

Friday, April 1, 1966

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Chaplain *W. J. Bingham*.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

By leave of the House, Mr. *Strachan* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

That Motion No. 22 on the Order Paper be amended by inserting the words "and operational" after the word "construction" so that the motion shall read as follows:—

"That this House requests that the Government of Canada provide a full construction and operational subsidy to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway."

A debate arose. Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Hartley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*,—

That this Government give consideration to the placing of all pipe-lines, as defined in the *Pipe-lines Act*, under public ownership.

Mr. Speaker referred to his decision on this motion in the 1965 Journals, and ruled the motion out of order on the ground that it offended Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

Mr. *Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hartley*,—

Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly recommends to the Government consideration of the advisability of applying to the Government of Canada to have control of the British Columbia Telephone Company Limited, and its subsidiaries, within the Province of British Columbia, revert to Provincial jurisdiction and then consider the advisability of placing the said telephone system under public ownership.

A debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the ground that it offended Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*,—

Be it Resolved, That this House urge the Federal Government to give diplomatic recognition to the Government of the People's Republic of China.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion negated on the following division:—

YEAS—14

Messieurs

Stupich
Calder
Hartley
Eddie

Dowding
Gargrave
Barrett
Nimsick

Haggen, Mrs.
Macdonald
Squire

Harding
Strachan
Turner

NAYS—34

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Huhn</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>McKay</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>MacSorley</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>LeCours</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Williston</i>		

Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*,—

Be it Resolved, That this Legislature urge the Federal Government to use its position as a member of the International Joint Commission to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Viet Nam situation in accordance with the terms of the Geneva Accord of 1954, providing for reunification of Viet Nam, free elections, and the withdrawal of foreign military forces.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Price* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Shelford*,—

That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “situation” in the third line, so that the amended motion would read as follows:—

“Be it Resolved, That this Legislature urge the Federal Government to use its position as a member of the International Joint Commission to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Viet Nam situation.”

Amendment agreed to.

The debate resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion as amended agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—48

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>MacSorley</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Chabot</i>
<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Skillings</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Huhn</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>McKay</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Vogel</i>	<i>Richter</i>

NAYS—Nemo.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Harding*, the word “unfair” appearing in the first and third lines of Motion No. 27 was deleted, so that the motion would read as follows:—

Resolved, That the freight rate structure imposed by the Board of Transport Commissioners discriminates against British Columbia, and this House protests to the Federal Government this freight rate structure and urges that an immediate study be made of the above rates with a view to rectifying them.

Mr. *Bruch* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Jefcoat*,—

That the motion be amended by deleting all words after “British Columbia” in the second line thereof and by adding the words “and this Legislature urges the Federal Government to implement the recommendations of the McPherson Commission of Inquiry, whose recommendations embody many proposals made by the Government of British Columbia for improvement of the freight rate structure as it affects this Province”, so that the resolution shall read as follows:—

“Resolved, That the freight rate structure imposed by the Board of Transport Commissioners discriminates against British Columbia, and this Legislature urges the Federal Government to implement the recommendations of the McPherson Commission of Inquiry, whose recommendations embody many proposals made by the Government of British Columbia for improvement of the freight rate structure as it affects this Province.”

A debate arose. Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Harding* moved, seconded by Mr. *Nimsick*,—

Be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority that it provide an itemized breakdown to the owners of property being expropriated due to the Columbia River development.

Mr. *Lundell* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Speare*,—

That the motion be amended by deleting the words “recommends to” in the first line and substituting the words “ask that” and thereafter by deleting the words “that it provide” and substituting the words “consider providing”, so that the resolution shall read as follows:—

“Be it Resolved, That this House ask that the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority consider providing an itemized breakdown to the owners of property being expropriated due to the Columbia River development.”

A debate arose. Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Harding* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hartley*,—

That this House protests the recent curtailment of passenger service by the Canadian Pacific Railway and recommends to the Federal Government that they communicate this protest to the Board of Transport Commissioners with the request for immediate restoration of any reduced service.

Mr. *Jefcoat* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Skillings*,—

That the motion be amended by adding the words “in areas where no suitable means of passenger transportation is provided”, so that the resolution shall read as follows:—

"That this House protests the recent curtailment of passenger service by the Canadian Pacific Railway and recommends to the Federal Government that they communicate this protest to the Board of Transport Commissioners with the request for immediate restoration of any reduced service in areas where no suitable alternate means of passenger transportation is provided."

A debate arose. Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Matthew* moved, seconded by Mr. *MacSorley*,—

Be it Resolved, That this House urge the Federal Government to immediately amend the provisions of its Criminal Code by deleting the word "occasionally" from section 168 (2) (b) thereof so as to give bona fide charitable or religious organizations the right to conduct bingo games, as such organizations deem fit, so long as the proceeds from its games are to be used for a charitable or religious object.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Dowding* moved, seconded by Mr. *Barrett*,—

Resolved, That the Provincial Legislature of British Columbia endorses amendment of the Criminal Code of Canada which would permit advice and information on family planning to be available to parents in Canada.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

That all correspondence and all documents pertaining to Highway Contract 1023, Southern Trans-Provincial Highway, be tabled in this House.

Motion agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Calder*, the following motion standing on the Order Paper in his name was withdrawn:—

That all correspondence and communications between all departments of the Government and any official or department of the State of Alaska and the United States of America with respect to the development of hydro-electric power on the Iskut River, Yukon River, Atlin Lakes, Liard River, and the Stikine River and its tributaries be filed with this House.

Mrs. *Haggen* moved, seconded by Mr. *Barrett*,—

Resolved, That this Government give consideration to the setting-up of a Consumer Fraud Bureau within the Department of the Attorney-General.

Motion agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Price*, seconded by Mr. *Shelford*, it was Ordered,—

That the deposit in the amount of \$600 paid pursuant to Standing Order 98 by the petitioners for Bill (No. 63) intituled *An Act to Amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922*, be refunded to the petitioners.

Order called for "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *An Act to Amend the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act*.

The House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—20

Messieurs

McGeer	Eddie	Perrault	Squire
Gibson	Dowding	Macfarlane	Harding
Stupich	Gargrave	Nimsick	Strachan
Calder	Barrett	Haggen, Mrs.	Turner
Hartley	McKay	Macdonald	LeCours

NAYS—28

Messieurs

Lundell	Shelford	Black	Loffmark
Speare	Price	Vogel	Campbell
Smith	Brothers	MacSorley	Chant
Carnell	Kiernan	Chabot	Peterson
Tisdalle	Williston	Skillings	Martin
Matthew	Bennett	Jefcoat	Gaglardi
Bruch	Bonner	Huhn	Richter

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *An Act to Amend the Fair Employment Practices Act*.

The House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18

Messieurs

McGeer	Dowding	Macfarlane	Squire
Stupich	Gargrave	Nimsick	Harding
Calder	Barrett	Haggen, Mrs.	Strachan
Hartley	McKay	Macdonald	Turner
Eddie	Perrault		

NAYS—29

Messieurs

Speare	Price	Vogel	Loffmark
Smith	Brothers	MacSorley	Campbell
Carnell	Kiernan	LeCours	Chant
Robinson	Williston	Chabot	Peterson
Tisdalle	Bennett	Skillings	Martin
Matthew	Bonner	Jefcoat	Gaglardi
Bruch	Black	Huhn	Richter
Shelford			

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled *An Act to Amend the Pollution-control Act*.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the ground that it offended Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

An appeal was taken from the ruling of the Chair.

The ruling of the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—31

Messieurs

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>McKay</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Vogel</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>MacSorley</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>LeCours</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Gagliardi</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	

NAYS—17

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Squire</i>
<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Eddie</i>			

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 71) intituled *An Act to Amend the Fireworks Regulation Act* a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—24

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Lundell</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Stupich</i>	<i>McKay</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Price</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>MacSorley</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>LeCours</i>

NAYS—23

Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Gagliardi</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Vogel</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	

Bill read a second time.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled *An Act to Amend the Medical Grant Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the ground that it offended Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 75) intituled *An Act to Empower the Government of British Columbia to Engage in the Business of Automobile Accident Insurance* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the ground that it offended Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public funds, and also Standing Order 67 as involving an impost on the people.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 76) intituled *An Act Respecting the Rehabilitation of Prisoners* a debate arose.

Motion negatived.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 77) intituled *An Act to Amend the Training-schools Act* a debate arose.

Motion negatived.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 78) intituled *The Sickness and Injury Benefit Investigation Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker observed that as section 23 of the *Revenue Act* provides that all public moneys shall be paid to the credit of the Minister of Finance, any expenditure of money made pursuant to the Bill would necessarily involve an appropriation of revenue, and, accordingly, ruled that in the hands of a private member the Bill is out of order.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled *An Act to Establish a Human Rights Commission* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the ground that it offended Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. Turner, Bill (No. 88) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act* was withdrawn.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 91) intituled *An Act to Amend the Annual Holidays Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the ground that it offended Standing Order 67 as it involved an impost upon a section of the people.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 92) intituled *An Act Respecting Agreements for Sale of Farm Machinery and Parts* a debate arose.

Motion negatived.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 93) intituled *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Sales Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the ground that it offended Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 94) intituled *An Act Respecting the Sale of Goods under Time Sale Agreements* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled that in the hands of a private member a Bill providing for the imposition of fines and penalties is out of order without the consent of the Crown.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act* a debate arose.

Motion negatived.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 97) intituled *An Act to Establish the Office of Commissioner for Grievances* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker observed that as section 23 of the *Revenue Act* provides that all public moneys shall be paid to the credit of the Minister of Finance, any expenditure of money made pursuant to the Bill would necessarily involve an appropriation of revenue, and, accordingly, ruled that in the hands of a private member the Bill is out of order.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 98) intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Elections Act* a debate arose.

Motion negatived.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 99) intituled *An Act to Amend the Hospital Insurance Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the ground that it offended Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 101) intituled *An Act to Amend the Hospital Insurance Act* a debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order on the ground that it offended Standing Order 66 as involving the expenditure of public funds.

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

11 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

1. What was the total number and amounts of all hospital budget deficits reported to the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance in the years 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1964?

2. What amounts, if any, were paid to hospital boards to cover the deficits referred to in No. 1?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“1. This information should be obtained from the hospitals concerned.

“2. *Nil.*”

83 Mr. *Stupich* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

With reference to private hospitals (nursing homes) caring for all types of chronic patient (those capable of rehabilitation, those needing skilled nursing care and medical supervision, and those needing custodial care):—

1. How many profit hospitals are there in the Province and what is the total number of beds in these hospitals?

2. How many non-profit hospitals are there in the Province and what is the total number of beds in these hospitals?

3. With reference to patients in the non-profit hospitals, how many of the category needing skilled nursing care and attention have been covered since December 1, 1965, at \$1 per day under the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service?

4. Were any of the patients mentioned in No. 3 covered by the Social Welfare Department prior to December 1, 1965, and, if so, how many?

5. Are any patients occupying beds in non-profit hospitals who do not qualify for \$1-per-day coverage under the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service and, if so, how many?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“1. There were 69 hospitals with 3,210 beds.

“2. Extended care hospitals (including units in general hospitals) 10; total number of beds, 1,038.

“3. As at February 28, 868 patients.

“4. Yes, but this information is not tabulated because eligibility for hospital insurance coverage is not affected by whether or not a patient is, or has been, in receipt of funds from the Social Welfare Department.

“5. Yes, as at February 28, 185 patients.”

182 Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:—

1. Has a joint Federal-Provincial study of the Kootenay Flats-Duck Lake area been conducted with a view to joint development of a waterfowl sanctuary-public shooting area by the two Governments?

2. If yes, has the Federal Government indicated its willingness to share the costs of such a project?

3. Has the Federal Government at any time indicated a willingness to develop the area alone as a Federal project?

4. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, are the results of the studies available?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No. Federal and Provincial studies have been made independently to determine the feasibility of development for waterfowl and public shooting. These have been of a preliminary nature only.

“ 2. Not applicable.

“ 3. No.

“ 4. Not applicable.”

183 Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:—

Regarding the Duncan hydro development:—

1. Will the above project destroy substantial areas of waterfowl habitat in the reservoir area?

2. If yes, has the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority been approached for funds to develop Duck Lake as mitigation for the losses arising from the Duncan development?

3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what sum has British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority set aside for the project?

4. If the answer to No. 1 is no, will the Department of Recreation and Conservation approach the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority in this regard, when will the approach be made, and when will work start on the project?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

“ 1. A matter of opinion, please qualify.

“ 2. We have had discussions on this subject with B.C. Hydro at board level; no conclusions have been reached as the planning at Duck Lake is in very preliminary stages only.

“ 3. Due to Federal as well as Provincial interest in waterfowl resources, participation cannot be detailed at this time.

“ 4. Answered by No. 2.”

189 Mr. *Hartley* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:—

With reference to Pinewoods Lodge, Manning Park:—

1. Were any moneys spent on (a) construction and (b) maintenance during the fiscal years 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, or 1965?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how much was spent in each fiscal year?

3. What is the profit and loss position of the lodge for the fiscal years 1961 to 1965?

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) and (b) Yes.

“ 2. (a) 1961/62, nil; 1962/63, nil; 1963/64, \$83,344.60; 1964/65, \$31,466.08; 1965/66, \$10,835.56; and (b) 1961/62, \$4,920; 1962/63, \$4,920; 1963/64, \$5,121; 1964/65, \$15,050; 1965/66, \$6,577.

“ 3. Audited financial statements of Pinewoods Lodge Limited indicate: 1960/61, profit, \$2,237.53; 1961/62, loss, \$790.19; 1962/63, profit, \$4,909.42; 1963/64, loss, \$7,090.27; 1964/65, profit, \$2,188.26; and 1965/66, statement not yet available.”

Mr. Speaker declared a recess of fifteen minutes.

TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

E. K. DeBeck, Esq., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 1) *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act.*

(No. 2) *An Act to Amend the Regional Parks Act.*

(No. 4) *An Act to Amend the Survivorship and Presumption of Death Act.*

(No. 5) *An Act to Amend the Plans Cancellation Act.*

(No. 6) *An Act to Amend the Gas Act.*

(No. 7) *An Act to Amend the Special Surveys Act.*

(No. 8) *An Act to Amend the Trustee Act.*

(No. 9) *An Act to Amend the Supreme Court Act.*

(No. 10) *An Act to Amend the Partnership Act.*

(No. 11) *An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act.*

(No. 12) *An Act to Facilitate the Subdivision of Land in Strata and the Disposition of Title Thereto.*

(No. 13) *An Act to Amend the Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act.*

(No. 14) *An Act to Amend the Real Estate Act.*

(No. 15) *An Act to Amend the Companies Act.*

(No. 16) *An Act to Amend the Taxation Act.*

(No. 17) *An Act Respecting the Purchase of Unissued Shares of the Capital Stock of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.*

(No. 18) *An Act to Amend the Social Services Tax Act.*

(No. 19) *An Act to Amend the Improvement Districts Assistance Loan Act.*

(No. 20) *An Act to Amend the Provincial Home-owner Grant Act.*

(No. 21) *An Act to Amend the British Columbia Ferry Authority Act.*

(No. 22) *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act.*

(No. 23) *An Act to Amend the Medical Grant Act.*

(No. 24) *An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia.*

(No. 25) *An Act to Amend the Greater Vancouver Water District Act.*

(No. 26) *An Act to Amend the Official Guardian Act.*

(No. 27) *An Act Respecting Crop Insurance.*

(No. 30) *An Act Respecting the Rutland Agricultural Society.*

(No. 32) *An Act to Amend the Constitution Act.*

(No. 33) *An Act to Amend the Fisheries Act.*

- (No. 34) *An Act to Amend the British Columbia Government Travel Bureau Act.*
- (No. 35) *An Act to Provide for the Conservation of Wildlife.*
- (No. 36) *An Act to Amend the Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act.*
- (No. 37) *An Act Respecting the Employment of Women before and after Childbirth.*
- (No. 38) *An Act to Amend the Annual Holidays Act.*
- (No. 39) *An Act Respecting Firearms.*
- (No. 40) *An Act Respecting Factories, Shops, Offices, and Elevators.*
- (No. 41) *An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act.*
- (No. 42) *An Act to Amend the Coal Act.*
- (No. 43) *An Act to Amend the Mineral Act.*
- (No. 46) *An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act.*
- (No. 47) *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act.*
- (No. 48) *An Act to Amend the Department of Recreation and Conservation Act.*
- (No. 49) *An Act to Amend the Summary Convictions Act.*
- (No. 50) *An Act to Incorporate Fraser Valley Mutual Insurance Company.*
- (No. 52) *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter.*
- (No. 54) *An Act to Amend the Victoria Foundation Act.*
- (No. 55) *An Act to Incorporate the Heritage Life Assurance Corporation.*
- (No. 56) *An Act to Incorporate the Southwest Mortgage Indemnity Corporation Limited.*
- (No. 58) *The Granby Mining Company Limited Act Amendment Act, 1966.*
- (No. 59) *An Act to Amend the Seaboard Assurance Company Act, 1953.*
- (No. 60) *An Act to Incorporate the Prince George College of Prince George.*
- (No. 61) *An Act to Incorporate Westco Insurance Company.*
- (No. 64) *An Act to Amend the Municipal Superannuation Act.*
- (No. 65) *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act.*
- (No. 66) *An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pensions Act, 1961.*
- (No. 67) *An Act Respecting an Agreement between Canada and British Columbia Regarding the Canada Pension Plan.*
- (No. 69) *An Act to Amend the Land Act.*
- (No. 70) *An Act to Incorporate the Seminary of Christ the King.*
- (No. 73) *An Act to Amend the Administration Act.*
- (No. 74) *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act.*
- (No. 79) *An Act to Amend the Water Act.*
- (No. 82) *An Act to Amend the Department of Commercial Transport Act.*
- (No. 83) *An Act to Amend the Health Act.*
- (No. 84) *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act.*
- (No. 85) *An Act Respecting Power Development.*
- (No. 86) *An Act to Amend the Medical Act.*
- (No. 87) *An Act to Amend and Repeal Certain Provisions of the Statute Law.*
- (No. 89) *An Act to Provide for the Payment of a Grant to Muriel J. McLeod.*
- (No. 90) *An Act to Amend the Forest Act.*
- (No. 102) *An Act to Reimburse Cyril Morley Shelford for Certain Expenses.*

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

The said assent was announced by E. K. DeBeck, Esq., Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

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

Then Mr. Speaker addressed the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 96) intituled *An Act for Granting Certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia*.

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

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

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you of your legislative deliberations at the conclusion of the Third Session of the Twenty-seventh Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to express my appreciation of the diligence with which you have dealt with my people's business. The legislation that has been enacted will be of great benefit to the citizens of this Province.

The *Motor-vehicle Act Amendment Act, 1966*, deals with road safety, making provision for various safety requirements, and includes measures for the suspension of drivers' licences by reason of the presence of a stated level of blood alcohol, and authorizes the provision of compulsory motor-vehicle testing.

The *Strata Titles Act*, the first of its kind in Canada, makes provision for acquiring title to parts of multi-storied buildings.

You are to be commended in amending the *Municipalities Aid Act*, which will assist the municipalities by raising grants made by the Province to the municipalities by \$4 in respect of each person in the population of the municipality.

The *Social Services Tax Act Amendment Act, 1966*, and the *Provincial Home-owner Grant Act Amendment Act, 1966*, are of special significance to the citizens of this Province. The former provides exemptions from the sales tax for food products, periodicals, confections, and school supplies, while the latter increases the amount of the home-owner grant by \$10 per annum.

The amendments to the *Civil Service* and *Municipal Superannuation Acts* and the *Teachers' Pensions Act* make provision for the integration of Provincial pension plans with the Canada Pension Plan.

You are to be commended for enacting the *Medical Grant Act Amendment Act, 1966*, whereby the Provincial participation in assisting payment for medical care under this Act was enlarged by an increase in the Stabilization Fund amounting to 1 million dollars and by an increase in the subsidies paid for persons in lower-income groups.

The *Wildlife Act* represents a revision of the *Game Act* and the introduction of new principles and safeguards for the conservation of wildlife in this Province.

You are to be congratulated upon the amendments to the *Constitution Act*, which provide for a redistribution of electoral districts in the Province of British Columbia.

The protection afforded by the *Maternity Protection Act, 1966*, was widened to include all types of employment except farming or domestic employment.

In approving the *Factories Act, 1966*, you have included offices and public buildings and have provided improvements with respect to safety-measure requirements.

By amending the *Assessment Equalization Act* the Legislature has placed a ceiling of 5 per cent on the annual increase of assessed values of lands and improvements throughout the Province.

With you I rejoice that on March 19th we were honoured by the gracious presence in this Chamber of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

I wish to congratulate you, the members of the Legislative Assembly, for these and the many other measures which will provide for the well-being of the citizens of British Columbia. I thank you for your deliberations and labours and for the supplies which you have granted for the Public Service.

Honourable Members, I now relieve you of your legislative duties, and I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary) then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please the Lieutenant-Governor to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

W. H. MURRAY, *Speaker*.