

Nos. 47 and 48

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

---

---

**Thursday, June 10, 2021**

---

---

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Mr. *Coulter*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Speaker made the following statement:

*Honourable Members:*

Yesterday afternoon, during second reading debate on Bill (No. 7), the Member for Columbia River-Revelstoke made comments regarding what he perceived to be a lack of participation in debate on the bill by Members of the Government Caucus.

Upon hearing the comment, the Deputy Speaker intervened. He cautioned the Member not to cast aspersions on other Members. When asked repeatedly by the Deputy Speaker to withdraw his remarks, the Member refused to do so. As a result, the Member was not given the opportunity to complete his speech, and second reading debate was thereafter closed, as no other Members indicated that they wished to participate in the debate.

The House then proceeded to a new item of business, and during the intervening recess, the Member for Columbia River-Revelstoke used an unparliamentary word when speaking to the Official Opposition House Leader about the events that had transpired in the House. However, as the Chamber audio was still live, the remark was heard by other Members in the Chamber and those participating remotely.

I have a number of observations to make on this matter.

First, having reviewed the transcript of proceedings, I conclude that the comments made by the Member for Columbia River-Revelstoke while speaking to Bill (No. 7) about Members of the Government Caucus, while immoderate, do not fall into the category of remarks which require an immediate withdrawal.

I appreciate the desire of the Deputy Speaker to raise the tenor of debate in this House. However, in this case, the Member’s comments were not inconsistent with remarks made on previous occasions, including remarks made by other Members earlier in the same second reading debate. It is important that the rules of this House and expectations of those who take their seat in this Chamber apply fairly and consistently to all Members. However, it is also inevitable that, in responding in the moment, any Presiding Officer may occasionally fall into error, to the displeasure of one side of the House or the other.

Although I conclude that the remarks made by the Member for Columbia River-Revelstoke were not unparliamentary to the extent that would require withdrawal, I must express my disappointment that the Member repeatedly refused to follow the clear direction of the Deputy Speaker. This changed the tenor of the exchange and causes me great concern. The Members of this House have agreed, through the Standing Orders, that the Presiding Officers shall hold significant responsibilities and powers to address disorderly conduct. A refusal to take the direction of the Chair is contrary to the rules of the House and is an example of gross misconduct, and will not be tolerated.

The role of a Presiding Officer is not an easy one. It is difficult to constantly gauge and react immediately and accurately to the unpredictable nature of Members during debate. One of my predecessors, Speaker Sawicki, when addressing the House in 1994, noted, “It is a delicate balance that every Speaker must strive to achieve—between respect for freedom of speech and the need to maintain order, between the rights of the majority to govern and the rights of the minority to be heard. In return, every Speaker must be able to rely upon all Honourable Members to be vigilant in their support for the institution itself.” The Members who take on the responsibilities of a Presiding Officer require our respect. They take on these duties on behalf of all Members to protect and uphold the rules, customs, and practices of this institution. Any disrespect shown to a Presiding Officer reflects very poorly on the Legislative Assembly as a whole.

I will offer two reminders to all Members. First, if a Member wishes to call the attention of the Chair, whether in the House or in committee, to the violation of our Standing Orders or practices of this House, they are able to do so by raising a point of order. If Members are unsure about the usage of points of order, the Chair and the Clerks at the Table are always happy to provide guidance and to answer any questions. Second, Members should not engage in any exchanges when the House or a committee is in recess, as the audio continues to be live during that time.

Finally, I note that the Member for Columbia River-Revelstoke did use unparliamentary language during the recess. While the comment was unintended to be heard by others, it was, and the Member should withdraw this remark, and I call upon him now to do so.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Mr. *Clovechok* withdrew his comments.

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Representative for Children and Youth Report, *Skye’s Legacy: A Focus on Belonging*, June 2021.

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

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)

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)

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)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

---

---

**Thursday, June 10, 2021**

ONE 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 and Section C of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2021* was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, division on clause 2 of Bill (No. 7) was deferred to later today.

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 7) stood down.

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 7) as stood down.

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

Bill to be considered later today.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

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

## (IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

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.

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2021* was again committed.

The Committee recessed until 5.10 p.m.

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

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 7) passed on the following deferred division:

YEAS—55

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

NAYS—26

<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>
<i>Ashton</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Stone</i>
<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Letnick</i>		

The title of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Bill (No. 7) reported complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 7) to be read a third time at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$517,715,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2022.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$136,310,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Fire Management, to 31st March, 2022.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,861,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2022.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion 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.

By agreement, summary of debate of estimates passed in Section A (Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development) to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Section C of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.27 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

---

---

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

**Monday, June 14**

**11** Ms. *Rice* to move—

Be it resolved that this House recognize June as National Indigenous History Month and continue to advance reconciliation in partnership with Indigenous Peoples.

# 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	Jun. 9	Jun. 10	Jun. 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							

## 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. Furstenu .....	Jun. 2							
M 203	Equal Pay Reporting Act .....	Ms. Cadieux .....	Jun. 8							

# COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

*(Listing printed for convenience only)*

## 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
Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.....	June 10, 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