

Nos. 2 and 3

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**Legislative Assembly of British Columbia**

**Second Session of the Forty-second Parliament**

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**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Chant*.

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 Report on Multiculturalism, 2019/2020.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Ms. *Sims* moved, seconded by Ms. *Dykeman*—

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

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**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

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 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 March 2, 2021 be referred to the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *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 any information or evidence previously under consideration by the Special Committee appointed by order of the House on March 2, 2021 be referred to the Special Committee.

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 personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House by September 1, 2021, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Jagrup Brar* (Convener), *Brittney Anderson*, *Ronna-Rae Leonard*, *Andrew Mercier*, *Greg Kylo*, *Peter Milobar*, 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 Committees appointed by order of the House on July 8, 2020 and December 9, 2020 be referred to the Special Committee.

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 personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House by April 28, 2022, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

The Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Doug Routley* (Convener), *Garry Begg*, *Rachna Singh*, *Grace Lore*, *Rick Glumac*, *Harwinder Sandhu*, *Dan Davies*, *Trevor Halford*, *Karin Kirkpatrick*, and *Adam Olsen*.

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.

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 Committees appointed by order of the House on February 18, 2020 and December 9, 2020 be referred to the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House by December 8, 2021, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Mable Elmore* (Convener), *Garry Begg*, *Rick Glumac*, *Kelly Greene*, *Dan Ashton*, *Andrew Wilkinson*, and *Adam Olsen*.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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

The debate continued.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

**PROGRESS OF BILLS**  
**GOVERNMENT BILLS**  
*(Listing printed for convenience only)*

Bill No.	Title	Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Committee	Report	Amended	Third Reading	Royal Assent	S.B.C. Chap. No.
1	An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament .....	Hon. D. Eby .....	Apr. 12							

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