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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2005

The House met at 10:04 a.m.

Prayers.

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### By-Election

#### Clerk of the House:

November 19, 2004

The Hon. Claude Richmond  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
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Mr. Speaker:

Re: By-election —  
Electoral District of Surrey–Panorama Ridge  
October 28, 2004

On May 26, 2004, this office received a Speaker's warrant advising of the vacancy in the membership of the Legislative Assembly resulting from the resignation of Gulzar Cheema, MLA for the electoral district of Surrey–Panorama Ridge.

On direction from the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, I issued a writ of election on September 30, 2004, ordering a by-election to be held to fill the vacancy. The writ specified general voting day as October 28, 2004.

The by-election was held in accordance with the provisions of the Election Act, and the completed writ of election has been returned to me.

In accordance with section 147(2) of the act, I hereby certify the election of Jagrup Brar as the member to represent the electoral district of Surrey–Panorama Ridge in the Legislative Assembly.

Sincerely,

Harry Neufeld  
Chief Electoral Officer

**Hon. G. Plant:** I move that the certificate of the chief electoral officer of the result of the election of the member be entered upon the *Journals* of the House.

Motion approved.

**J. MacPhail:** I have the honour to present to you Jagrup Brar, the member for the electoral district of Surrey–Panorama Ridge, who has taken the oath, signed the parliamentary roll and now claims his right to take his seat.

**Mr. Speaker:** Please proceed.

I would now ask the hon. member to please take his seat in this assembly. [Applause.]

The hon. member for Surrey–Panorama Ridge took his seat.

**Hon. G. Bruce:** On behalf of the government and the government members, I'd like to welcome the new mem-

ber for Surrey–Panorama Ridge. It can be somewhat overpowering when you come into this place, but it will soon encapture you, as I know you've been watching.

You've got an incredible challenge. You've got two very lively colleagues to try and bring under control. [Laughter.] We've been trying for four years. I'd like you to know that we are with you in your endeavour to do just that. Welcome to the House.

### Tabling Documents

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. member, I have the honour to present the following reports: the auditor general report No. 6, *Leading the Way — Adopting Best Practices in Government Financial Reporting, 2003-04*; the auditor general report No. 7, *Monitoring the Government's Finances*; the annual report, office of the conflict-of-interest commissioner; the auditor general report No. 8, *Follow-up of 2002-2003 Report 5: Managing Contaminated Sites on Provincial Lands*; the auditor general report No. 9, *Follow-up of Two Health Risk Reports: A Review of Performance Agreements, Information Use in Resource Allocation*; and the auditor general report No. 10, *Building a Strong Public Service: Reassessing the Quality of the Work Environment in British Columbia's Public Service*.

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Ladies and gentlemen, I am advised that the Lieutenant-Governor is in the precincts and ask that the members remain seated.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor entered the chamber and took her place in the chair.

### Prorogation Address

**Hon. I. Campagnolo (Lieutenant-Governor):** Pray be seated.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, in closing the fifth session of the thirty-seventh parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you on the accomplishments of the past year. This session has seen the passage of measures of wide-ranging and significant importance to the people of the province. On behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to express appreciation for the care and attention that you have given to your deliberations. I now relieve you of your duties.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor retired from the chamber.

[Mr. Speaker in the chair.]

**Hon. G. Plant:** Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. members, the House will reconvene at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The House prorogued at 10:14 a.m.