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*The Committee of Council submit for the consideration of
His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor a Bill intituled*

Public Service Labour Relations Amendment Act, 1976

*and advise that the same be transmitted by Message to the
Legislative Assembly.*

Victoria, 8th day of June, A.D. 1976

W. R. Bennett.
Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

Approved this 8th day of June, A.D. 1976

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BILL 82

**PUBLIC SERVICE LABOUR RELATIONS
AMENDMENT ACT, 1976**

Honourable Provincial Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the *Public Service Labour Relations Act* to reflect the changes in the *Public Service Act*, whereby the Treasury Board, acting through the agency of the Government Employee Relations Bureau, becomes the bargaining agent on behalf of the Government.

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Public Service Labour Relations
Amendment Act, 1976

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

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Sess.)
c. 144
s. 1.

1. Section 1 (1) of the *Public Service Labour Relations Act* is amended
- (a) in the definition of "bargaining agent", by striking out "section 3" and substituting "section 3 (1)",
 - (b) by inserting after the definition of "board" the following:
"bureau" means the Government Employee Relations Bureau established under the *Public Service Act*; , and
 - (c) by repealing the definition of "party".

s. 3.
Bargaining
agent for
Government.

2. Section 3 is repealed and the following substituted:
3. (1) The bargaining agent for the Government is the Treasury Board which, subject to this Act, shall exercise its authority and discharge its duties as such through the agency of the bureau.
 - (2) It is the duty of the bureau, on behalf of and under the direction of the Treasury Board,
 - (a) to bargain collectively the terms and conditions of employment of employees and to execute, on behalf of the Government, collective agreements that may be concluded under this Act,
 - (b) to provide assistance, advice and services to the Government or a department respecting
 - (i) the interpretation and application of the provisions of a collective agreement concluded under this Act,
 - (ii) any difference that may arise between the Government or a department and a bargaining agent for employees respecting the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of the provisions of a collective agreement concluded under this Act, and
 - (iii) the interpretation and application of the provisions of any Act relating to labour relations affecting the Government or a department,
 - (c) to provide training and instruction to persons designated by a minister or a deputy minister for the purpose of subsection (2) (b) and related matters,

- (d) to obtain the assistance of such persons as are considered necessary to enable it to carry out its duties, and
- (e) to perform such other related duties as may be assigned to it by the Treasury Board.

- s. 13. 3. Section 13 is amended
- (a) in paragraph (a), by striking out "section 34" and substituting "section 20", and
 - (b) in paragraph (d), by striking out "the application" and substituting "the establishment, maintenance and application".
- s. 15. 4. Section 15 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):
- (3) A collective agreement may include a provision that a board of arbitration will be the Public Service Adjudication Board established under the *Public Service Act* and, in that event, Part III of that Act applies.
- s. 24. 5. Section 24 is repealed and the following substituted:
- Mailed notices.** 24. For the purposes of this Act and any of the proceedings taken under it,
- (a) a notice, application, request, or nomination required or permitted to be given by the Government or the bargaining agent for the Government may be given by the bureau, and any notice required or permitted to be given to the Government or the bargaining agent for the Government may be given to the bureau, and
 - (b) a communication given by prepaid registered mail or prepaid certified mail shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to have been received by the addressee in the ordinary course of mail.