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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

The House met at 10:00 a.m.

This being the first day of the first session of the 3rd Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a proclamation of the Hon. William_Dzhugashvili, Lieutenant-Governor of the province, hon. members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the parliamentary roll.

[The Speaker in the chair.]

Speech from the Throne

The Speaker: Hon. Members, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor is in the precinct. Please remain seated while we wait for his arrival.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor requested to attend the House, was admitted to the chamber and took his seat on the throne.

The Speaker: May it please Your Honour, the House of Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil 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 King 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.

Hon. hxamz_a: Hon. Speaker, I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he 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 His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor upon all seasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

Hon. William_Dzhugashvili (Lieutenant-Governor): Fellow British Columbians and Members of the Legislature, we gather in the people's house, in order to begin work again for the people of British Columbia. The people of British Columbia have moved from an entirely different game and city, and have had to adjust to these major changes. The province's private sector has been brought to a standstill, not helped by a severely under-staffed and regulation-heavy Ministry of Trade. The people's legal sector has been stagnant for months now, seeing very little growth and interest within the legal profession. Some of British Columbia's most integral pieces of legislation are outdated or poorly written, with some being ambiguous in some places or full of loopholes. British Columbians deserve a government that works for them and fixes all of these issues and more.

Starting today, your government will begin to work to solve these issues and work with the various Ministries to improve their respective organisations. Your government will prioritise starting and rekindling foreign relations with other ro-states, ensuring such relations benefit British Columbians first through protecting the province's interests and bringing more businesses into British Columbia.

Your government will prioritise cutting through the Ministry of Trade's convoluted and verbose business regulations to make them easier to navigate by both prospective and current business owners, creating grant programs for successful businesses to continue operating in the province, hosting regular job fairs to spread awareness of all the businesses the people of British Columbia can be a part of, and the spotlighting and advertising of various businesses in British Columbia by your government to drive more interest in the private sector.

Your government will prioritise amending the Law Society Act to prepare it for full operation within the province, passing the Criminal

Rehabilitation and Alternate Sentencing Act to introduce more options for your legal system to perform its duties and the ability of court convictions to be set aside, and the further promotion of our legal system's career options, to make more British Columbians aware of opportunities within it.

Your government will prioritise updating old legislation such as the Revised Road Safety Bylaw, fixing loopholes within laws such as the variety present within the Revised Employee Rights Bylaw, and passing a variety of new legislation, such as the Free Press Act to protect the rights of British Columbians to form news companies and more, without the addition of extra regulations such as arbitrary rubrics or limiting the amount that may operate within the province.

Your government will work for you, and ensure British Columbia is a dominant ro-state in the diplomatic sphere and has superior governance in all of its domestic affairs.

Thank you.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor retired from the chamber.

[The Speaker in the chair.]

The Speaker: Hon. Members, in order to prevent mistakes, I have obtained a copy of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's speech.

General Election Results

Assistant Clerk of the Legislative Assembly: Hon. Members, I have received a report from the Chief Electoral Officer certifying the results of the provincial general election.

Accordingly, the 10 members of the 3rd Parliament of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia are as follows.

Electoral District	Elected Member	Political Party Affiliation
Burnside	NotTowoasty	Azoy Party of BC
Esquimalt	Debatinglyness	Azoy Party of BC
Fernwood	hxamz_a	BC Labour
Hillside	ManslyYT	ReformBC
James Bay	tthelakes	ReformBC

North Park	vd207	BC Labour
Oak Bay	Shibe_R6	Independent
Rockland	S3aWo1fz	BC Labour
Saanich	Antonio_Gamer1567	BC Labour
Victoria West	Dakota_303	BC Labour

Hon. hxamz_a: I move that the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the results of the election of members be entered upon the *Journals* of this House.

Motion approved.

Introduction and First Reading of Bills

BILL 1 — AN ACT TO ENSURE THE SUPREMACY OF PARLIAMENT

Hon. hxamz_a presented a bill intituled An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament.

Hon. hxamz_a: I move that Bill 1, intituled An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament, be introduced and read a first time now.

Motion approved.

Hon. hxamz_a: The introduction of this bill expresses the established right of parliament, through its elected members, to deliberate independently of the Sovereign. As such, it is an important part of our parliamentary democratic process. It is a right that was first asserted by the Parliament at Westminster in the year 1603, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

I move that the bill be placed on the orders of the day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

Bill 1, An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament, introduced, read a first time and ordered to be placed on orders of the day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

Motions

PRINTING OF *VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS*

Hon. hxamz_a: I move:

[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.]

Motion approved.

Hon. hxamz_a moved adjournment of the House.

Motion approved.

The Speaker: This House stands adjourned until further notice.

The House adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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