plan, 2020/21–2022/23;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8) regarding Order in Council No. 620, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, December 15, 2020; and,

Merit Commissioner Merit Performance Audit Report, 2019/20, Upholding Fair Hiring in the BC Public Service, December 2020.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* on behalf of the Hon. *G. Heyman* (Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy) tabled the CleanBC Climate Change Accountability Report, 2020.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 3) intituled Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 was again committed.

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 3) passed, on division.

Bill (No. 3) reported complete without amendment.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, division on the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 3) was deferred to later today.

The Hon. S. Robinson (Minister of Finance) moved—

That this House forthwith resolve itself for this Session into a committee to consider the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. S. Robinson (Minister of Finance) moved—

That the Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor presented to this House on December 8, 2020 and the Supplementary Estimates No. 3, Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2021, accompanying the same be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

(In Committee)

Committee of Supply reported progress of the supplementary estimates of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries): Pandemic Response and Economic Recovery.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House recessed until 6.40 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, the House proceeded to deferred divisions.

The motion for third reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2020 was agreed to on the following deferred division:

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Farnworth Conroy Leonard Routledge Coulter Routley Alexis Lore Anderson Cullen Ма Russell Babchuk Dean Malcolmson Sandhu Bailey D'Eith Mark Sharma **Bains** Dykeman Mercier Simons Beare Eby Osborne Sims Begg Elmore Paddon A. Singh Brar Fleming Popham R. Singh Chandra Herbert Ralston Starchuk Greene Chant Heyman Rankin Walker Whiteside Chen Kahlon RiceChow Robinson Yao Kang

Nays—29

Milobar de Jong Merrifield Stone Ashton Doerkson Morris Sturdy Banman Halford Oakes **Tegart** Bernier Kirkpatrick Paton Wat Bond Kyllo Rustad Wilkinson Lee Shypitka Furstenau Cadieux Clovechok Letnick Stewart Olsen Davies

Davies

Bill (No. 3) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 6.53 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Thursday, December 17, 2020

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. Wat.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. N. Simons presented a petition to be forwarded to the Office of the Clerk.

The Hon. S. Robinson (Minister of Finance) tabled the Province of British Columbia Economic and Fiscal Update, Fall 2020.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

(In Committee)

Committee of Supply reported progress of the supplementary estimates of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries): Pandemic Response and Economic Recovery.

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, December 17, 2020

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

(In Committee)

52 (S). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries): Pandemic Response and Economic Recovery, to 31st March, 2021.

Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the supplementary estimates of Other Appropriations, Contingencies (All Ministries): Pandemic Response and Economic Recovery.

Report to be considered forthwith.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order called for consideration of reports of Resolution from Committee of Supply.

The Hon. S. Robinson (Minister of Finance) moved—

That the report of Resolution from the Committee of Supply on December 17 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. S. Robinson (Minister of Finance) moved—

That there be granted to Her Majesty, from and out of the consolidated revenue fund, the sum of 2 billion dollars towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public services of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. This sum is in addition to that authorized to be paid under section 1 of *Supply Act*, 2020-2021.

Motion agreed to.

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

Janet Austin
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Supply Act*, 2020-2021 (Supplementary Estimates No. 3) and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 4, 2020

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Bill (No. 2) permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Bill (No. 2) was read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *S. Robinson* (Minister of Finance) Bill (No. 2) was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 2) was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 3) Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2020.

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*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 2) Supply Act, 2020-2021 (Supplementary Estimates No. 3).

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*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, 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.

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth tabled the 2021 Parliamentary Calendar.

The Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

1. 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 First Session of the Forty-second Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker shall give notice to all Members 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.

- 2. That, by agreement of the Speaker and the House Leaders of each recognized caucus, the location of sittings and means of conducting sittings of this House may be altered if required due to an emergency situation or public health measures, and that such agreement constitute the authorization of the House to proceed in the manner agreed to. The Speaker shall give notice to all Members of the agreement and shall table it for it to be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of the House at the next sitting.
- 3. 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; in the event that the Deputy Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order; and in the event that the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, another Member designated collectively by the House Leaders of each recognized caucus shall act in her stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3.13 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Monday, March 1, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Coulter.

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

GENERAL

- 1. That, as an exercise of the Legislative Assembly's exclusive right to regulate its own internal affairs as they relate to its legislative and deliberative functions, including control over the conduct of its proceedings, the use of videoconferencing technology be authorized to enable all Members to be present in the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly through remote participation, counting toward quorum, while other Members continue to be present physically in the Legislative Chamber, thereby enabling hybrid proceedings of the House.
- 2. That Zoom be approved as the videoconferencing technology platform for the purposes of supporting hybrid proceedings of the House.

QUORUM AND ATTENDANCE

- 3. That Members who are participating in the House's proceedings by the approved videoconferencing technology be counted as present for the purposes of the quorum of ten Members, as set out in section 42 of the *Constitution Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 66) and Standing Order 6, and for the purposes of determining a majority of votes as set out in section 43 of the *Constitution Act*.
- 4. That Members who are participating in the House's proceedings by the approved videoconferencing technology must have the audio and video functions enabled with their face clearly visible in order to be counted towards quorum, to participate in debate, and to vote.

VOTING AND DIVISIONS

5. That, notwithstanding Standing Order 16:

- (1) When the Speaker puts the question, no further debate on the question shall be permitted.
- (2) When a division is requested, it shall be deferred until 15 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the sitting during which the division is requested. If there are less than 30 minutes remaining prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the sitting during which the division is requested, then it shall stand deferred until 15 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the afternoon sitting of the following sitting day.
- (3) Notwithstanding Standing Order 25 and subsection (2) of this order, if a division is requested during a morning sitting, it shall stand deferred until the afternoon sitting of the same day.
- (4) If a division is requested in a Committee of the Whole, the clause of the bill under consideration shall be postponed, and the division shall be deferred in accordance with subsection (2) of this order.
- (5) If a division is requested in the Committee of Supply, the division shall be deferred in accordance with subsection (2) of this order.
- (6) If a deferred division is scheduled to take place during a sitting,
 - a. at 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the sitting, the Speaker or Chair shall ring the bells and recess the proceedings;
 - b. 10 minutes thereafter, at 20 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the sitting, the Speaker or Chair shall call the House back to order;
 - c. 5 minutes thereafter, at 15 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the sitting, the Speaker or Chair shall again state the question; and,
 - d. the division shall proceed forthwith.
- (7) If a division is deferred in a Committee of the Whole or the Committee of Supply, the House shall resolve itself into the appropriate Committee prior to the ringing of the bells and recess set out in subsection (6) of this order.
- (8) No Member shall enter or leave the Legislative Chamber or connect to or disconnect from the approved videoconferencing technology after the final statement of the question until the division has been fully taken, and every Member present shall vote.
- (9) When two or more deferred divisions are to be taken during a sitting, the divisions shall be taken in succession in the order they were deferred.
- (10) During a sitting at which a deferred division is to take place, no motion to adjourn the House shall be in order until after that vote and the conclusion of any consequential business that must be disposed of. If successive divisions are scheduled, the House shall sit beyond the ordinary time of adjournment until the conclusion of all divisions and until other business consequential to the division has been disposed of.
- (11) Divisions are not permitted on a motion that a committee rise and report, and on a routine motion moved by the Government House Leader or their designate that the House adjourn, so as not to prevent the House from undertaking business in a manner consistent with the intention of the arrangements of formal divisions in hybrid proceedings. Members may use Practice Recommendation No. 1.
- 6. That, notwithstanding sections 5(2), 5(3), 5(4) and 5(5) of this order, if a division is requested on a closure motion set out in Standing Order 46 or a time allocation motion set out in Standing Order 81.1, the Speaker or Chair shall announce that a division has been called. No longer than 15 minutes thereafter, unless the House or Committee, as the case may be, unanimously agrees otherwise, the Speaker or Chair shall again state the question and the division shall proceed forthwith.

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

7. That any Standing Order requiring that a document be "handed in" or "laid upon the Table" or transmitted by other similar physical means be interpreted to include the transmission of a document by approved electronic means.

- 8. That the transmission of a document by the Office of the Clerk to all Members by electronic means constitute for all purposes the distribution and delivery of that document, regardless of whether a Member has received the document.
- 9. That, notwithstanding Standing Order 25B(2) and the usual practices of the House, at least two hours prior to the scheduled start of a sitting of the House, the Whips shall provide to the Office of the Speaker a list and, if applicable, the sequence, of Members wishing to make an introduction or to participate in an item under Routine Business.
- 10. That, notwithstanding the usual practices of the House, any Member who intends to move a motion in amendment to a bill at committee stage, of which notice is not typically required, should provide at least one hour of notice to the Office of the Clerk prior to introducing that motion in the House to ensure the electronic distribution of that motion to all Members forthwith after it is moved.

SPEAKER'S DISCRETION

- 11. That, for greater certainty, the Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion on the applicability of Standing Order 17A as it may relate to the facilitation of participation of Members in proceedings of the House.
- 12. That, for greater certainty and further to Standing Order 19 and Standing Order 20, the Speaker be empowered to intervene on any matter of decorum on the Speaker's own initiative or on a point of order raised by a Member, including by muting a Member's microphone and excluding Members from the sitting in cases of serious misconduct.
- 13. That the Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion in the interpretation of the provisions of any Standing Order requiring Members to stand or speak in their assigned place as this requirement may relate to Members participating via the approved videoconferencing technology and to Members participating in person in the Legislative Chamber.
- 14. That the Speaker be empowered to exercise discretion, in consultation with the House Leaders or the Whips, in the interpretation of any provision of the Standing Orders or this order that may require leniency or alteration in order to allow all Members to be able to fully exercise their duties and rights in the proceedings of this House conducted in a hybrid manner.

OTHER

- 15. That, should any provision contained in this order be inconsistent with the Standing Orders, the provision in this order prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.
 - 16. That this order expire on April 13, 2021.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

2 By leave, Ms. *Wat* moved—

Be it resolved that this House support providing all British Columbians with the supports they need to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, March 1, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Janet Austin
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act*, 2021 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 24, 2021.

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."

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, and the Third Party House Leader, dated January 28, 2021, be ratified to substitute *Karin Kirkpatrick* for *Ian Paton* as a Member on the Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act* for the First Session of the Forty-second Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

That *Kelly Greene* be substituted for *Rachna Singh* as a Member of the Special Committee to Review the *Personal Information Protection Act*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. R. Chouhan (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General Report, IT Asset Management in B.C. Government, November 2020;

Auditor General Report, Management of Forest Service Roads, November 2020;

Auditor General Report, Management of Medical Device Cybersecurity at the Provincial Health Services Authority, February 2021;

Auditor General Report, Oversight of International Education Programs in Offshore and Group 4 Schools, November 2020;

Ombudsperson Annual Report, 2019-2020, January 2021;

Representative for Children and Youth Report, Detained: Rights of Children and Youth Under the *Mental Health Act*, January 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Ministerial Order No. M012 and No. M013, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, January 8, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Ministerial Order No. M480, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, December 23, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 004, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, January 8, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 061, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, February 8, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 061, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, February 8, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 081, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, February 17, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 083, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, February 17, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 086, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, February 17, 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 655, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, December 21, 2020;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 659, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, December 22, 2020; and,

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 698, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, December 29, 2020.

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. M. Rankin, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following report was received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses (for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2021), Revised Schedule F, December 16, 2020.

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. Alexis.

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

Janet Austin
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Home Owner Grant Amendment Act*, 2021 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 24, 2021.

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. S. Robinson (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

Janet Austin Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2021 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 24, 2021.

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."

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

That a Special Committee to Appoint an Ombudsperson be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of an individual as Ombudsperson, pursuant to section 2 of the *Ombudsperson Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 340).

That the Special Committee have all the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a) appoint of its number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b) 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) adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d) retain such personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; and 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 composed of Janet Routledge (Convener), Jagrup Brar, Fin Donnelly, Bruce Banman, and Teresa Wat.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

That, pursuant to section 215.03 of the *Election Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 106), a Special Committee to Review Provisions of the *Election Act* be appointed to conduct a review of the annual allowance paid to political parties under section 215.02 of the Act, including, but not limited to, a review of the following:

- 1. Whether an annual allowance paid to political parties should be continued to be paid after 2022.
- 2. If an annual allowance to political parties is to be continued,
 - a) the amount of the annual allowance, and,
 - b) the number of years the annual allowance is to be paid.

That the Special Committee have all the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a) appoint of its number, one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b) 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) conduct consultations by any means the Special Committee considers appropriate;
- d) adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e) retain such personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House within six months of this motion being adopted by the House, or at the next following Session, as the case may be; and shall 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 composed of Jagrup Brar (Convener), Brittny Anderson, Ronna-Rae Leonard, Andrew Mercier, Greg Kyllo, Peter Milobar and Adam Olsen.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Report on Financial Audit Work for the 2019/20 Fiscal Year, March 2021.

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

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act*, 2021, a debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. Stewart, 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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			ONE THIRTY O'CLOCK B.M.

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act*, 2021.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) was deferred to later today.

The House recessed until 6.10 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, the House proceeded to deferred divisions.

The motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act*, 2021 was agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following deferred division.

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Farnworth	Elmore	Routley	de Jong
Alexis	Fleming	Russell	Doerkson
Anderson	Glumac	Sandhu	Halford
Babchuk	Greene	Sharma	Kirkpatrick
Bailey	Heyman	Simons	Kyllo
Bains	Horgan	Sims	Lee
Beare	Kahlon	A. Singh	Merrifield
Begg	Kang	R. Singh	Morris
Brar	Leonard	Starchuk	Oakes
Chandra Herbert	Ма	Walker	Paton
Chant	Malcolmson	Whiteside	Ross
Chen	Mark	Yao	Rustad
Chow	Mercier	Milobar	Shypitka
Conroy	Osborne	Ashton	Stone
Coulter	Paddon	Banman	Sturdy
Cullen	Popham	Bernier	Tegart
D'Eith	Ralston	Bond	Wat
Dix	Rankin	Cadieux	Wilkinson
Donnelly	Rice	Clovechok	Furstenau
Dykeman	Robinson	Davies	Olsen
Eby	Routledge		

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.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Russell.

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

Janet Austin Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 23, 2021.

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. Osborne (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

Janet Austin
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act*, 2021 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 26, 2021.

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. *Routledge* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, Annual Review of the Budgets of Statutory Offices, for the First Session of the Forty-second Parliament (First), February 2021.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, Ms. Routledge moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Home Owner Grant Amendment Act*, 2021, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 6) 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. 8) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2021, a debate arose.

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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.48 p.m.

Thursday, March 4, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. S. Malcolmson.

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

Janet Austin
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Insurance Corporation Amendment Act*, 2021 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 23, 2021.

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

Janet Austin

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2021 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 2, 2021.

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."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act*, 2021, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, March 4, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act*, 2021.

The debate continued.

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. 4) intituled *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 4) 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 5.35 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Monday, March 8, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Tegart*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

4 By leave, Ms. *Elmore* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the accomplishments, rights and challenges that all women face this International Women's Day and reaffirm our commitment to fighting sexism and gender-based discrimination every day.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, March 8, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Janet Austin
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes* (*Minor Corrections*) *Amendment Act*, 2021 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 4, 2021.

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. D. Eby (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing) tabled the following documents:

Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, March 2020; and,

British Columbia Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 2020.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 7) intituled Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 was committed.

Clauses 1 through 13 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, division on clause 14 of Bill (No. 7) was deferred to later today.

Clauses 15 through 39 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

The Committee recessed until 6.10 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, the Committee proceeded to deferred divisions.

Clause 14 of Bill (No. 7) passed on the following deferred division:

YEAS—56

Farnworth Coulter Kang Routley Alexis Cullen Leonard Russell Anderson Dean Ма Sandhu Babchuk D'Eith Malcolmson Sharma Bailey DixMark Simons Donnelly Mercier Bains Sims Beare Dykeman Osborne A. Singh Begg Eby Paddon R. Singh Elmore Starchuk Brar **Popham** Chandra Herbert Fleming Ralston Walker Glumac Rankin Whiteside Chant Chen Greene Rice Yao Chow Heyman Robinson Furstenau Kahlon Routledge Olsen Conroy Nays—27 Milobar Davies Merrifield Stewart Ashton de Jong Morris Stone Banman

Sturdy Doerkson Oakes Bernier Halford Paton Tegart Kirkpatrick **Bond** Ross Wat Cadieux Kyllo Rustad Wilkinson Clovechok Lee Shypitka

The title of Bill (No. 7) passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. Merrifield.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Vancouver Community College: Executive Compensation Disclosures Audit, March 2021.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Minor Corrections) Amendment Act*, 2021, 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. 5) intituled *Insurance Corporation Amendment Act*, 2021, a debate arose.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Insurance Corporation Amendment Act*, 2021.

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.

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Finance Statutes Amendment Act*, 2021 was committed.

Clauses 1 through 179, the schedules and the title of Bill (No. 8) passed.

Bill (No. 8) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Home Owner Grant Amendment Act*, 2021 was committed.

Clauses 1 through 19 of Bill (No. 6) passed.

On clause 20 of Bill (No. 6).

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.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Letnick.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *J. Osborne* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) tabled the Islands Trust Annual Report, 2019/20.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes (Minor Corrections) Amendment Act*, 2021 was committed.

Clauses 1 through 44, and the title of Bill (No. 12) passed.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled Firearm Violence Prevention Act was committed.

Clauses 1 through 4 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clause 5 of Bill (No. 4) stood down.

Clauses 6 through 68 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 69 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clauses 69, as amended, through 102 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

On clause 5 of Bill (No. 4) as stood down.

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2021 was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 5) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 5).

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 6.51 p.m.

Thursday, March 11, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Kyllo.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. *J. Horgan* (Premier) made a ministerial statement in recognition of the one-year anniversary of the World Health Organization's declaration of the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic.

Ms. Bond made a statement.

Ms. Furstenau made a statement.

The House observed a minute of silence.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Home Owner Grant Amendment Act*, 2021 was again committed.

Clauses 20 through 23 of Bill (No. 6) passed.

On clause 24 of Bill (No. 6).

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, March 11, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Home Owner Grant Amendment Act*, 2021 was again committed.

Clauses 24 through 58 and the title of Bill (No. 6) passed.

Bill (No. 6) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 was committed.

Clauses 1 through 102 and the title of Bill (No. 9) passed.

Bill (No. 9) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2021 was again committed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 2 of Bill (No. 5) passed.

On clause 2, as amended, of Bill (No. 5).

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 5.49 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Monday, March 15, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Yao.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

5 By leave, Mr. *Lee* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the importance of a comprehensive infrastructure plan to support British Columbia's post-pandemic economic recovery.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Monday, March 15, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Janet Austin
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Court of Appeal Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 10, 2021.

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."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled Supply Act (No. 1), 2021, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. Dykeman.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Ms. *Chant* presented a petition to be forwarded to the Office of the Clerk.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2021.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Court of Appeal Act*, 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. 10) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2021.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Coulter.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. J. Horgan (Premier) advised the House of the death of Ian Waddell, Q.C., a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. de Jong made a statement.

Ms. Furstenau made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 11) intituled Court of Appeal Act was committed.

Clauses 1 through 57 and the title of Bill (No. 11) passed.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2021 was again committed.

On clause 2, as amended, of Bill (No. 5).

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 6.56 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Thursday, March 18, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. A. Kang.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 4) intituled Firearm Violence Prevention Act was again committed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 5 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clause 5, as amended, of Bill (No. 4) passed.

By leave, the Hon. M. Farnworth (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) moved—

That the passage of clauses 10, 62, 65, 80, 86, 94, 95 and 101 of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* by the Committee be rescinded, and that the Committee reconsider the clauses for the purpose of considering proposed amendments.

Motion agreed to.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. M. Farnworth (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 10 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clause 10, as amended, of Bill (No. 4) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 62 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clause 62, as amended, of Bill (No. 4) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 65 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clause 65, as amended, of Bill (No. 4) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. M. Farnworth (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 80 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clause 80, as amended, of Bill (No. 4) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 86 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clause 86, as amended, of Bill (No. 4) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 94 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clause 94, as amended, of Bill (No. 4) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 95 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clause 95, as amended, of Bill (No. 4) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) to clause 101 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Clause 101, as amended, of Bill (No. 4) passed.

The title of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Bill (No. 4) reported complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 4) 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. 10) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2021.

On the motion of the Hon. D. Eby, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2021.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Monday, March 22, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Stone.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

6 By leave, Ms. *Sharma* moved—

Be it resolved that this House recognize the historic and present-day acts of structural, systemic and institutional racism perpetuated against racialized people and reaffirm our commitment to combatting racism in all forms.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Monday, March 22, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Speaker made a statement regarding remote participation in Oral Question Period and the established practice of hybrid proceedings whereby Members may only unmute their microphones when recognized by the Chair.

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. 10) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2021.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) was deferred to later today.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 4) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2021 was again committed.

On clause 2, as amended, of Bill (No. 5).

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

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

The House recessed until 6.10 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, the House proceeded to deferred divisions.

The motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1)*, 2021, was agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following deferred division:

		Yeas—80	
Farnworth	Eby	Routley	de Jong
Alexis	Elmore	Russell	Doerkson
Anderson	Fleming	Sandhu	Halford
Bailey	Glumac	Sharma	Kirkpatrick
Bains	Greene	Simons	Kyllo
Beare	Heyman	Sims	Lee
Begg	Kahlon	A. Singh	Letnick
Brar	Kang	R. Singh	Merrifield
Chandra Herbert	Leonard	Starchuk	Morris
Chant	Ма	Walker	Oakes
Chen	Malcolmson	Whiteside	Paton
Chow	Mark	Yao	Shypitka
Conroy	Osborne	Milobar	Stewart
Coulter	Paddon	Ashton	Stone
Cullen	Popham	Banman	Sturdy
Dean	Ralston	Bernier	Tegart
D'Eith	Rankin	Bond	Wat
Dix	Rice	Cadieux	Wilkinson
Donnelly	Robinson	Clovechok	Furstenau
Dykeman	Routledge	Davies	Olsen

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.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. Kirkpatrick.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 10) intituled Supply Act (No. 1), 2021 was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 10).

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.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 10) intituled Supply Act (No. 1), 2021 was again committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 10) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 10).

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.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Doerkson.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. R. Chouhan (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Registrar of Lobbyists Investigation Report 20–02, Consultant Lobbyist: Dave Cyr, January 19, 2021; and,

Registrar of Lobbyists Investigation Report 20–03, Consultant Lobbyist: Adrienne S. Smith, February 2, 2021.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 5) intituled Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2021 was again committed.

A proposed amendment by Mr. *Morris* on the Order Paper to clause 2 of Bill (No. 5) was defeated, on division.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, division on a proposed amendment by Mr. *Morris* on the Order Paper to clause 2 of Bill (No. 5) was deferred to later today.

Clause 2, as amended, of Bill (No. 5) stood down.

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 5) passed.

On clause 2, as amended, of Bill (No. 5) as stood down.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

Bill (No. 10) intituled Supply Act (No. 1), 2021 was again committed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, division on a proposed amendment by Mr. *Bernier* to clause 2 of Bill (No. 10) was deferred to later today.

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 10) stood down.

Clauses 3 through 5 of Bill (No. 10) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 10) as stood down.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

The House recessed until 6.40 p.m.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, the House proceeded to deferred divisions.

Bill (No. 5) intituled Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2021 was again committed.

A proposed amendment on the Order Paper to clause 2 of Bill (No. 5), moved by Mr. *Morris*, was defeated on the following deferred division:

		Yeas—54	
Farnworth	Cullen	Kang	Routledge
Alexis	Dean	Leonard	Routley
Anderson	D'Eith	Ма	Russell
Bailey	Dix	Malcolmson	Sandhu
Bains	Donnelly	Mark	Sharma
Beare	Dykeman	Mercier	Simons
Begg	Eby	Osborne	Sims
Brar	Elmore	Paddon	A. Singh
Chandra Herbert	Fleming	Popham	R. Singh
Chant	Glumac	Ralston	Starchuk
Chen	Greene	Rankin	Walker
Chow	Heyman	Rice	Whiteside
Conroy	Horgan	Robinson	Yao
Coulter	Kahlon		
		Nays—28	
Milobar	Davies	Merrifield	Stone
Ashton	de Jong	Morris	Sturdy
Banman	Doerkson	Oakes	Tegart
Bernier	Halford	Paton	Wat
Bond	Kirkpatrick	Rustad	Wilkinson
Cadieux	Kyllo	Shypitka	Furstenau
Clovechok	Lee	Stewart	Olsen

Clause 2, as amended, and the title of Bill (No. 5) passed.

Bill (No. 5) reported complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 5) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 10) intituled Supply Act (No. 1), 2021 was again committed

A proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 10), moved by Mr. *Bernier*, was defeated on the following deferred division:

	Yeas—56		
Farnworth	Cullen	Kang	Routley
Alexis	Dean	Leonard	Russell
Anderson	D'Eith	Ma	Sandhu
Bailey	Dix	Malcolmson	Sharma
Bains	Donnelly	Mark	Simons
Beare	Dykeman	Mercier	Sims
Begg	Eby	Osborne	A. Singh
Brar	Elmore	Paddon	R. Singh
Chandra Herbert	Fleming	Popham	Starchuk
Chant	Glumac	Ralston	Walker
Chen	Greene	Rankin	Whiteside
Chow	Heyman	Rice	Yao
Conroy	Horgan	Robinson	Furstenau
Coulter	Kahlon	Routledge	Olsen

Nays—26

Milobar Davies Merrifield Stewart Ashton de Jong Morris Stone Banman Doerkson Oakes Sturdy Bernier Halford Paton Tegart **Bond** Kirkpatrick Rustad Wat Cadieux Kyllo Shypitka Wilkinson

Clovechok Lee

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 10) as stood down.

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 7.06 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Thursday, March 25, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. Banman.

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. 5) intituled *Insurance Corporation Amendment Act*, 2021, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 5) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled Supply Act (No. 1), 2021 was again committed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 10) as stood down.

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.

Thursday, March 25, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Routledge

Routley

Russell Sandhu

Sharma

Simons

Starchuk

Whiteside

Walker

Yao

Sims A. Singh

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 10) intituled Supply Act (No. 1), 2021 was again committed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 10) as stood down.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

The Hon. M. Farnworth moved—

That, pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2), all remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 10) intituled Supply Act (No. 1), 2021 be completed and disposed of at or before 4.00 p.m. today.

That, at 3.30 p.m., if Bill (No. 10) is at Committee stage, the Chair shall forthwith put the question on all remaining clauses, the preamble, and the title of the bill, without further amendment or debate, which shall not be subject to a formal division call, but which may be taken in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 1. Once the question on the title of the bill has been resolved, the Committee shall rise and the Chair shall forthwith report the bill complete with or without amendment, as the case may be, to the House.

That, once Bill (No. 10) has been reported to the House from Committee, notwithstanding Standing Order 80, Standing Order 81, or any Standing Order or Sessional Order relating to times and days of the sittings of the House, the question on all remaining stages of the bill shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.

And that, if a division is called on the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 10), notwithstanding sections 5 (2), (3), (4), (6) and (7) of the Sessional Order adopted on March 1, 2021, the division shall proceed forthwith 20 minutes after it is called.

YEAS-51

Robinson

The House divided.

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Motion agreed to on the following division:

Farnworth	Coulter	Kahlon
Alexis	Cullen	Kang
Anderson	Dean	Leonard
Bailey	D'Eith	Ma
Bains	Dix	Malcolmson
Beare	Dykeman	Mark
Begg	Eby	Mercier
Brar	Elmore	Osborne
Chandra Herbert	Fleming	Paddon
Chant	Glumac	Ralston
Chen	Greene	Rankin
Chow	Heyman	Rice

Horgan

Nays—24

Davies Letnick Shypitka Milobar Ashton de Jong Merrifield Stewart Banman Doerkson Morris Tegart Kirkpatrick **Bernier** Oakes Wat Cadieux Kyllo Paton Furstenau Clovechok Lee Rustad Olsen

Bill (No. 10) intituled Supply Act (No. 1), 2021 was again committed.

Pursuant to the time allocation resolution adopted earlier this afternoon, all necessary questions for the disposal of all remaining stages of Bill (No. 10) were put.

Clause 2, the preamble and the title of Bill (No. 10) passed.

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

The Speaker declared a short recess.

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 4) Firearm Violence Prevention Act.

Bill (No. 5) Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 2021.

Bill (No. 6) Home Owner Grant Amendment Act, 2021.

Bill (No. 7) Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2021.

Bill (No. 8) Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2021.

Bill (No. 9) Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act, 2021.

Bill (No. 11) Court of Appeal Act.

Bill (No. 12) Miscellaneous Statutes (Minor Corrections) Amendment Act, 2021.

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*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

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

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 10) Supply Act (No. 1), 2021.

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*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, 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 4.06 p.m.

Monday, April 12, 2021

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. Dykeman.

The Hon. R. Chouhan (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General Report, Auditor General's Status Report, March 2021;

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 192, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, March 31, 2021; and,

Report pursuant to the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act* (S.B.C. 2020, c. 8), regarding Order in Council No. 192, Attorney General, April 6, 2021.

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

Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this First Session of the Forty-second Parliament of British Columbia, on behalf of all British Columbians, I note that in this session we enacted 11 bills covering areas of substance and importance to the people of British Columbia. I wish to express my appreciation for the service you have provided to our great and beautiful province. I now relieve you of your duties. *Splendor sine occasu*.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. D. Eby (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing) then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

And then the House prorogued at 10.10 a.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.] JANET AUSTIN
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 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 April, two thousand twenty-one 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 Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this eighth day of April, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

By Command.