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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**Legislative Assembly of British Columbia**  
**Second Session of the Forty-second Parliament**

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**Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

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TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. A. Kang.

The Hon. M. Dean (Minister of Children and Family Development) 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. 14) intituled *Early Childhood Educators Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 19, 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. M. Dean (Minister of Children and Family Development) 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. 15) intituled *Early Learning and Child Care Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*May 19, 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.

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 Speaker made the following statement:

*Honourable Members:*

During Monday morning’s sitting, the Chair issued several cautions to Members participating in debate on the Private Member’s motion under consideration by the House. Throughout the debate, several Members of the Official Opposition Caucus spoke about the conduct of the Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, and used debate on the motion under consideration by the House to bring accusations against the Attorney General.

The Assistant Deputy Speaker, who was in the Chair, brought Members’ attention three times to Standing Order 40 (2), which states, “No Member shall use offensive words against any Member of this House.” As I indicated I would do at the conclusion of Monday morning’s sitting, I have reviewed the transcript of the proceedings, and wish to provide further direction to all Members.

*Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, at page 151, states that, in making remarks in the House, Members should bear in mind the following: “Members cannot quote another Member’s words to avoid offending Standing Order 40; a Member cannot do indirectly what the Member is unable to do directly,” and, “The conduct of a Member cannot be canvassed in debate, nor can charges of a personal character be made, except by a substantive motion, for which notice is required.”

Erskine May, the procedural authority of the United Kingdom Parliament, 25th edition, at pages 496 to 497 states, “The general requirements of moderation in parliamentary language...are viewed as particularly important when Members are speaking of other Members, not because other Members require specific protection, but in order to preserve the character of parliamentary debate.”

Furthermore, in the House of Commons of the United Kingdom, Erskine May, 25th edition, at page 497 states, “The Speaker has ruled that a Member who intends to mention another Member’s name in the Chamber in a form which amounts to a personal reflection—but which is short of the kind which anyway would require a substantive motion—should (unless the other Member is present) inform the other Member in advance, in a timely and reasonable manner.” The same principle has been upheld in our own House, as reflected on page 160 of *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition.

Given the nature of the comments made during the course of Monday’s debate and the considerations that I have outlined, this was done in a manner that I deem to be conclusively unparliamentary.

Furthermore, I believe it to be a misuse of the intent of Private Members’ motions, which afford Private Members with an opportunity every Monday morning to express their views on issues of importance to them—and not to make direct, indirect, or veiled remarks about other Members of the House.

In future debate, I ask Members to be mindful of the guidance that the Chair has provided.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

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Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.

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.

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**Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

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Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

## (IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$81,636,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2022.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,001,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2022.

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Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

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**NOTICE OF BILLS****Wednesday, June 9**

Mr. *Olsen* to introduce a Bill intituled *Islands Trust Amendment Act, 2021*.

Ms. *Cadieux* to introduce a Bill intituled *Building Amendment Act, 2021*.

# 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       |                |           |         |         |               |              |                  |
| 2        | Public Interest Disclosure Amendment Act, 2021 .....                   | Hon. D. Eby .....       | Apr. 15       | May 10         | May 12    | May 12  |         | May 12        | May 20       | 11               |
| 3        | Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2021 .....                         | Hon. H. Bains .....     | Apr. 19       | Apr. 20        | Apr. 26   | Apr. 26 |         | Apr. 26       | Apr. 27      | 10               |
| 4        | Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2021 .....                         | Hon. S. Robinson .....  | Apr. 20       | May 11         | May 20    | May 20  | May 20  | Jun. 3        |              |                  |
| 5        | InBC Investment Corp. Act .....  | Hon. R. Kahlon .....    | Apr. 27       | May 11         | May 19    | May 19  |         | May 19        | May 20       | 13               |
| 6        | Accessible British Columbia Act .....                                  | Hon. N. Simons .....    | Apr. 28       | May 10         | Jun. 3    | Jun. 3  |         | Jun. 3        |              |                  |
| 7        | Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2021 .....              | Hon. D. Eby .....       | May 10        |                |           |         |         |               |              |                  |
| 8        | Public Safety and Solicitor General Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 ..... | Hon. M. Farnworth ..... | Apr. 29       | May 11         | May 31    | May 31  |         | May 31        |              |                  |
| 9        | Finance Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2021 .....                     | Hon. S. Robinson .....  | May 17        | May 20         | May 20    | May 20  |         | May 20        | May 20       | 14               |
| 10       | Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 .....                   | Hon. J. Osborne .....   | May 13        | May 31         | Jun. 1    | Jun. 1  |         | Jun. 1        |              |                  |
| 11       | Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 .....                       | Hon. D. Eby .....       | May 12        | May 31         | Jun. 1    | Jun. 1  |         | Jun. 1        |              |                  |
| 13       | Employment Standards Amendment Act (No. 2), 2021 .....                 | Hon. H. Bains .....     | May 11        | May 12         | May 19    | May 19  |         | May 19        | May 20       | 12               |
| 14       | Early Childhood Educators Act .....                                    | Hon. M. Dean .....      | Jun. 8        |                |           |         |         |               |              |                  |
| 15       | Early Learning and Child Care Act .....                                | Hon. M. Dean .....      | Jun. 8        |                |           |         |         |               |              |                  |

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## MEMBERS' 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. |
|----------|--|----------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| M 201    | Assessment (Split Assessment Classification) Amendment Act, 2021 ..... | Mr. Stone .....      | Apr. 22       |                |           |        |         |               |              |                  |
| M 202    | Health Professions Amendment Act, 2021 .....                           | Ms. Furstenauf ..... | Jun. 2        |                |           |        |         |               |              |                  |
| M 203    | Equal Pay Reporting Act .....  | Ms. Cadieux .....    | Jun. 8        |                |           |        |         |               |              |                  |

## COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

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### ESTIMATES, 2021 – 22

| Ministry                                       | Estimates Completed |
|--|---------------------|
| Advanced Education and Skills Training.....    | May 12, 2021        |
| Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.....           | June 8, 2021        |
| Attorney General.....                          | June 7, 2021        |
| Citizens' Services.....                        | May 18, 2021        |
| Education .....                                | May 20, 2021        |
| Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation .....  | May 20, 2021        |
| Environment and Climate Change Strategy.....   | May 18, 2021        |
| Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.....   | May 13, 2021        |
| Labour.....                                    | June 1, 2021        |
| Mental Health and Addictions .....             | June 3, 2021        |
| Municipal Affairs.....                         | May 17, 2021        |
| Social Development and Poverty Reduction ..... | May 31, 2021        |
| Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport .....         | May 11, 2021        |