

## House of Assembly Debates

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

## SESSION 1962

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

*Tuesday 19th December, 1961.*

The 1961-66 Legislative Session was inaugurated at 10 o'clock a.m. today in the Council Chamber by His Excellency Sir John Montague Stow, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Barbados and its Dependencies.

Pursuant to the issuing of Writs, the Hon. Members elected to constitute the General Assembly for the Session assembled in the Assembly Chamber as follows:-

Messrs. J. E. T. BRANCKER, Q.C., (Senior member for St. Lucy); W. A. CRAWFORD, (Senior member for St. Philip); L. E. SMITH, J.P., (Junior member for St. Joseph); F. L. WALCOTT, O.B.E., (Senior member for St. Peter); E. D. MOTTLEY, (Senior member for the City of Bridgetown); K. N. R. HUSBANDS, (Junior member for St. Peter); F. C. GODDARD, (Junior member for Christ Church); F. E. MILLER, (Junior member for St. George); E. ST. A. HOLDER, J.P., (Junior member for St. James); C. E. TALMA, (Senior member for Christ Church); J. C. TUDOR, M.A., (Junior member for St. Lucy); E. W. BARROW, B.Sc., (Senior member for St. John); J. W. CORBIN, (Senior member for St. Andrew); S. E. SEALY, (Senior member for St. Michael); G. G. FERGUSON, (Junior member for St. Michael); W. R. COWARD, (Senior member for St. Joseph); R. ST. C. WEEKES (Junior member for St. Philip); W. R. LOWE, (Senior member for St. George); E. L. CARMICHAEL, (Senior member for St. James); L. A. DeW. LYNCH, (Junior member for the City of Bridgetown); G. V. BATSON, (Senior member for St. Thomas); N. W. BOXHILL, (Junior member for St. Thomas); J. B. YEARWOOD, (Junior member for St. John) and A. Da. C. EDWARDS, (Junior member for St. Andrew).

## MEMBERS SUMMONED TO COUNCIL CHAMBER

On receipt of a Message by the Sergeant-at-Arms that His Excellency the Governor was awaiting their presence, honourable members proceeded to the Council Chamber where they answered their names, took the Oath of Allegiance and signed the declaration as to their qualification to be elected members of the General Assembly.

At the request of His Excellency, honourable members repaired to their chamber preceded by the Marshal carrying the Mace cradle-wise, to make choice of their Speaker to be presented for His Excellency's approval.

## ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

*Hon. Members being in their places.*

Mr. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Clerk, British Parliaments are peculiar institutions, and their customs and practice dictate that they must be presided over by hon. members in most cases who are distinguished by their love of the parliamentary game, by the knowledge of its procedures, and by the possession of a large fund of tolerance and good humour. If, Mr. Clerk, these qualifications for Speakership are to be found in any honourable member who is now sitting around these tables, they must surely be found in the honourable senior member for St. Lucy. (Cheers.)

The hon. senior member for St. Lucy has been a member of this House for nearly twenty-five years, and it will be our pleasure and privilege to congratulate him in a few weeks from now on his jubilee as a member of this House. (Cheers). He has represented the constituency of St. Lucy from 1937, and there are honourable members now present who will recall that from 1946 to 1948 he served as Deputy Speaker and was unanimously offered the Chair in 1948, but declined that honour then in the public interest. Now at last we seek on this side of the House, and we feel with the concurrence of the whole House, to give him that honour again.

I can think of no honourable member who for length of service and for the masterly knowledge of the procedures of this House who at this time is more fitting for the honour which we propose to bestow.

I therefore have great pleasure in moving that the hon. senior member for St. Lucy do now take the Chair as Speaker of this House.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Clerk, I have much pleasure in seconding the nomination of the hon. senior member for St. Lucy as Speaker of this Honourable Chamber.

I recall about a year and a half after I came to this House, the honourable senior member for St. Lucy had the honour of presiding over this House; and I believe that those of us who were present at the time can testify to his knowledge of procedure, his absolute impartiality in dealing with members on both sides of the House. Sir, I believe that despite the fact that his Party carries a majority in the House today, he will uphold those same traditions, as he did during his period of Deputy Speaker, today as Speaker of this Honourable Chamber.

I think it is most fitting that I take this opportunity to second this nomination, especially when it is realised that I was in the vanguard of delaying the appointment of Speaker on the last occasion because the then Government strayed from what I considered the ancient practice and tradition of appointing a Speaker without even letting us know whether or not the then sitting Speaker was willing to take the Chair again. I think it is fitting that I should say, Sir, that the hon.

senior member for St. Lucy while he was Deputy Speaker of this House certainly presided over it with a knowledge of Parliamentary procedure, and even when he left the Chair he was always a guide to those who were then juniors in here as to what we should do and we should not do. He never attempted to ride rough-shod over those of us who made mistakes and strayed from the straight and narrow path of Parliamentary procedure.

With those remarks - I do not think it is fitting on this occasion to keep His Excellency waiting in the Other Place - I have much pleasure in seconding the nomination of the honourable senior member for St. Lucy as Speaker of this House. *(Cheers)*

Mr. MILLER: I, too, would like to associate myself with the remarks of the last speaker in connection with the honourable senior member for St. Lucy. It is true that I am correct in saying that there is some departure from practice, if we think in terms of the House of Commons and the settled traditions of that ancient Parliament; but I, like the other two members who spoke on this matter, share the views and sentiments expressed. *(Cheers)*

Mr. W. A. CRAWFORD: Sir, the circumstance that the hon. junior member for St. Lucy is the colleague of our nominee as Speaker prevented me from utilising the privilege which was mine to propose the Speaker here today, but I certainly do want to add my quota of tribute to those which have already been made. I can think of few honours more appropriate, Sir, than the one we are conferring today on the hon. senior member for St. Lucy, and I feel sure that he will be no less an honour to the Chair than the appointment is to him.

I regard it as a very special privilege to be able to add my quota of congratulations here today, because twenty odd years ago when I entered this Chamber, there were only two members of the House of Assembly then who assisted me in my campaign - the hon. senior member for St. Lucy and the late Mr. C. A. Brathwaite who is no longer with us. I therefore regard it as something of a duty to be able to say today how much I welcome this appointment and to express the hope that this is the beginning of further honours which the new Speaker so ably merits. *(Cheers)*

Mr. CLERK: There being no other nominee, I now declare the hon. senior member for St. Lucy duly elected Speaker of this Honourable House.  
10.55 a.m.

Mr. SPEAKER ELECT: I am profoundly grateful to hon. members for what they have said and I trust to fulfil their expectations. I am particularly pleased with the remarks which came from different sides of this House, my friend on my left and my other friend on my right. I will do all I can in a spirit of complete impartiality to perform the duties of Speaker in the highest traditions of the House of Commons.

Mr. SPEAKER/ELECT was then robed by the Hon. junior member for St. Lucy and the hon. senior member for the City and conducted to the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER ELECT: Hon. members, I thank those who have just led me to this Chair and I hope they will continue to feel happy with what they have done and that the Chair will be presided over with the dignity and impartiality which alone is to be expected of the Chair. One ceases to regard oneself as a member of a Party, although the Party to which one belongs is entitled to demand full financial contributions from the occupant of the Chair, who may assist in another respect in accordance with the conditions of the House of Commons which I hope to be able to follow.

Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair and the Mace was placed on the table.

I will now ask the proposer and seconder of my nomination to inform His Excellency the Governor that the House had made its choice.

The junior member for St. Lucy and the senior member for the City proceeded to the Council Chamber and returned.

Mr. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker Elect, the senior member for the City and I waited on His Excellency in the Council Chamber and informed him that the House has made choice of its Speaker and desires to present him for His Excellency's approval. His Excellency expressed his readiness to receive the House.

Mr. SPEAKER/ELECT preceded by the Marshal bearing the Mace and the other hon. members following him according to seniority proceeded to the Council Chamber.

Mr. SPEAKER ELECT: Your Excellency, the House of Assembly have chosen me as their Speaker and I now present myself for Your Excellency's approval.

HIS EXCELLENCY: I have much pleasure in approving of the choice made by the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: Your Excellency, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I lay claim to their ancient and undoubted rights and privileges, especially to freedom from arrest and molestation of their persons and servants, to freedom of speech in debate, to free access to Your Excellency whenever occasion may require it, and that the most favourable construction may be placed upon all their proceedings.

HIS EXCELLENCY: Mr. Speaker, I give and grant to the House of Assembly so far as it is consistent with the Royal Prerogative and with the laws and constitution of this Island, every privilege and liberty which have been enjoyed by any former Assembly as fully and freely as ever.

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH

His Excellency then delivered a Speech to the Houses of the Legislature, at the conclusion of which he presented a copy to Mr. SPEAKER.

The Speech is as follows:-

## *Opening of the Legislative Session, 1961 - 66*

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### *His Excellency the Governor's Address*

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*Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:*

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly:*

The customary formalities associated with the opening of a new session of the Legislature have been observed and it is now my privilege to address you.

In opening the new Session, I offer a very warm welcome to both Chambers of the Legislature as a whole and especially to the individual members of the General Assembly who are taking their seats for the first time.

The Honourable Errol Walton Barrow has accepted my invitation to form a Government and will hold the office of Premier and Minister of Finance.

On the Premier's recommendation I have appointed the following members of the House of Assembly to be Ministers:-

The Honourable Wynter Algernon Crawford:

Minister of Development, Trade, Industry and Labour

The Honourable James Cameron Tudor:

Minister of Education

The Honourable Cuthbert Edwy Talma:

Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries

The Honourable George Granville Fergusson:

Minister of Communications, Works, Housing and Tourism

The Honourable Arlington DaCosta Edwards:

Minister of Social Services

The Honourable Hilton Augustus Vaughan has been appointed as Minister without Portfolio and his appointment as a member of the Legislative Council has been approved by Her Majesty so long as he holds that office.

The appointment of these members of the House of Assembly and the member of the Legislative Council as members of Executive Committee will be notified to you in due course.

**Visit of The  
Prime Minister.**

The Right Honourable Harold Macmillan visited Barbados on the 28th March and held brief discussions with all three parties in the House of Assembly, and with Members of Legislative Council.

In accordance with previous practice I now propose to outline my Government's future plans so far as that is possible in advance of next year's Budget.

**The Consti-  
tution.**

On the 16th October, the legislation, Letters Patent, Royal Instructions, Compensation Regulations and other Instruments giving effect to all the constitutional changes agreed upon in London in September, 1959, were brought into force.

The constitutional changes and conventions were described in detail in my address at the opening of the Legislative Session in January this year. I do not, therefore, propose to make further reference to them to-day, but I would like to congratulate Barbados warmly on the achievement of full internal self-government.

My Government proposes that the necessary steps will be taken to provide Barbados with a written and comprehensive Constitution which will include provision for single member constituencies, reduction of the voting age from twenty-one to eighteen years and the reform of the Legislative Council to ensure representation of the points of view of the different political groups in the House of Assembly. This constitution, it is hoped, will facilitate the smooth transition from our present constitutional status to independence within the British Commonwealth at the earliest possible date.

It is also proposed at an early date to make the necessary arrangements to provide for the appointment of a Parliamentary Secretary to assist the Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries and the Minister of Communications, Works, Housing and Tourism in the discharge of their functions, particularly in regard to the co-ordination of the work of these two Ministries in relation to tenantry roads and the acquisition of plantation tenancies.

**Federation.**

In September the Government of Jamaica, after holding a referendum, announced its intention of withdrawing from the Federation of the West Indies and in October the Secretary of State announced that Her Majesty's Government accepted the result of the referendum as a final indication of Jamaica's wishes and would be prepared to introduce legislation for Jamaica's withdrawal from the Federation.

These developments have produced an entirely new situation which my Government is studying in all its implications.

My Government is in general agreement with the proposals which have been put forward by the Anglican Synod in respect of the new financial and constitutional arrangements which should exist between the Established Church and the State. Ecclesiastical.

The necessary legislation to amend the Anglican Church Act, 1911, and to give effect to these new arrangements will be introduced during the present Session.

It is not proposed that the Church should be dis-established except at the request of the Church Authorities.

The term of office of the District Councillors who were elected in 1959 at the beginning of the system of Local Government will expire during January next and Elections will be held in each Local Government area on the 11th January, 1962. Local Government

The Public Debt at the 30th November, 1961, was \$27,267,028 and accumulated Sinking Funds in respect of this debt amounted to \$2,631,706. Financial Position.

At the 1st April, 1961, the General Revenue balance was \$7.1 million as compared with \$5.8 million at the 1st April, 1960. Revenue for the financial year 1960-61 amounted to \$26 million and Current Expenditure to \$22.7 million, showing a surplus of \$3.3 million in respect of that year. Capital Expenditure for the financial year 1960-61 amounted to \$8.8 million of which \$2 million was met from the General Revenue balance, \$6.4 million from Loan Funds, \$0.1 million from Colonial Development and Welfare grants and \$0.3 million from the Labour Welfare Funds.

The budget for the current financial year shows an estimated revenue of \$24.8 million and estimated current expenditure of \$26.1 million. As at the 30th November, 1961, revenue collected amounted to \$16.5 million and current expenditure met amounted to \$15.9 million. It is too early to predict accurately what the final outcome will be for this financial year. However, from available revised figures it would appear that revenue will be in the vicinity of \$26.7 million and current expenditure about \$29.4 million. On this basis there would be a deficit of \$2.7 million.

The increase in estimated expenditure is due mainly to supplementary appropriation in respect of displaced workers' allowances \$700,000, Old Age Pensions increases \$211,750 and Salaries revision \$2,068,000.

Capital expenditure approved in the Estimates for the current financial year is \$10.2 million. Expenditure to the 31st October, 1961, amounted to \$3.5 million. The main heads were Deep Water \$1.09 million, Social Services \$1.01 million, Communications \$.88 million, Agriculture \$.39 million and miscellaneous \$.16 million.

The sources of finance were Loan Funds \$1.68 million, General Revenue Balance \$1.3 million, Colonial Development and Welfare grants \$.37 million, Labour Welfare Fund \$.13 million and Water Craft Renewals Fund \$.03 million.

The local loan issue of \$2 million 6% Government Stock is still open, and it is hoped that the public of Barbados will take advantage of this investment opportunity.

During this year Government instituted short term borrowing by the issue of Treasury Bills. It is intended to keep the question of short-term borrowing under constant review.

The Revenue Equalisation Fund stood at \$10,548,527.34 at the end of November, 1961. Of this amount \$6,803,680.66 was invested in short and medium term securities with a nominal value of \$7,146,681.50 and \$3,744,846.68 represented cash temporarily borrowed to offset expenditure on development projects pending the raising of a loan.

**Economic  
Outlook.**

A further rise in population is expected. Analysis of the present growth potential indicates that, unless considerable numbers migrate, population will increase from about 242,000 at the end of 1960 to about 267,000 by 1965, and that the number of people in the Island will double in twenty-five to thirty years' time.

The trends show big increases in the number of school children, of people seeking employment and of persons of pensionable age. The expansion in population requires to be matched by a corresponding expansion of production and social services. Not only must national income rise, but more social capital will be required to provide more schools, more housing accommodation, more roads in order to relieve congestion, more water supply, more hospital accommodation, and so on.

Present trends in output indicate that increases during the last few years have not been keeping pace with population growth. In fact, in recent years there were signs of stagnation owing to the approach of saturation level in sugar production, and below average rainfall. Unless action is taken to generate a more rapid increase of output, the increased population can be maintained only at a reduced standard of living. The policy implications therefore seem to be -

- (a) to raise output by a net annual increase which exceeds 2% per annum in order to match the population growth and provide, as far as possible, for further increase in the standard of living;
- (b) to provide appropriate social services, especially educational facilities;

- (c) to introduce suitable measures and policies designed to create the additional jobs that will be required, and to promote emigration.

This is determined by the need for urgent increase in production to support the growing population and to diversify the economy in order to achieve greater stability. The main objective is stimulation of greater production of goods and services. This requires appropriate legislative and fiscal policies and measures, institutional changes and administrative action. Above all a dynamic approach to development is called for. The main measures proposed are:-

**Development  
Policy.**

(1) Establishment of machinery to facilitate investment and mobilise savings for local investment. This will require the mechanism of a capital market, for example, a stock exchange and a development - financing institution. An institution performing central banking functions will also be required to regulate monetary policy to suit the needs of a developing economy.

(2) An over-hauling of existing legislation to remove laws and regulations which hinder, rather than promote, new investment and the enactment of legislation providing for additional incentives designed to stimulate economic growth.

(3) Creation of adequate and efficient development promoting agencies. The Barbados Development Board will be remodelled to concentrate on promotion work. Its loan-making functions will be transferred to a development finance corporation. The Board will also be directed to engage experts to carry out feasibility studies designed to discover what new goods can be produced commercially in the Island, and what new methods of production can be introduced so as to reduce existing costs.

(4) Complementary action to facilitate development. The provision of more facilities for technical training to provide the indigenous supply of workers which will be required, in the new industries; the establishment of a hotel training school to provide equipped personnel to meet the needs of the expansion of the tourist industry; the provision of adequate communication facilities and power supply to meet the requirements of an expanding economy.

Loans are by far the biggest portion of our development finance requirements. The prospects at the present time are not very good in view of the prevailing high rates of interest. Nevertheless, money must be found. It will therefore be necessary -

**Financing  
Development.**

- (a) for Barbadians themselves to subscribe to a greater extent than at present to Government loans floated internally so as to make more funds available to finance the expansion of their own economy.

- (b) to raise capital not only on the world money markets but also from various international lending agencies, for example the World Bank and the International Development Association.

My Government is in consultation with such agencies and the Honourable the Premier and Minister of Finance and the Honourable the Minister of Development, Trade, Industry and Labour will shortly be leaving the Island to continue their investigation of these sources of capital supply.

**Labour.**

*Workmen's Compensation.* Amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Law will be introduced shortly to provide for substantially increased benefits and for extension of the range of persons who will benefit under the Act. Consideration will be given to the introduction of the Ontario System.

*Maternity leave for women.* My Government proposes to introduce legislation to provide for the grant of paid maternity leave to women employed in public, industrial or commercial undertakings or in any agricultural undertakings, other than undertakings in which only members of the same family are employed. This legislation will bring Barbados closer in line with current International Labour Organisation conventions.

*Shops.* It is proposed to review the existing Shops and Factories legislation, with a view to its simplification and enforcement.

*Trade Unions.* It is proposed to amend the Trade Union Act, 1939, so as to -

- (i) make it clear that agricultural workers and domestic servants are covered by the Act; and
- (ii) bring the law relating to peaceful picketing up to date with United Kingdom legislation.

My Government will work in close collaboration with workers' and employers' organisations to implement a comprehensive scheme of security benefits for workers in the Sugar Industry including provision of severance pay for factory workers thrown out of work by the closing down of factories and the introduction of technological change.

**Sugar Crop.**

The sugar crop for 1961 was 159,541 tons. The negotiated price fixed by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement for 1962 was \$219.66 per ton which is an increase of \$3.18 per ton on the 1961 price. The Commonwealth Sugar Agreement has been extended for a further year to 1969.

**Sugar Enquiry.**

My Government proposes to appoint a Commission to enquire into all aspects of the sugar industry with a view to ensuring that it is operating efficiently and that all those who contribute to its support and prosperity obtain fair benefits from its operations.

Legislation will be introduced to secure a minimum weekly wage for agricultural workers.

Conditions of  
Agricultural  
Workers.

My Government proposes to acquire plantation tenancies for resale of the land to the tenant occupiers with a view to improving their social and economic conditions.

Steps will be taken to organise the marketing of food crops including green vegetables and fish and the establishment of a milk processing plant to bolster the development of the dairy industry and to stem the outflow of money required to pay for our milk imports. The Marketing Corporation Act, 1961, will be brought into operation in such a manner as to obviate the need for the present system of price control on fish and food crops.

Marketing.

Work on the soil conservation of the Scotland District will continue and will be improved. The East Coast road will be constructed to enable additional acres of inaccessible land to be brought into cultivation. The usage of land in the island will be examined.

Land use.

The legislation governing the planting of minimum acreages in food crops will be more strictly enforced. Production on the Government owned plantations at Dodds and at Sedgepond will be planned to ensure that more food is produced to assist in the school meals programme. Irrigation will be encouraged and promoted in the low rainfall areas.

Food  
Production.

The promotion of Cooperative Societies will be encouraged and developed to an extent which will enable them to make an impact on the high cost of consumer goods.

Co-operatives.

Immediate attention will be paid to devising an insurance scheme for fishing boats as well as for the fishermen themselves.

Fishing  
Industry.

Legislation to provide for the use of navigational aids will be introduced and instructions given in the use of such aids as well as in modern methods of fishing.

Facilities for beaching fishing vessels will be provided and legislation will be introduced enabling fishing boat owners to obtain duty free fuel for their vessels.

My Government welcomes the cooperation of McGill University and of other overseas agencies in fisheries and agricultural development.

Co-operation  
with external  
agencies.

The Port Department commenced to function early in the year and for the first time almost the entire sugar crop was exported in bulk through the installations constructed for this purpose.

Deep Water  
Harbour.

Oil bunkering facilities for ships of up to 48,000 Gross Registered Tonnage and up to 48 foot draught will be available from the month of March, 1962.

**Housing.**

The policy with regard to housing is to provide more and better housing. It is proposed to initiate a programme of slum clearance in the urban areas and to expand low cost housing development.

My Government proposes to introduce at an early date legislation to promote schemes of mortgage insurance for middle and lower income groups. By this means it is hoped to attract more capital for the Housing programme. In this connection it is intended to provide incentives which would attract investors.

Provision will also be made to improve the facilities which now exist with regard to housing for Civil Servants.

The possibility of establishing a Government controlled Building Society will be explored in a further effort to boost the housing programme.

Consideration will be given by Government to the possibility of arranging for tenants of the Housing Authority to be given an opportunity to purchase the houses which they occupy.

**Tourism.**

It is the intention of my Government to continue to promote the expansion of the tourist trade and to do its utmost to establish Barbados as one of the most attractive tourist centres in the area. Special attention will be given to the development of the summer business.

My Government will endeavour to secure a reduction in the travel rates to this area.

**Civil Aviation.**

The extension of the runway at the Airport to a total length of 9,000 feet has now made it possible to accommodate the largest jet aircraft in operation in the area with a full load of passengers. It is expected that the number of jet flights will be substantially increased, thus giving a greater fillip to the Tourist Industry.

**Broadcasting.**

My Government intends to take early steps to have a Broadcasting Station established.

**Transport.**

My Government intends to undertake a close study of the existing system of public transport with a view to securing maximum efficiency in this service.

**Water Services.**

A Hydro-geologist from the United Nations is conducting research into the Island's water supply; the findings will enable my Government properly to plan a suitable programme.

The programme for providing additional school places will be accelerated during the coming year by the construction of new schools and of extension blocks to existing schools, with particular emphasis on secondary places. Free secondary education will be provided in the ten Government aided secondary schools from January, 1962. Steps will also be taken to maintain, or expand where necessary, academic streams in the Secondary Modern Schools, beginning with the Princess Margaret School which will be renamed the Princess Margaret High School.

In the field of further education assistance will be sought for the establishment of a Liberal Arts College to accommodate evening students for degree courses. Consultations will shortly be held with the Barbados Workers' Union on the establishment of a college for the education of trade unionists.

The question of commencing school at an earlier hour and the transport problems arising from such a change are under study. Early attention will also be given to ways of improving the standard of health and nourishment among children of primary school age and the establishment of a School Meals Service. Committees are being set up immediately to study both subjects with a view to initiating these services in 1962.

Examination fees for private school students will be paid where such students have passed an approved qualifying test. In general, every effort will be made to improve the standards of education in the private schools.

Emphasis will be laid on the provision of facilities for the teaching of Science and Technical subjects. My Government is happy to acknowledge the generous help of the United States Operations Mission. By agreement with the Mission, woodwork, metalwork and general craft shops are to be constructed and equipped at ten secondary schools. Additional workshops and classrooms are planned for the Technical Institute, while the establishment of a Trade School, either at the Institute or separately, is also under consideration.

Extensions at Erdiston College for teachers, which include a Science Laboratory and a Library, will be completed within the coming year. The training of teachers, both secondary and primary, whether in Government-maintained or Government-aided or in Independent Schools, will form a major aspect of policy and full use will be made of local funds and external offers of aid.

My Government has under active consideration the necessity of removing children from the uncongenial and unwholesome atmosphere of the several infirmaries and making better provision for their education and welfare.

It is planned to introduce a comprehensive Education Act in place of the Education Act of 1890 and its various amendments as soon as possible and among other matters provision will be made for the introduction of nursery schools and of compulsory attendance of children at schools by such stages as are found to be necessary.

**Medical and  
Health Ser-  
vices.**

*New General Hospital.* During 1961 there was a very long delay in the arrival of steelwork. This delay has at last been overcome and at present approximately 1,136 tons have been received out of a required total of 1,500 tons. The whole of the steelwork for the North Block has been erected and the phased programme which has now been made gives the completion date as the end of 1963.

*Existing Hospital Services.* Proposals for the reorganisation of several of the departments of the Barbados General Hospital have been prepared and will, it is hoped, shortly be implemented. The main purpose of these proposals is to effect a greater degree of decentralisation of the administrative functions at the Hospital so as to ensure greater efficiency.

*District Hospitals.* Plans for the conversion of the St. Peter's Almshouse to serve as a District Hospital have been prepared and it is expected that construction work will be undertaken before the end of the financial year.

**Social  
Security.**

Mr. H. W. Stockman, C.B.E., Social Security Expert, whose services have been made available to this Island under the United Nations Programme of Technical Assistance, will advise my Government on how best existing resources might be used and the present forms of social assistance integrated into a more efficient system of social security. In the meantime, provision will be made for an increase in Old Age Pensions.

**Rural  
Amenities.**

Funds will be made available for continuation of the scheme for the provision and improvement of amenities in the rural areas.

My Government recognises that sport forms an important part of the community life of Barbados and it therefore intends to foster its development as far as is feasible. Provision will be made for the re-engagement of the services of the Cricket Coach and it is proposed that the Sports section of the Ministry of Social Services should be strengthened in order to intensify the appreciation and development of physical recreation, particularly in the rural areas.

It is proposed that the Handicraft Development programme should, wherever possible, be expanded and intensified so that its benefit might become more apparent and accessible to people in the rural areas.

My Government considers the relief of unemployment in the Island a matter of the greatest urgency and has already set in motion schemes for the employment of approximately 1,200 persons under an immediate Crash Programme.

Crash  
Programme.

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly:*

You will be asked to-day to make the sum of \$250,000 available for the purpose of starting the programme before Christmas.

*Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:*

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly:*

Barbados now has its own Civil Service for which it is solely responsible, the control of the Secretary of State having been withdrawn as from the 16th October.

Civil  
Service.

In a Message already transmitted to the Legislature, the Secretary of State recorded his appreciation of the cooperation and goodwill which made this transition possible.

The membership of the newly constituted Public Service, Judicial and Legal, and Police Service Commissions has been announced and the Commissions are functioning smoothly under the new Acts.

In July, Mr. K. C. Jacobs, C.B.E., a former Financial Secretary of Sierra Leone, was requested to undertake a review of the structure of the Civil Service and the remuneration of public officers and Government employees of Barbados.

His report was received in October and the main recommendations of the Report have been accepted by the Legislature with certain amendments.

The recommendations relating to the Police Force are not acceptable to the Force and a special Committee has been appointed to review the objections raised.

The Barbados Civil Service has in the past demonstrated its devotion to duty and impartiality; it will, I feel sure, continue to give unselfish service to whatever Government is in power.

I would like here to thank the Service most sincerely from the lowest to the highest ranks for their efforts during the past year, but I must emphasise that special efforts and long hours of work will be required in the forthcoming year if my Government's plans as outlined in this speech are to be accomplished.

In my speech at the opening of the Legislative Session in January I said that the year 1961 could be one of the most momentous for the West Indies as it was expected that during the year decisions would be taken which would shape the future of an independent West Indian nation.

The secession of Jamaica from the Federation means that the spot-lights will now be focussed on Trinidad, Barbados and the remaining units of the Federation, and in the coming year statesmanship of a high order will be required to decide the future of these scattered territories. I am confident that the Legislature will measure up to the important issues involved.

*Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:*

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly:*

I now declare the Legislative Session open and I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may always rest upon your counsels.

#### HOUSE RETURN TO ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

Mr. SPEAKER and the House preceded by the Marshal bearing the Mace returned to the Assembly Chamber.

*Prayers were read.*

#### APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the hon. senior member for St. James be appointed Deputy Speaker of this House.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

#### SETTLEMENT OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the Standing Orders of the House for the last Session be the Standing Orders of the House for the present Session.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

#### APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the hon. senior member for St. Thomas be appointed Chairman of Committees.

Hon. A. Da.C. EDWARDS: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division (Noise from the gallery).*

Mr. SPEAKER: I am finding it somewhat difficult to hear myself on account of the noise in the gallery. I am asking the Marshal to insist that everyone who is in the House be seated and if there be no further seating accommodation,

it is regrettable that the seating accommodation in this Parliament building is inadequate.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I notice that the door of this Chamber is being closed and I must say that I do not agree with that. There are persons who have been invited here and I do not think that they should be excluded from this Chamber. I object to the door being closed.  
11.55 a.m.

I say I am objecting to it. Do you think I was brought in here in a wheelbarrow?

Mr. SPEAKER: I am advised that those persons who were standing and who were trying to rush were not holders of tickets but persons who successfully eluded the police.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I agree with you, but then the door is closed. What about those persons who hold tickets sent out by the Clerk? I think the door should be opened and let the police do their duty.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: On a point of order, I think the hon. senior member for the City is getting the House of Assembly confused with the City Council. I would like to assure the House that I intend no such confusion in my discharge of office.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member is making a point of order.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Yes, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that while we were in the Council Chamber His Excellency the Governor was pleased to deliver an Address, and in the absence of a motion that I do otherwise, I shall proceed to read this Address.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the Address be taken as read.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

#### APPOINTMENT OF PRINTING COMMITTEE

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I beg to nominate the following members to serve as members of the Printing Committee:-

His Honour the Speaker; the hon. junior member for St. Michael; the hon. junior member for Christ Church; the hon. junior member for St. Lucy; the hon. senior member for St. Peter; the hon. junior member for St. Peter and the hon. junior member for the City.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I must say that I am very pleased with the start which the Hon. Premier has made, because I intended to say something on this matter and I think I shall still say it. When I sat over on the other side of the Table in the midst of the then Official Opposition, I remember well — and I believe every hon. member in this House remembers — that our argument then was that the then Government should give opportunity to members of the Opposition to serve on various Boards. I said I am very pleased with his nomination because he has certainly at least attempted to practise what he had been preaching over there.

I have this further to say on it; not only do I think he should do that when it comes to members of this House, but the old stupid argument which we heard trotted out in this House of Assembly for so long by the past Government that they were not going to put politicians on Boards I hope the Hon. and Learned Premier will disregard under his regime, and see that politicians, regardless of whatever their views might be, as long as they are elected — though I do not claim that they should be on Boards in the majority — should be given the opportunity to serve on a number of these Statutory and other Boards. I say that for this reason; for the past ten years at least, the then Government kept the members of the Official Opposition during the Sessions 1950-55 and 1956-61 off a tremendous lot of these Boards with the argument that they did not intend to place politicians on any of these Boards; but if you scan all the Boards properly, you will see nothing but politicians on them, persons who were carrying out their views though they were not elected to this Assembly.

I am very pleased that the Premier has started off, as I said, to practise what he had been preaching, that members of the Opposition be given an opportunity to serve on these Boards, though not in the majority.

I hope that this same thing will apply to the Housing Authority and several of the other Boards.

While I am on my feet, I am going to say here and now that in my considered opinion a tremendous lot of people serving on Boards, out of sheer common decency, should now resign and give the Government an opportunity to place people on these Boards, because nothing can hinder the smooth running of Government more than having persons on Boards who do not intend to offer necessary co-operation. There are a tremendous lot of people on Boards who, I say, should retire gracefully from these Boards and give the opportunity to Government to function smoothly, and I claim the right of those of us in the Opposition, even my friends on my left of the last Government, that we should have an opportunity to serve on some of these Boards.

Mr. WALCOTT: For fear lest the hon. member's remarks are misunderstood, I do not want the House to believe that the hon. senior member for the City is speaking for me, because in these matters he is not. I do not feel that what he is saying has any bearing whatsoever on what is before us, because what is before us is for this House to appoint and not for the Government to appoint; so we are in order to appoint members to these Boards as we see fit.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I should just like to clear up one or two points made by the hon. senior member for the City. The Boards that we are concerned with appointing this morning are the Printing Committee and the Debates Committee, and Your Honour will indicate to hon. members the persons you have selected to serve on the Victoria Emigration Society, and we also have to appoint members of the Sugar Industry Agricultural Bank and members of the Sugar Production and Export Control Board. All of these last three Boards and Committees are Statutory Bodies; they are not exempted bodies appointed by the Executive Committee or what is now known as the Cabinet, and the Law of this land dictates the composition of the Boards or at least the composition in so far as nominations are concerned, because this House has the right to select four members of the last two mentioned Boards, and the Agricultural Society in the instance of the Sugar Industry Agricultural Bank nominates one person, His Excellency nominates one and the Honourable Legislative Council nominates one member.

When we come now to the other Boards to which the hon. member has referred, I want to make it absolutely clear that the Government of this country is the Democratic Labour Party and the hon. member will be able to express his sentiments on the floor of this House; but the running of the Government will be done from this side of the House, and we will put whom we want to put on these Boards in the best interest of the community. Whether the persons who are now members of these Boards resign or not, this Government has power to substitute the present members by any other more fitting and proper persons that we deem expedient in the best interest of this community.

12.05 p.m.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am sure the hon. member would give me an opportunity to say this. If he misunderstood me, I did not misunderstand him.

Mr. SPEAKER: That is a point of personal explanation.

Mr. MOTTLEY: If the hon. member misunderstood me, I have not misunderstood him. I am not trying to depart from precedent, but I am saying that one should practise what one preached.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: I have never preached anything other than that Boards appointed by the House of Assembly should be representative of members of varying points of view. The reason why I could not be stupid enough to make such an assertion as was made is because in my parliamentary career I always felt that Boards should be representative of members of varying points of view. Do you think that if my Party were running the Government before, we could have on those Boards those dunderheads which we have on two important institutions like the Development Board and the Transport Board, where you have people who are incompetent to deal with matters which come before them? *(Laughter from the gallery)*

Mr. SPEAKER: There must be silence in the Gallery.

*The question that the members proposed be the members of the Printing Committee was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

#### DEBATES COMMITTEE

Mr. SPEAKER: It is to be observed that the Debates Committee comprises the same hon. members as that of the Printing Committee.

#### VICTORIA EMIGRATION SOCIETY

Mr. SPEAKER: So far as membership of the Victoria Emigration Society is concerned, the members are subject to appointment by the Speaker. I would like to communicate to all hon. members that it is my feeling and wish that the following be appointed to that Society:-

The hon. junior member for St. Philip; the hon. junior member for St. James and the hon. senior member for St. Michael.

In consequence, I declare that those three hon. members are the nominees of this House to the Victoria Emigration Society.

#### SUGAR INDUSTRY AGRICULTURAL BANK

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to propose the following members of this House as members of the Sugar Industry Agricultural Bank in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Act of 1943:-

The hon. junior member for St. John; the hon. senior member for St. Peter; and the hon. junior member for St. Thomas.

In addition, the other nomination which I propose to make to that Board is Mr. R. C. Chapman. Although he is not a member of this House, I do so in accordance with the provisions of the Act, where it says, that the four members need not be all members of this House. The reason why we have nominated the gentleman named in preference to nominating four members of this House, is because we feel — and perhaps the hon. senior member for the City will also think likewise — that in an important industry like the Sugar Industry Agricultural Bank the membership should be representative of people who have a knowledge of business and of the law. The gentleman whose name I have mentioned is a partner in a firm of Solicitors of this Island. There was no legal representative appointed on this Board which has such a long time and honourable history and, therefore, I have great pleasure in moving those four nominations.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

#### SUGAR PRODUCTION AND EXPORT

##### CONTROL BOARD

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I am following the precedent which I have just created by nominating two hon. members of this House to the Sugar Production and Export Control Board and two other persons from outside. Two members are appointed by the Other Place and one by His Excellency the Governor to complete the membership of this Board.

I am nominating the hon. senior member for St. Andrew and the hon. senior member for St. George. I also beg to nominate Mr. R. L. Greene, of the Barbados Workers' Union and Mr. E. L. Bannister of the parish of St. Andrew as members of this Board.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

##### DOCUMENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the Financial Report of the Accountant General of this Island for the month ended 30th September, 1961.

##### PAPERS LAID

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the Public Officers' Loan and Travelling Allowance (Scheduled Officers) (No. 4) Regulations, 1961.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the Customs Duties (Airline Ground Equipment) Order, 1961. 12.15 p.m.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I also beg to lay the Customs Duties (Films of 35 millimetre size) Order, 1961.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the Report of the Advisory Committee on Hospital Administration (Cheers.)

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of a Resolution to place a sum of money (the copies which have been circulated to hon. members have the words "a sum of money" in them, but that sum of money is now \$75,000) at the disposal of the Governor-in-Executive Committee for the purpose of making an advance to each serving member of the Police Force whose salary and/or wages have not been revised of an amount equivalent to 50% of the gross emoluments (Salary and C.O.L.A.) payable for the month of December, 1961.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: I also beg to give notice of the following other Money Resolutions:-

Resolution to place the sum of \$250,000 at the disposal of the Governor-in-Executive Committee to supplement the Estimates 1961-62 Part II — Capital, as shown in the Supplementary Estimate 1961-62, No. 35 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Resolution to place the sum of \$13,200 at the disposal of the Governor-in-Executive Committee to supplement the Estimates 1961-62 Part I — Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate 1961-62, No. 36 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice of my intention to ask for leave to deal with all these Resolutions in all their stages later on today. I understand that the Other Place is willing to co-operate in this matter as it is a matter of the greatest urgency.

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1957.

Mr. WALCOTT: I also beg to give notice of a Bill to amend the Trade Union Act, 1939.

*Other Private Members' Notices were given as follows:-*

Mr. L. E. SMITH:

WHEREAS tenders for the contract of meat, bread and groceries are awarded *en bloc* for each area administered by the Local Government Council;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Government Act, 1958 be so amended as to make it possible for awards of such contract to be made for each parish and not for each area as heretofore.

Mr. L. E. SMITH:

WHEREAS tenders for the supply of stones to be used for repairs or construction of roads throughout the island are awarded by the Department of Highways and Transport in areas consisting of two or more parishes;

BE IT RESOLVED that Government take steps to ensure that such tenders be awarded for each parish and not for such large areas as heretofore.

Mr. L. E. SMITH:

WHEREAS the sugar workers and general workers are required to provide one-quarter of the cost of any house in respect of which a loan may be granted;

AND WHEREAS many workers find it difficult to raise the required amount;

BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of one-quarter be reduced by 50% or in the alternative be waived should an intending borrower provide surety in lieu of the amount that he is required to provide.

Mr. F. E. MILLER:

WHEREAS the youth of this Island have demonstrated their keen interest in elections and politics,

AND WHEREAS there is great need for political education and enlightenment generally,

BE IT RESOLVED that the teaching of civics be made compulsory in all schools, preferably at senior level and at evening classes by trained staff.

Mr. F. E. MILLER:

WHEREAS such measures as Workmen's Compensation, Pension Scheme for Agricultural workers, Mortgage Insurance for housing have already been under preparation for presentation to the House early in the new session,

AND WHEREAS these measures are urgent in character,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government present these measures at the earliest possible date for the consideration of the House.  
12.25 p.m.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, in connection with the Resolution which was just submitted by the hon. junior member for St. George, he might not be able to appreciate the constitutional niceties with which he is now confronted, but this House cannot resolve that the Government do so-and-so; the House will receive that the House be asked to do so-and-so, and if the hon. member does not see fit to re-word the Resolution, then I will have to ask you to rule it out of order.

Mr. SPEAKER: I had no opportunity, of course, to read any of these private notices, but I have asked the Clerk to have a word with the hon. member. Meanwhile I have called the name of the hon. junior member for St. Joseph.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, under the Standing Orders of this House, any Resolution that has not been submitted three days in advance is not entertained, and I am rather shocked and surprised that Your Honour should entertain Resolutions of this nature which have not been scrutinised or vetoed and passed by Your Honour yourself. I think on this occasion that we will have a certain amount of indulgence provided that Resolutions are properly worded.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is quite preposterous to have scrutinised these notices, because only a short while ago the House elected a Speaker.

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Speaker, on this matter, I think it would be appropriate to draw to Your Honour's attention that Resolutions as distinct from Questions, unless they are something against any constitutional practice, are not within Your Honour's province to decide on. It is a matter for the House to throw out the Resolution; that is to say, a member can bring a Resolution asking the Government to do anything, but it is a matter for the House - unless it is written so badly that Your Honour would not permit it to be printed; but I do not think it is within Your Honour's province to determine how a Resolution should be worded. It is purely a matter for the House, because it is not asking a question of the Government; it is asking the House to debate something; and when it comes to the House, the House can throw it out.

Mr. SPEAKER: The only point is that if a Resolution was perused by me and seemed to be absolutely ridiculously worded, I would drop an intimation to the hon. member, and a word to the wise - all members of the Parliament are presumably wise - should be sufficient. But the hon. member for St. Joseph has another private notice.

Mr. SMITH:

WHEREAS the homes of many old age pensioners throughout the Island are in dire need of repair,

AND WHEREAS this is beyond the capacity of the said pensioners owing to the pittance granted them to undertake such repairs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government institute a scheme whereby such repairs be undertaken at the public expense either through an agency of the Central Government or through the Local Government Authorities.

#### QUESTIONS

Mr. SPEAKER: There are divers questions on the Notice Paper, none of which have I had opportunity to peruse. I therefore cannot allow questions today.

Mr. SMITH:

WHEREAS fishermen experience great difficulty in meeting the cost of repairs to their boats as well as paying the instalments they are required to pay on the purchase of the said boats,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government take immediate steps by legislation, if necessary, to have the amount of the instalment reduced by 50% so as to enable fishermen to meet their commitments and be able to maintain their families.

Mr. SMITH:

WHEREAS tenders for the supply of stones to be used for the repairs or construction of roads in the Local Government areas are awarded *en bloc* for each area;

Mr. SPEAKER: Let there be no cross talk; never will I support that.

Mr. SMITH: You know the hon. senior member for the City very well.

Mr. SPEAKER: Please make no comments, but merely give your notice.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I will read the Resolution again.

WHEREAS tenders for the supply of stones to be used for the construction of roads in the Local Government areas are awarded *en bloc* for each area;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Government Act, 1958, be so amended as to make it possible for awards of such contracts to be made for each parish and not for each area as heretofore.

Mr. SPEAKER: That now definitely closes Resolutions; I have to have an opportunity to consider the Questions.

That ends Private Members' Business.

#### BILLS READ A FIRST TIME

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1957, be now read a first time.

Mr. BOXILL: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that a Bill to amend the Trade Union Act, 1939, be now read a first time.

Mr. BOXILL: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

#### COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of my intention to move the House into Committee of Supply later in today's Sitting in order to deal with the money Resolutions of which notice was given earlier today.

## SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this Sitting be now suspended for half an hour.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. SPEAKER suspended the Sitting accordingly.*

12.35 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I observe that there is no quorum and I ask that the Bell be rung.

*The Bell was rung and a quorum was obtained.*

## COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Committee of Supply be the first Order of the Day.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Your Honour do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee of Supply and that it be an instruction to the House when it is in Committee to deal with the three money Resolutions of which notice has been given earlier in the day.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is....

Mr. SMITH: Before Your Honour put the question...

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member moved rather late, but I will allow him to speak.

Mr. SMITH: I go on to say that I understand that the House is about to go into Committee of Supply to deal with three money Resolutions. Up to now, I have not seen those three Resolutions although I believe that they are in this envelope. I had no time whatsoever to go into the question of dealing with these Resolutions and I feel that before we go into Committee to pass money Resolutions, we should really have the time to go into them thoroughly.

I will never be against the Resolutions from what I have heard of them over the radio. I have heard that one of these Resolutions will be for Crash Works and things of that sort, but one should not expect me to crash into these things.

Hon. members know that the outgoing Government used to be always criticised when doing things along this line. The Opposition then always wanted time to consider the Resolutions before going into Committee on them. This is even worse. It is only just now that we have been asked to go into Committee on these Resolutions. I am not going to object to these Resolutions, although that is the privilege which I have and which the electors of St. Joseph have given to me. However, I will not try to exercise it on this occasion; I am only warning the present Government not to do it any more. It is not fair to hon. members.

Mr. WALCOTT: Before the Hon. Minister replies, I think I should say that the hon. member who has just spoken was sleeping. I cannot see the reason why the hon. member is making that objection.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. If I were sleeping, the hon. member was dead because I never said that I objected.

Mr. WALCOTT: Sir, I am very serious. The hon. member has come to life now but he has come to life a little bit late; he should have come to life before the 4th December; therefore, he would have found some sympathy for the criticisms which he has just made. Why I said that the hon. member was sleeping was because that is a usual habit of

his. Earlier today when the Government sought leave to deal with these Resolutions at a later stage, it could not be a fact that the hon. member did not have the Resolutions then because if he did not have them then, that would have been the time for him to say: "Why are you asking me to approve of something which I do not have today?" Not one objection was made by the hon. member then; therefore, the hon. member would have to be sleeping.

What objection could the hon. member have to these Resolutions being dealt with today? Today is the 19th December, and it was stated clearly when notice was given earlier today that the reason why these Resolutions were being done was to expedite matters. The hon. member had not one word to say when the explanation was given and that is something which his colleagues in the last Government never gave. The same hon. member was like a lamb and there are a number of occasions on which he voted for things which deep down in his conscience he never agreed to.

He has now risen with righteous indignation. The hon. member has the brass and the effrontery to get up and speak against this matter. He is lucky that he is sitting here today because we did not have the time to go to St. Joseph during our political campaign. (*Laughter from the gallery.*)

Mr. SPEAKER: There must be silence in the gallery; otherwise, I would have no hesitation in taking steps to see that order is maintained.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, my colleague the hon. junior member for St. Joseph has raised this matter of our dealing with the Resolutions now. That is just the Opening of the House and these Resolutions are to be proceeded with today. I quite appreciate the urgency of the measures before us. I would like to say that I was lucky to know of their coming down before today because the Clerk of the House communicated with me and informed me that they were coming down to be dealt with today. I am saying that I never objected to their being dealt with, and as Leader of the Party to which I belong, we are willing to proceed with the measures. I only rose to say that we hope in the future that measures will be brought before us in good time so that we will have the opportunity of considering them in our time before dealing with them in this House. I want to make it clear that we are willing to deal with these Resolutions today.

Mr. SPEAKER: Am I to understand from what the hon. member has said that he was given advance information that these Resolutions would be put before us today to be dealt with?

Mr. MILLER: I did have that information.  
1.15 p.m.

Mr. SMITH: On a point of explanation. If the Hon. Leader of the House contacted the hon. junior member for St. George, I knew nothing about it; I knew nothing whatsoever about it. If that is a fact, I am warning the hon. junior member for St. George not to do this any more. I will not stand for that; I do not want to go any further now, but I will deal with the other gentleman when the time comes. I am not afraid of anybody at all.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I was very silent on this matter because the Clerk of the House contacted me a few days ago and since I came into the House I got this Resolution. I have listened to what the Hon. Leader of the House said earlier in the day. It is true that we have, on several occasions, objected to matters which were brought down by the last Government in a hurry, but there could be no member of the House, knowing the gravity of the situation relative to the Police Force, who would object to this Resolution. I would consider the Government to be foolish, knowing the threats which are being carried out, not to bring down this matter today. I am accustomed to opening my envelopes and looking at them; I did that on this occasion and I saw this Resolution. I have discussed this matter with my Party.

Mr. COWARD: Mr. Speaker, I am here in a dual capacity. It is a fact that the unemployment figure is very high and I am in agreement with the Government in having brought down this Measure today; on the other hand, I do feel that in future the Opposition could be better treated by our being given more time to consider measures which are placed before the House. I know that this is Christmas time and all of us have extra expenses to meet and we have to face facts; that is why I am agreeing with this Resolution. I may say that I know that Resolutions have been brought down here by the last Government, which were contrary to the feelings of the then Opposition, and the Government always had caustic criticism levelled against them. I believe that that is one of the things responsible for their defeat (*Laughter*). I am not here for the purpose of wasting time or blocking any measure which has been brought down in the interest of the people of Barbados. I only want to make myself clear and I hope that the Government will take in good faith the criticism which I make about them.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, normal procedure will compel me to congratulate the hon. senior member for St. Joseph on his maiden contribution to the debates in this Assembly, but in so far as they are concerned, what we want to discover is whether we are dealing with four Opposition Parties in so far as the Members of the Barbados Labour Party are concerned. The Clerk was instructed some days ago to get in touch with the independent members of this Chamber, the Leader of the Conservative Party and the Members of the Barbados Labour Party.

Mr. SPEAKER: I should like to inform the Hon. Minister that there is no Party in this House known as the Conservative Party.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: I mean the Members of the Barbados National Party. I acquainted them that it was our intention to proceed with these Resolutions today. We saw in the Press that the hon. junior member for St. George was officially the Leader of the Opposition and we got in touch with him and informed him of these Resolutions. Whether the hon. member got in touch with the members of his Party or not I do not know, but I would like to know whether in future we are to instruct the Clerk to inform each member of the Barbados Labour Party of what is our intention. With each member of the Barbados Labour Party expressing his own point of view, that would delay the proceedings of this House interminably. Therefore, both in the interest of expediting matters in this House and in the interest of knowing where we stand with the accredited leaders of the Parties, we sincerely hope that this matter will be clarified in the earliest possible time. If the Barbados Labour Party wants to characterise itself as the Brazilian Army with all Generals and no Privates, or all Privates and no Generals, then they should let us know where we are.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, if you will give me the opportunity.....

Mr. SPEAKER: Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. MILLER: On a point of explanation. The hon. member need not be worried either about a Brazilian Army or a Chinese Army. It is necessary that the position be clarified. We are a single unit and we ask that documents be made available to us. We did not call any Council meeting in relation to these matters because they were only handed to us today and therefore we did not have the opportunity of discussing them. Anyhow, the Party is an entity of its own.

Mr. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker,.....

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister has already replied.

Mr. CRAWFORD: What I really want to do is to move the suspension of the Standing Orders.  
1.25 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: May I remind the Hon. Leader of the House of Standing Order No. 62. It reads as follows:-

"A question the object or effect of which may be to suspend any Standing Order of the House shall be proposed only with the consent of the Speaker, either after notice given or after the expression of the general assent of the House.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: In that case, Sir, I had better ask for your approval to suspend the Standing Orders of the House. I see that the appropriate Order is No. 5, and I therefore beg to move that Standing Order No. 5 be now suspended.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

#### COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Your Honour do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee of Supply, and that it be an instruction to the Committee to deal with the money Resolutions of which notice was given earlier today.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. BATSON in the Chair.*

#### RESOLUTION re ADVANCE TO POLICE FORCE

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, this is a Resolution to place the sum of \$75,000 at the disposal of the Governor-in-Executive Committee. The Resolution as circulated reads as follows:-

"RESOLVED that a sum of money be advanced from the Public Treasury and placed at the disposal of the Governor-in-Executive Committee for the purpose of making an advance to each serving member of the Police Force whose salary and/or wages have not been revised, of an amount equivalent to 50% of the gross emoluments (Salary and C.O.L.A.) payable for the month of December, 1961, and that the Legislative Council be invited to concur therein, and if concurred in,

RESOLVED that His Excellency the Governor be asked to assent and take the necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution."

Now, Mr. Chairman, the Resolution as worded, in the opinion of the members of this House who have some experience of financial measures, is inadequate in that there is no specific sum of money which has been mentioned, and therefore I am asking leave to substitute the words "the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars" for the words "a sum of money".

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Hon. Premier is asking leave to substitute the words "seventy-five thousand dollars" for the words "a sum of money", and unless there be any objection, leave will be granted.

*There being no objection, leave was granted the Hon. Premier.*

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, I want to be very brief on this matter because I do not think there is any divergence of opinion on a matter of this kind, even although there does appear to be some divergence between one member in the opposing Party and the other as to where they stand. As to the confusion which has been created, I am not surprised at that; but anyway, I do not want to cause any further confusion among the ranks.

The purpose of this Resolution is to authorise the Accountant General to pay out half a month's salary to members of the Barbados Police Force in anticipation of the revision which will be made after the Committee which

has been appointed to go into the question of the Police Service pay has reported. Other members of the Government Service are drawing an advance of 25% of the monthly earnings, but in their case they have already been paid at the revised rates. In fact, let me put it this way; they will be paid as from tomorrow at the revised rates. The Police have no revised rates and therefore we thought that a special case should be made out for members of the Barbados Police Force who are most vital to the preservation of peace and good order in this community, and we feel that we should have a Police Force enjoying conditions no less favourable than those enjoyed by other members of the Public Service of this Island.

I do not intend to say any more on the Resolution, because it is self-explanatory, and I would like to ask other hon. members who want to make a contribution to this debate to be reasonably brief. It is true that the next election will be three years from now, but I assure them that nothing will be done against their interest within the next two weeks if they refrain from making political speeches on matters of this kind.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, the only thing I would like to ask the Hon. Premier is what he means by "political speeches", because any speech made in here has to be taken in the context of a political speech.

Mr. BARROW: I should like to withdraw the word "political" and say "electioneering".

Mr. WALCOTT: I would say that that is precise and as it should be, because I think those of us who have been through a long electioneering campaign would not want to continue at this stage where no benefit would be gained. 1.35 p.m.

I want the hon. junior member for St. Joseph to take the opportunity to reply to anything which I have said earlier. I would like to add to what I said earlier that the hon. junior member for St. Joseph should welcome this Resolution when he bears in mind that the Government of which he was a member met here for three consecutive days and rushed through measures in connection with implementing the Jacobs' Report and their recommendations arising out of that Report, and that Government did so with all the intentions ostensibly to capture the imagination of the electorate. I am sure the hon. member will remember that I said in my last speech before the Session ended that even what they had done in that connection would not prevent their necks from going to the gallows and it has proved true because they are not really here now. They rushed through the measures in connection with the Jacobs' Report in order to capture the imagination of the electorate. Now, the present Government has something to do, not to capture the imagination of the electorate, but to give employment to a lot of people who want employment so as to get a little ham and meat and to enjoy a little comfort at Christmas. Why should there be any objection to this? All that the Government is doing in this Resolution is asking the hon. member to advance a portion of the money which you say you are going to give these people. For that reason, I said that no one would expect this Government to be crazy.

What I think is very rewarding about this matter is that the Government had the foresight to allow no slight objection as regards time to worry them over bringing this matter. I agree with the explanation which the Government gave. I will tell the hon. junior member for St. Joseph that I will join with any hon. member in trying to protect the rights of this House, but I will also like to inform him that he has already voted the Resolution to pay those people who work in the Public Service and this Resolution is more or less underwriting the Jacobs' Report. It is just making additional recommendations to that report. I will go as far as to say that instead of making an advance to each serving member of the Police Force of a sum of money equivalent to 50% of his total emoluments payable for this month of December which is really just two weeks' pay, in

view of the fact that these policemen are going to get emoluments greater than two weeks' pay from the 1st April of this year up to now, I would have preferred to see an amount advanced to them which would be equivalent to a month's pay in this instance because it is nothing more than what they can spend to make their Christmas a happy one for their families and themselves. Policemen are just like ordinary men who spend money at Christmas on their family. You meet the ordinary man who prefers to stay at home and sip a glass of rum but who wants his children to go around a Christmas tree. I do not think that policemen are so parsimonious that they do not like to spend money at Christmas time. I do know that many of them have a lot of children because whenever I go to functions held by the policemen, I see a fairly large number of children.

All that I have said is no criticism to this Resolution. There is nothing left for me but to commend the motion which is before the House and I hope that the hon. junior member for St. Joseph would see that it has good intentions and that no slight was intended to hon. members. I do not think the hon. junior member for St. Joseph was aware of what had occurred earlier in the day and I have great pleasure in saying that it shows plenty of foresight on the part of the new Government.

Mr. SMITH: Sir, I want to make my position quite clear. The hon. senior member for St. Peter would like it to appear to the public that I am in opposition to the Resolution. I said earlier that I was not against the Resolution; I only pointed out that one should have time to consider the Resolution and to warn the present Government not to continue to bring Resolutions to be dealt with immediately. Of course, this is the first such happening and I am fully aware that there was no Speaker to approve of these things; therefore, hon. members could not get the Resolution before a Speaker was elected.

I am warning the Government and it is my right and privilege to get up and talk on anything. The hon. member would like me to sit here as if I am muzzled and say nothing at all. No person can be vexed with me for what I am explaining. The hon. senior member for St. Peter knows very well that the members of the present Government used to criticise the outgoing Government for rushing through things. I was not in favour of that myself. The hon. senior member for the City said that I objected against it, but I did not object against the principle of the Resolution. As a matter of fact, I am complimenting the Government for doing such a good job, because as soon as you are feeding hungry people, you are doing a good job. I am glad to see that they had the foresight and that they had the courage to crash it through but I am warning that they should not crash things through in such a way when it is not necessary.

The hon. senior member for St. Peter talked all sorts of things and said that I should feel myself lucky to be back here. Does he have the votes of St. Joseph in his pocket? Is he our Saviour? When the Hon. Premier talked of one making an electioneering speech, what he is doing today is something for an electioneering speech. What he is doing today, he is doing it so that when the next time comes around for campaigning he would be able to say that the first thing which we did was to get money for the people. He wants to make people believe that he is not electioneering. I go further and say that every one of us has to do something to catch the votes of the people. All that we are doing inside here is trying to please the electorate so that when the time comes we would have a plain sailing. I am not prepared for one moment to make my side harder than it is. They are talking about my opposition to everything. I am not in opposition; I want something done for the people. I am not opposed to something which is good; I am opposed to something which is bad and wrong. I want something done for the people of the country. As a matter of fact, I hate to hear the word "opposition" called.

Mr. WALCOTT: The hon. junior member for St. Joseph spoke of being muzzled. We are glad that we have removed the muzzle off him. He has said more today than he has said for the last five years. 1.45 p.m.

You can see that, far from muzzling the hon. member, we have removed all the encumbrances which were on his voice. We are therefore very glad to see that he can breathe in freedom and he can make one of the longest speeches he has made for the past five years.

Mr. SMITH: The hon. member must really adapt himself. First of all, how can the hon. member say that I am muzzled? I know that I have supported some Resolution or Address.....

Mr. WALCOTT: On a point of order. I have not said that the hon. member is muzzled; I said that I appreciate that he is not muzzled. No muzzled man could have spoken for as long as the hon. member has spoken.

Mr. SMITH: The hon. member knows about Party politics. I am a member of a particular Party and what does he want me to say? When my Party is putting forward something, must I get up and shout for murder? Does the hon. member want me to get up and cackle and waste time if my Party is bringing forward a measure? I think that it is my duty to support my Government Party if I want to be real and true. If it were not so, why should the ruling Party put itself out of the way to get candidates in order to get a majority in this House? Would they do that to put candidates in here to oppose them?

Mr. MOTTLEY: After listening to the speeches of hon. members, I will say that the Government now has sixteen members in its ranks, because the two hon. members for St. Joseph have demonstrated where they are. One of those hon. members has made it quite clear that the muzzle has been removed from his mouth. As a matter of fact, he has made that clear to me; he has made it quite clear that he is not here to oppose anything, but he is here to support everything which is for the benefit of the country. If the hon. member's Government brought down something and it was wrong, would he not offer his views? The Hon. Premier will appreciate the fact that those who jump on wagons have not got the courage of their convictions. All I am saying is that the Government would be very stupid if they did not bring down this Resolution. If the last Government had brought down this Resolution and we did not get any notice of it, we would have voted for it because a Resolution of this kind is timely and right. I heard the hon. member say that he has not voted.....

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I would like the hon. junior member for St. Joseph to address the Chair.

Mr. SMITH: Well, if you want me to address you, I can do so.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I mean that the asides are too loud.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I am suggesting to hon. members that they allow this Resolution to go through. It is unfortunate that the last Government got here and did not realise that the policemen should have got this money since last week. This money would have been in circulation and places like the Civic would have got some of it.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I take a serious view of what is taking place in Parliament today. I think that the Other Place is waiting on this Chamber in order to make this money available. I want to say that my own feeling in this matter reflects the feeling of my Party and it is that this money has already been earned by the Police and we should make these funds available today. This figure of \$75,000 is tiny as compared with the funds to be used by the Establishment.

As regards the hon. senior member for the City, I would like to say that he must not appear to be able to speak for my Party.

Mr. MOTTLEY: On a point of order. When did I ever attempt to speak for your Party? Never would I attempt to do so; never in my whole life would I attempt to speak for the hon. member's Party. I would only speak for that Party if I could bury it.

Mr. MILLER: We are at the moment wasting time. Unless we get down to the needs of the underprivileged we display ignorance. We promised to the Electorate that we would pass this money in the last Session. Since this money has been already earned by the Policemen, you could multiply this sum by two and thereby make a greater sum available to these officers. I am simply asking that this Committee refrain from any additional waste of time in this Chamber and see the importance of getting this Resolution before the Other Chamber. The money has already been earned by these officers and they have elected to have a special Committee appointed to go into the matter. I think at this stage we should make this money available without any waste of time.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, it would be unparliamentary to refer to a speech made by an hon. member in this Chamber as being hypocritical; otherwise I would refer to the speech made by the hon. member in such terms. Is the hon. member suggesting that the Premier should go back to the Cabinet and then bring back this Resolution here?

Mr. MILLER: The desire of the hon. member to lend his support to a Socialist Party is remarkably unusual. I wondered if it is possible to increase this amount.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The question is.....

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, before you put the question, I want to make it quite clear that it is not going to be the practice of members on this side of the House to refuse to answer any question which has been put by the Opposition; but honestly, Sir, I only heard a lot of sanctimonious mumblings by the hon. junior member for St. George. I would be very glad to hear and to answer any question which is put before the Committee and which is germane to the issue which is before us.  
1.55 p.m.

Mr. MILLER: With the permission of the Chairman, I would simply repeat my request. This money which is being voted is to bring a measure of Christmas cheer, and as a special Committee has been appointed to deal with the salaries of the Police Force, it is for that reason that the Government has decided to pay 50% of the present emoluments of members of the Force. I am simply asking - and it is for the Government to say that they will have to go back to the Cabinet - if it is at all possible to reshape this Resolution, with the knowledge that the Other Place is waiting, to increase this amount. All the Premier or Minister of Finance need say is that it needs further consultation and may involve time; but I am not pressing it.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to get this clear. Perhaps I should ask the hon. senior member for St. George to act as interpreter for the hon. junior member. I have had the misfortune to be the hon. member's colleague for some time and after five years I gave up trying to interpret what he was trying to say. I did however manage to understand that the hon. member is of the opinion that the Resolution with which we are now dealing is one in connection with Public Works employees and the 25% increase in pay. Now that is far from true. The Resolution with which we are dealing is to give members of the Police Force an advance of salary for December in addition to their salary.

Mr. WALCOTT: I am glad the Hon. Premier mentioned that because there is a point I want to make. If the hon. member reads the Addendum to this Resolution, he will see that it does not really coincide with the Resolution. The Resolution reads: "Resolved that a sum of money be advanced from the Public Treasury and placed at the disposal of the Governor-in-Executive Committee for the purpose of making an advance to each serving member of the Police Force."

Mr. Chairman, I understand that the hon. senior member for the City is always in a presiding position and finds it very difficult not to be in a presiding position; it has become as duck is to water; so that when he is not presiding

he offends acts in that way. I will ask him to give me a little leave so that I can proceed to speak in my own way.

What I am pointing out, Mr. Chairman, is that the Addendum to this Resolution relates not only to the Police Force, but it states that it has been decided to make a part payment of arrears of salary and wages due to members of the Public Service as well as Unestablished and Casual Employees consequent on the recent Salaries Revision. In the next sentence it states that the salaries of members of the Police Force are now under review and it is considered equitable to make an advance of salary to members of the Police Force as proposed in the above Resolution. The Addendum therefore would give one the impression that you are explaining that the \$75,000 is for the purpose of making a grant to the members of the Unestablished Staff and in addition to that you are making a grant to the Police Force of 50%. While the body of the Resolution speaks about the Police Force, the Addendum speaks about the Unestablished Staff. (Mr. MOTTLEY: That has been amended.) The hon. member says that has been amended, but what I heard amended was the substitution of "seventy-five thousand dollars" for "a sum of money", I do not know that the text of the Resolution has been amended, because the text of the Resolution is the grant for the Police Force while the Addendum speaks about people in the Unestablished Staff.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: I think, Mr. Chairman, that we have spent a considerable amount of time on this, and I do not want to go into the question of semantics with the hon. senior member for St. Peter. I am not responsible for the Addendum. The Addendum is a brief explanatory note; it is not part of the Statute Law of this Island; it is purely for the benefit and edification of the uninitiated members of the House, not experienced members like the hon. member for St. Peter. The Addendum is making a comparison to show that this is not a precedent which is being created for members of the Police Force in contradistinction to the other members of the Public Service, and therefore when they mentioned "Unestablished Staff" and the other Government employees, they are merely showing that the Police are in no more favourable position *vis-à-vis* other Government employees; and I therefore beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Mr. WALCOTT: I thank the Hon. Premier, but I am not going to accept that he is not responsible for the Addendum, because if Civil Servants are going to write Addenda and send here on behalf of the Premier, I am not going to see anymore self-Government and have Civil Servants writing Addenda. An Addendum must be explanatory and all the Ministers must see and read them; so I do not accept the explanation that you are not responsible for the Addendum. The Addendum is not legislation, but an explanatory note; so if it is badly written it has to be corrected by the Minister concerned or the Premier, it is his responsibility because it is his Ministry.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: If it is badly written, I take nought for this exercise. Let us get on with the people's business.

Mr. MILLER: To me it is difficult to understand the Hon. Premier. I would like to read the Addendum because someone must take the responsibility for it. The Addendum says it has been decided to make a part payment of arrears of salary and wages due to members of the Public Service as well as Unestablished and Casual employees consequent on the recent Salaries Revision. Are we being told for the first time that no special provision is going to be made for the other members of the Established Staff including the Unestablished Staff? It is true there is a difference here with regard to the Police, but in explaining this the hon. member said it is not his intention to consider part payment to other members of the Civil Establishment.

*The question that the Resolution as amended do now pass was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE, 1961-62 NO. 35

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, this Resolution for \$250,000 is for the new accelerated Works programme which has been instituted by this Government as part of the general crash programme for the relief of unemployment in this country.  
2.05 p.m.

The Addendum sets out quite in detail the types of projects which have already been put underway. It is necessary to put the people to work on these projects. The electrical change in the atmosphere is already noticeable to anyone who had been acquainted with the stagnation which existed before the 5th December, 1961 and therefore it is not necessary for me to expatiate on this Resolution except to explain one or two minor details on the expenditure which we have been asked to vote.

I want to say, although the programme was started yesterday, that this is not work to be carried on only until the 23rd or 24th December. This \$250,000 should carry us through continuously until the end of the financial year which takes place on the 31st March, 1962. Without disclosing anything, which I should not disclose, I would like to say here and now that the Budget of this Government is not going to coincide with the Departmental Estimates. We are going to introduce Departmental Estimates which would be passed by a Ways and Means Committee of this House before the 31st March, 1962. After the Government's receipts have come up to the 31st March, which is the end of the financial year, and we have the opportunity to evaluate the true state of the nation, it is my intention some time in May or early June to put forward a complete programme of projects which this Government proposes to do in the next three years and we will bring in a Finance Bill quite independent of the Departmental Estimates for the Island of Barbados; therefore, hon. members will see that we are sweeping away all those ancient cobwebs which were done by former Governments of this country. I cannot appreciate how a Government could embark on capital expenditure before the 31st March, 1962 and before knowing what is and what is not. Our policy will be to come subsequent to the 31st March when we find it either necessary or unnecessary to revamp or redress the balance of taxation which has been imposed in the previous financial year.

As far as the Government's policy is concerned, we intend to use this sum of money up to the 31st March, 1962. After that, if we need supplementary provision to carry out the projects we will come for more money. This money which we come for today is to provide employment on roads, the removal of stone from the runway and the planting of pangola grass, cutting grass at Seawell and planting pangola grass, re-forestation in the Scotland District, provision of roads and water mains on the site of the Caribbean Trade Fair, preliminary clearing of gulleys with a view to erection of dams, etc., for the conservation of water and other works. In addition to these projects, where necessary, further funds will be included in the Draft Estimates for 1962-63 for continuation of these works during the coming financial year.

In addition to this, we have a further Resolution for the sum of \$13,200 because we have taken on auxiliary postmen at the General Post Office. I may say that the highest number of auxiliary postmen and clerical workers which have ever been employed in the history of Barbados have been employed under the instruction of this Government and we have given instructions that every single letter, every parcel and every envelope containing a remittance which comes into the Post Office on or before midnight on the 23rd December, 1961 has got to be cleared out of the Post Offices so that the people will get their Christmas parcels or Christmas mails in time. I would like to stress.....

*(To the Marshal who was in the gallery.)*

I would like to point out to the Marshal that he is an employee of this House and that he is neither a *gaulettier* or Commissar.

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I do not favour the Hon. Premier making those remarks to a servant of the House in a public speech like this. I feel that if those things have got to be done, there is another way of doing them, and that is by holding Committees. It is no point of holding a servant of this House up to public ridicule. A servant of this House is not to be treated in that way. I do not like it and I do not feel that he should be treated in that manner. If he is doing something which

he thinks is right, and you think he is wrong, do not treat him in that way. Do not hold him up to public ridicule. I represent workers and I would not have a worker to be treated in that way. It is not fair to the worker.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: I was merely reminding him that there is another way to keep order and it is not courteous to members of the House for him to shout from the immediate precincts of the House to persons. I do not want to say anything more. I think we have to have a little more discipline around here. The business of this House is to look after the business of the people of Barbados, not a member of the House of Assembly or a member of a Trade Union.

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I am saying that the Marshal cannot reply and it is not fair for the Hon. Premier to treat him in that way because he cannot defend himself.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: I give the hon. member the right to reply. Everybody knows my feeling about these matters. I think it is highly disrespectful for anyone to shout to anyone.

Mr. Chairman, if I may go on, we have these projects which have been set out in this Resolution and I was saying that we have a Resolution for the Post Office for which an additional sum of money is to be voted. We also have to carry out the project of the canalisation of the Constitution Swamp. Hon. members will note that there is no provision in this Resolution for clearing the Constitution Swamp and the reason why there is no provision for that is because a sum of money - \$100,000 - is already provided in the estimates for carrying out such work. What worries me is that people in Barbados will be completely unconcerned about knowing that this sum of money is in the Estimates to be spent on carrying out such a project and people are going to sleep hungry without any work to do when there is this work to be done and provision is made for it. They will tell you of the petty feelings of people who have minds like a *Gauletier* and a Commissar. You have sat down on a vote for \$33,000 for the past year and you have done nothing, not even throwing a little disinfectant or oil in the Constitution Swamp; therefore, we do not have to come for money to carry out this project because the money has already been voted.

Sir, I have nothing more to say except to remind hon. members that while the grass is growing the horse is starving. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: I beg to second that.

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I want to make myself quite clear at the beginning of this session. Let the Hon. Premier get this quite clear. If he thinks that I rolled in here on a wheelbarrow, I have not come in here on that basis.  
2.15 p.m.

Do not let the hon. member tell me anything about any Other Place! When I was running about the country in the last couple of weeks I did not see any member of the Other Place waiting on me; I had to go and meet the people. I would like to know what part of the island is it in which the Other Place was waiting for a vote. If you say that we cannot keep back the members of the Other Place, well, I am not saying that.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: On a point of explanation. I should like to say that even the people in the Other Place who did not face the Electorate and ask for any vote are prepared to sit down and wait on us.

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I am nothing to do with any Other Place. I do not believe in any double-Chamber Legislature anyhow. Now you are telling me that the Other Place is waiting on us. This is the elected Chamber of this island; it is not a question of any Legislative Council waiting on us and it is not a question of 'while the grass is growing the horse is starving' either. I like the people to be fed.

I am a member of this Chamber; I will treat people with proper respect and when they make a mistake I will deal with

them in the proper channels. I will not allow anybody to treat any servant of this House in a manner which is not fitting for him to be treated. If a servant of the House has to be censured, well, let us apply to His Honour the Speaker.

I do not like this type of publicity before a gathering, and if a servant of this House is treated in this way publicly he will not be of any use. I want to warn the Premier at the beginning that a Government has just lost power through the action of some of its leaders who arrogated to themselves omnipotence and omniscience and they fell by the wayside. None of us is omnipotent. We are all human beings in all humility and we do not arrogate to ourselves omnipotence. All elected members are in here. I am saying this at the beginning of this Session; it is my intention to support the Government in power, and no Party or group will supersede me. I do not think that what has been done is fair; if anything is wrong you can have a meeting of a Committee called to deal with any servant of this House for any conduct which it is not in the best interest of this House. The Premier has the power to deal with any servant and act accordingly. He is the Premier of this island and we will not accept things coming from him as just another member of the House.

As to this Resolution, this is something on which we should not waste any time but we should emphasise something. The Government has shown foresight in dealing with a matter such as this. The Government has put into circulation money which the last Government has withdrawn from circulation. (*ASIDES*) You withdraw things when you do not let them go. Every man is entitled to work; thousands of people were working before, they are no longer working and therefore money has been put out of circulation. This sum of \$250,000 puts into circulation money which is not in circulation. In this island more than \$2 million has been withdrawn from circulation; this money has been withdrawn from circulation as a result of the construction of the Deep Water Harbour and the closing down of factories. Therefore you do not have the circulation of money among the productive forces. You have your unemployment force.....

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, I hate to interrupt the hon. member but I trust that he will make it clear that this withdrawal of \$2 million is from private enterprise. The implication may be made that we are responsible for it.

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I was replying to a *sotto voce* remark made by the hon. senior member for the City who said that the money was not withdrawn but it was withheld. I explained to the hon. member why the word "withdrawn" was used. In Barbados a number of people were employed previously and had a spending power which is equivalent to \$2 million and that does not any longer exist. We are talking about a factual unemployment situation which has made the necessity for this matter to be more urgent now, because the spending power of the people is lower. I quite agree with the spending of this money because it puts back into circulation money which has been taken out of circulation as a result of those things which have taken place.

Mr. Chairman, sometimes I speak in a certain way and I think hon. members are acquainted with the terms which I use. It is purely when you talk about putting money out of circulation that we use the term "withdrawn". As I say, I am in agreement with this Resolution which stimulates further employment and that at a proper time.

Mr. MILLER: The hon. member who has just sat down has made mention of the sum of \$2 million being put out of circulation. The question is that the Government should make this money available. The hon. member has made all of this splash; but when you really examine this amount, you can see that the Government could have come down for some more money. In the Addendum to this Resolution I see that mention is made of the preliminary clearing of gullies with a view to the erection of dams, etc., for the conservation of water. That is set out among other things. I should like to say that I have had endless discussion at Cabinet Level and with the officers and engineers concerned in this matter and there are certain things which have to be done

before the machinery is brought out. I may say that this matter is all tied up with the canalization of the Constitution Swamp. This engineering project might probably entail \$2 million.

2.25 p.m.

Why could this money not be spent to do something of more permanent benefit? Think of the Great Wall of China where millions worked for hours and men died like flies. Let us look at the North end of the Harbour that has been unfinished and left there. Let us see what can be done and perhaps see if you cannot reclaim another ten or fifteen acres of land with a sea-wall at, say, four and a half or five feet to be provided. What have you for the fishing industry? Why not let us examine the projects such as you have? I am not angry about the money being spent like this where you are providing a form of relief and Christmas cheer for the workers, because we know only too well what is responsible for the unemployment in the particular area at the moment. You have removed the storage of sugar and loading in bonds in the City. Those are things that would happen in all countries, but should we worry about what is left behind, or is it really important what we achieve? We know that more than \$1 million will be due to this Government as a result of bunkering, but why not look to projects that would pay these workers more? It does not include for instance any appreciable number of artisans who are among the unemployed, and they are the people to benefit from the scheme; so instead of spending \$250,000, you could have doubled the amount and started a project worth \$5 million or \$6 million.

In our Five Year Plan on page 59 the sum of \$100,000 was allocated to be spent on drainage in 1960-61; so there is nothing new to what we were doing and what is going on at the moment with drainage. You know what canalising means. If you are going to dig, you are operating on sixty to eighty feet of silt, and even when you remove the vegetation you know the danger to which men will be exposed, hazards known to medical science today. That is what we were up against in this harbour. If it is going to be done, you should approach it as it is set out in the Five Year Plan, and no matter what discussions took place and what promises were made, whenever you get back to it it is nothing new. As I said, \$100,000 was set out in the Plan for 1960-61 and you are doing that now and calling it your crash or splash programme; but I am saying that you could use this money or more and have work of more lasting and permanent benefit to the community.

With regard to the extension of water services, you must understand that you cannot crash into that. You need artisans and plumbers and they are not available in large numbers to carry out the scheme. This thing must be studied. Why don't you look quickly at Constitution Road and see if you cannot provide a bridge? (A VOICE: Why didn't you do that?) That was in our Five Year Plan and all this was to be achieved and more. Why don't you look to projects where you could provide more employment? What is more, if you attempted the scheme with the addition and extension of the northern tip of the Harbour as a means of employment, you could perhaps employ two or three shifts.

All I am saying, Sir, is that we know there is a great deal of unemployment and we know its cause. As a matter of fact, the Leader of the Union was at pains for a number of years to point out that so many hundred men would be thrown out of work and discussed the question of how they would be re-absorbed. There is nothing unusual about this; all I am saying is that there are other projects that can be done with the same money, if not more. We are not quibbling about the \$1/4 million; all I am saying is that instead of wasting time, let the same men probably enjoy a better wage by operating three shifts and probably paying overtime to the same men to bring the relief which we on this side are so anxious and bound to agree with.

Mr. MOTTLEY: If the hon. member who has just sat down had been a backbencher in the Government, I would pay him great tribute for what he has said, because many were those whose mouths were muzzled. This House died about a month ago; did the hon. junior member for St. George not know that \$2 million went out of circulation as a result of shipping sugar in bulk, several able-bodied men

were put out of work, and as a result their families and children are left starving? Whether this is a crash programme or splash programme, let me make it clear that I am not going to be a rubber stamp for any Government, and whether it is cutting trees from gullies or cutting rocks, you are providing hundreds of people with food for Christmas. But the hon. member has the brass and temerity to talk as he has. He ought to be ashamed of himself.

Mr. MILLER: On a point of order, it is not necessary for the hon. member to take that action. He has been reminded several times today that the Democratic Labour Party would run this Government, but I was a member in the Ministry.....

Mr. MOTTLEY: I object to that. That is not a point of order and you must rule, Mr. Chairman. He cannot make a speech if he is on a point of order. You come in here talking a lot of nonsense and tripe.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, you must decide who is addressing the Chair.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I would like to hear the point of order.

Mr. MOTTLEY: He has made his point of order.

Mr. MILLER: With unswerving respect to the Chair, it is for you to make a ruling and let the hon. member shut up and sit down. I have a right to address the Chair if I am on a point of order. The point of order is that in the last House this would have come under the Ministry of Communications and Works; but as we are in the Opposition, we have no allocation of Ministries and I have to be free to talk on any subject of which I have some knowledge.

Mr. WALCOTT: On a point of order, I would say that the hon. member's consonants got a little blurred just now, and though I believe the Reporters would get it correctly, I would like him to repeat what he said. I want to be sure that the hon. member said "tripe" and not anything else, because his consonants sometimes get taken to mean something else; but I am sure the hon. member said "tripe". 2.35 p.m.

Mr. MOTTLEY: It would be beneath me to say anything else but "tripe" and what pertains to "tripe". The hon. member got up again and tried to tell this House what they had been preaching to this House, that is, that this would not come under his Ministry. They had collective responsibility.

I want to make it clear that I do not want to join in any bad thing with the Government. Far from it. I am prepared to tell that Government or any Government what I feel. I said that whether this is a splash programme or a crash programme, it is going to put money in the pockets of people who are starving. I saw what no member of that Government has seen during the past six months. I saw people begging for work to do. I am submitting that the former Government of this country withheld it. What is surprising to me is that I went to Constitution and saw men working in the swamp and I wondered where the Government had got that plan from. The former Government had the plan lying down when they knew that there were men who were ready and willing to work. The former members of the Government were getting up on platforms and abusing me and were saying that these people were able-bodied men who would not want work like that to do. They were saying so as if able-bodied men do not starve too. Whether this is a crash programme or a splash programme, there is one thing which I would say and that is, next Friday afternoon a lot of those people will be able to go to shops and buy something and that is better than doling out money to anybody.

I say: find work for the people walking about here. I am among those people who said definitely that you must have a Deep Water Harbour, but nobody told you to take up \$4 1/2 million of the people's money to build a bulk installation. This is the only place where it was built by the Government. I said that members of the former Government were bankrupt in ideas and did not know what to do. Now, a Govern-

ment which has been in power for only two weeks has said: "Let us bring down this Resolution for \$250,000 to do something to help the people." In other words, they are saying: "Do not give away money." If you can find something for them to do, do it rather than have the people overcrowding this House of Assembly and the Ministerial Buildings. Do you know that if the last Government had come back into power, what would happen in this country? The hon. junior member for St. George had the guts to get up and tell the people about capitalists and what had happened 300 years before. Why don't you go home and see who were keeping the people in slavery? Your mouth was muzzled then, but it is not muzzled today. Why did you not tell the Government then that you had those plans, and that they should put them into operation? You ought to be ashamed of yourself. You are lucky that Mr. Herbert Dowding did not decide to run again this time for St. George; otherwise you would be outside looking in like the other Ministers.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, we have seen strange things today. It is extremely strange to hear the hon. junior member for St. George come to the House today and talk about spending \$1 million on this venture when a few months ago, there was no money in the Treasury to give Old Age Pensioners an increase.

Mr. MILLER: I rise on a point of order. I do not want to bawl down or to make any remarks against the Hon. Minister. I know that you are green, anyhow.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of privilege. It is not only parliamentary decency, but good manners that the member sit down when I rise.

Mr. MILLER: I should have said: "drag up".

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, I am speaking on a point of privilege. Let the hon. member sit down.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I rule that the point of privilege be heard.

Mr. MILLER: No point of privilege permits any member, whether he be the Premier, or not, to make derogatory remarks of members of this Chamber.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I would like to say to the hon. member that I am hearing the point of privilege.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, on a point of privilege, I am saying that I am not going to sit here and let the hon. junior member for St. George - I use the term "honourable" in its loosest sense - come in and make any reflection on the Chair. The present Chairman of Committees was elected by members of this House without any contrary vote coming from members of this House; and for the hon. junior member for St. George to stand up or sit down and say "I know that you are green anyhow" - I am telling him that he is lucky to be in here because if my Party had a half-dead rabbit to run along with the other candidate whom we had in St. George, the hon. member would be outside today looking in today just as the others. As a matter of fact, you should be the first who should have been out and the whole island of Barbados regrets that you are the only one of them in here. *(Laughter)*

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Order. I would like to inform those people in the gallery that they are here on sufferance and they must be quiet.

Mr. MILLER: The hon. member has accused me for saying, when we were making provisions for old age pensions when we did so, that there was no money in the Treasury. The hon. member is a newcomer to this House of Assembly and is making his maiden speech.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: I have asked the hon. junior member for St. George already to forget where he has come from and to have manners.

Mr. MILLER: Why has the hon. member said "forget where I come from"? Is the hon. member making vulgarisms?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I will hear the Hon. Premier.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: The hon. member will be dealt with ruthlessly by members on this side of the House. He must not make the derogatory remarks which he made to the Chair.

Mr. MILLER: I made no derogatory remarks to the Chair.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: I am asking you to ask the hon. member to withdraw those remarks or to summon the Speaker who has been in here long enough to know when an hon. member is making derogatory remarks.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Were the remarks made to the Chair?

Hon. E. W. BARROW: They were a reflection on the Chair. It is most unseemly behaviour made by a person who was a Minister in the former Government.  
2.45 p.m.

Mr. MILLER: Several speeches were made since then; Mr. Chairman, you should ask the advice of the Clerk. And as to remarks being derogatory to the Chair, I prefaced my remarks by saying that I have unswerving respect for the Chair.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make this matter abundantly clear. I did not say that the hon. member refused to pay, or that he said there was no money in the Treasury to pay the Old Age Pensioners. What I said is that it is strange that we have been asked to spend the sum of \$1 million when just a few months ago there was no money available to pay the Old Age Pensioners \$2.40 per week. I thought that the hon. member would have rather complimented the Government on the splash programme or the crash programme when in truth and in fact the hon. member was a party to spending \$30 million to put 2,000 people out of work; whereas this Government is spending this \$250,000 to put 1,200 people in work. It was the intention of this Government to provide work in the crash programme for 1,200 people who are unemployed, for a period of three months up to the end of the financial year. That, however, does not mean that this money which we are spending on clearing the rivers and the gullies will be all that will be spent on that project. The only person who would have thought that would be all to be spent on such projects would be - well, I do not know how to refer to the hon. junior member for St. George. However, this is just what I would like the hon. junior member for St. George to know; I would like him to know that this is just a preliminary stage. Much more money will be spent on this project because it is the feeling of this Government that there should not be so many unemployed people and so many people depending on charity. I would like to see the day when every able-bodied man in Barbados would be able to put his hand in his pocket and provide lunch for his child. That is the policy which the Democratic Labour Party intends to pursue, which is a different policy from that of the Barbados Labour Party which encouraged begging. We will spend \$250,000 in order to put 1,200 people in work; we will not be spending \$30 million to put 2,000 people out of work. *(Cheers.)*

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I was at great pains to listen to the Minister of Social Services. What I would say about that speech is that the Minister was attending to a works programme when in truth and in fact there is a Minister of Communication and Works. I want to appreciate that the Minister was making his maiden speech and I do not want to be hard on him; however he may find it rough as we go along. The statement which the Minister has made is similar to that which he has been making on the platform.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Let the hon. member address the Chair. I would like the hon. member to look at me instead of looking at the Hon. Minister.

Mr. MILLER: I want to say that never ever at any time did the last Government say that we could not afford to pay Old Age Pensioners any more money. What we said was that we had an expert appointed in the person of Mr. Stock-

man and we were awaiting his Report. We wanted to decide whether or not we could afford to pay more money, but as an interim measure we would bring relief to the people. It was not a question of there not being any more money in the Treasury. I want to appreciate that the Minister has made his maiden speech in Parliament and I have some respect for him, but he will find that there will be a time when he would not have to speak.

Mr. MOTTLEY: The last Government might have said that they could not afford any more money, but the Premier said that the Opposition would not have any conscience if they asked for more money for the Old Age Pensioners.

Mr. CORBIN: Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry that this debate has been prolonged for so long when we have no need for it. It has shocked my modesty to hear the hon. ex-Minister getting up here and getting on in that way, after knowing the reason why this money is wanted. This money is for the purpose of meeting the needs of people who are unemployed; it is for the purpose of meeting the needs of people whom the last Government have put out of employment. We have seen and know that the ex-Minister was the Minister of Social Services and he should know the emotions of hungry people.

Mr. MILLER: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, we are in total agreement with this matter. My only question is that more money could be made available to be spent on projects which would have a more lasting effect on the community. There was no criticism to the effect that this project should not be carried out. I am not saying that such a project should not be carried out; I am only saying that the Government should have gone much further than this. Since this money would be restricted to the casual workers and no provision is made for any skilled workers, the same opportunity should be given to them as soon as this money is available, and available in large quantities.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, I want to say this: anyone who had the misfortune of eating dead fowls out of dustbins should appreciate the pangs of hunger and unemployment. Here we have a member of this Chamber who has been a Minister of a Government sitting down and having collective responsibility with members of a Cabinet talking hairy-fairy nonsense and that sort of thing.  
2.55 p.m.

Now, as I explained, I did not go into all the details of the Government Programme because it is none of his business. I said we will be introducing our Budget Speech, but this is an interim budget for the relief of the unemployed and kind of hunger that people like him who had to eat dead fowls out of dust bins in Mason Hall Street know about. I went to Wesley Hall School and he would know that what I am saying is correct. The hon. senior member for the City would know Eddie St. John and all of us around Mason Hall Street, and would know what the ex-Minister is capable of and what he has had to eat; and he wants to deny people getting a Christmas meal. The worst mistake that the Democratic Labour Party ever made politically was not taking anybody at all from Timbuctu to Tortola and running against him so that we could be relieved of this pest we have in this House. I am losing my patience.

Mr. MILLER: I am asking the hon. member to withdraw that remark, though I will have an opportunity to reply. Before you put the question the hon. member has made an excursion into something of which he knows nothing. He is talking about dead fowls, but I would like him to be more specific about it. Everybody knows the Miller family in Reed Street; so I do not know what the hon. member is talking about. In his usual bamboozling attitude he is attempting to over-power the House with his bullying manner; but we would jostle him out of here if it takes three, five or fifteen years. When he is talking about being hungry, I will tell him that he will only silence me with argument and not with personal abuse. All over the paper you see it splashed that he is this flying ace, but, Mr. Chairman, I am addressing you, and I will spend an hour here making it clear that all this bamboozling and all the wonderful flying ace he is, like Churchill he has never flown a plane. If this hon. member is telling anybody about food, he would have to

remember me. Everybody knows my father; so when he talks about fowls, I do not know what he is talking about. When I was a boy, it was my duty to take the late Dr. O'Neale a package of cigars.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: I am asking the hon. member not to get sacrilegious. Let him get that out of his mind. No Miller in his wildest dreams could be associated with any member of my family, far less the late Dr. Charles Duncan O'Neale. You were a dyed-in-the-wool Conservative because you even ran Bob Cumberbatch in St. Peter; so let us get the record straight. I can only think you are going crazy and out of your mind.

I beg to move that the question be now put.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: I beg to second that.

Mr. MILLER: Is the hon. member making a threat to muzzle debate in here to destroy the democracy of this Chamber which we have fought for and the internal self-Government that they are now enjoying? When the hon. member talks about my seat in St. George, I carried him in St. George on the instruction of my Party and threw him out in 1956.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member must talk on the Resolution; you are wasting time.

Mr. MILLER: You should remind the Hon. Premier.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: You have to speak on the Resolution.

Mr. MILLER: If you require me to do that, you must remember that there are other members.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: On a point of order, may I appeal to the hon. junior member for St. George to cut this acrimony and debate for today and let us try and finalise the matters before the House? We do not want to destroy democracy or anything like that, but the Other Place is still waiting.

Mr. MILLER: I appreciate that; but I must let the Premier know that there is nobody in this Chamber whom he can bully. I know he is a coward and a bully and would take an off chance to kill a fly with a hammer; but he cannot do it to me. In 1956 I told him that we would throw him through the door, and he went. You tell me you will bring a rabbit or anyone in St. George, but it is the electorate of St. George to decide, and I want to remind him that today is the first day of the Session and if the hon. member is going to resort to personal abuse he cannot do that. You can silence only with argument.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: On a point of order, those filibustering tactics which are being indulged in here today should be ignored and ruled very hard against. When one considers the vast unemployment problem under the last Government in which the ex-Minister who is now speaking had an integral part and contribution, and when one considers the great suffering and oppression which thousands of people have faced over the last five years and we are now trying to do something constructive and deliberate in our crash programme to relieve unemployment, and these filibustering tactics are being evinced in this matter, one can only deprecate this action, and I am asking that you rule harshly and not allow these filibustering tactics with which we are confronted to be the order of the day. The Other Place is awaiting us and we want to bring relief immediately, and any filibustering tactics will be dealt with not only in this Chamber but outside this Chamber.

Mr. MILLER: The hon. member is not discussing the Resolution. That is the type of thing we will have. That is wasting time.

*The question that this Resolution do now pass was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE, 1961-62, No. 36

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, I hope that the people will tear the frock coat off the hon. junior member for St.

George. Now I am not often given to making expressions like that, but it is the worst thing that has ever happened to Barbados. Too much democracy is not good sometimes when you have dictators to deal with.

3.05 p.m.

When you have people who would subvert the constitution of this colony, people who have no sense of morality,...

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman,....

Hon. E. W. BARROW: I have not made any reference to any member. This Resolution is for \$13,200. If the hon. member wants to hold up this one too, he can. Sir, we have already taken on auxiliary postmen for which \$11,200 of this money is voted and the additional \$2,000 is to pay for overtime to the staff.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: I beg to second that.

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, first of all, I would say that the members of the Other Place are no longer waiting to deal with these matters; therefore we can discuss them a little longer. I think that on important measures like this, one should state quite definitely how important it is when we are giving our approval. I am very glad to see that the Hon. Premier has made the statement that in so far as the delivery of mails go, although it may be a slight exaggeration on his part, even if mails come in on the 23rd December, he will try to get them out before Christmas Day.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: The hon. member may think that that is an exaggeration, but the Cabinet has given instructions that deliveries should take place even on Christmas Day.

Mr. WALCOTT: The 23rd is Saturday and the next day is Sunday.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: On a question of legislation, it is not a question of politicians. The Postmaster has been given the instruction that mails must be delivered on the 23rd, the 24th, and the 25th December, if necessary.

Mr. WALCOTT: Does the Hon. Premier think that he is talking to the hon. junior member for St. George? I want the Hon. Premier to get it in his mind clearly when he is talking to me, he must understand that he is talking to a man and not to a person who is suffering from any complexes. Get your sights clear. I am no yard fowl or any man looking for the gift of an old vest or one who is looking for a job or the gift of an old pair of shoes. I am a man who is standing up in here as a representative of the people. I, myself, have tried to help his Government to get into power. I am not like the people for whom you are passing this Resolution. What I am expressing is a point of view; so do not worry to talk to me as you talk to the hon. junior member for St. George, because he is a man who is suffering from a little political shock.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I am not suffering from any shock.

Mr. WALCOTT: Sir, I know that any man who has been a member of a Party which ran twenty-two candidates and only got five seats is bound to suffer from shock because even if you are playing an ordinary cricket match, you do not expect that the eleven men of your team would all make nought. The hon. member's Party got bowled out — all were clean bowled and there was not even an l.b.w. The hon. junior member for St. George has seen that all the giants of his Party have gone and he is the only Minister who is now left as the organ blower of the Party. He is only pumping now. He has dropped from a Minister to a pumper; so the shock which that member would have is quite understandable. However, I am saying that the Hon. Premier must understand that I am not suffering from any shock.

I am complimenting the Government on its action in that I have been the recipient of a better postal service now, because before I get up on mornings, a postman is delivering me mails. That shows a healthy sign at this time. I am therefore in wholehearted agreement with the hon. senior

member for the City when he said that in these measures you are not only bringing relief to people, but at the same time you are providing a service to the people.

The Hon. Premier must get his perspective clear. When he is talking to the hon. junior member for St. George, let him use the language which is suitable to talk to that member; but when he is talking to me, let him use the language which is suitable to talk to me. I understand my politics and I have been here for a long time; therefore, hon. members who are like me in that respect would know what to support and what not to support. We would not come in here and say like the hon. junior member for St. George that you are bringing it down too soon or too fast because I realise that you are not going to get Christmas in February. The 25th February is not Christmas Day. There is only one day in the year for Christmas and that is the 25th December and if you have to deliver mails to get to people in time for that day, you must act at once.

I have heard it being said by way of the grapevine, Mr. Chairman, that the Hon. Premier had a lot of trouble in getting the Postmaster to agree to this. I have no special friend in the Civil Service and I would say to the Hon. Premier that if he finds any Civil Servant who does not want to co-operate with the Government, give him a pension and say to him "I do not want you any longer". If their friends have got clean bowled, let them know what is their position. What I am saying now is, if you find that there is any one who does not want to co-operate with you, ask him to take his leave and resign in peace; if not, you will send him out by force.

These are matters which you want to expedite. I give this warning now. If there are any Civil Servants in Barbados or any people working in the Public Service whose attitude is one of non-co-operation to the Government in power, I will be the chief pimp or spy for the Government. I will tell the Government each man who is no good and I would make it my business to go around and check up on their attitudes. I say that because if you are running a Government and you do not have the complete co-operation of the Civil Servants you cannot get ahead. I am speaking with no malice or spite against any Civil Servant because none of them has done me any wrong; but knowing what type of society one lives in and knowing what happened to the Government in the past for many years, I am saying this. I remember when the change-over came then, many a Civil Servant was reluctant to co-operate with the new Government. Many wondered whether it was a real change or not. Some Civil Servants are still of the opinion that they are employed by the last Government, and seeing that this change of Government has come, they are wondering whether this Government is going to last and are asking themselves whether it may break up next week. There are some of them who have been so accustomed to supporting the last Government for fifteen years that they believe that they were employed by that Government and not by the people of Barbados. I heard the hon. senior member for the City say today that some men should resign from public boards. I am saying here now that there are some Civil Servants who should resign now in fairness to their conscience and to the Administration because some of them know within their heart of hearts that if they could stop the will of the people in this election, they would have done it. As to this idea of your asking the people in the Service to work harder, you are going to find somebody getting influenza and somebody getting sick. Therefore, I say those people should in fairness to their conscience resign.

3.15 p.m.

When the Hon. Premier is talking to me or replying to me, he is not replying to the hon. junior member for St. George, because that will make me feel that I have wasted all my might in supporting a Government and then the first person who is talking about me is the Premier. I do not want to waste my time as I did with the last group. I want the Premier to get it quite clear that he should not look upon anything I say and reply to me in the same manner in which he replies to the hon. junior member for St. George. The hon. junior member for St. George is an official member of some Opposition. I am not an Opposition member of that Party because I tried to kill that Party. I am very sorry but I would not like to embarrass the Chair because I would like

to say that I have a profound respect for the Chair and I will bow to the ruling of the Chair. Therefore I do not want you to feel, Mr. Chairman, that anything I say will be any reflection of your views. I hope that we will go on from now with a very clear understanding and the Premier's perspective will be very clear that in replying to me he does not mistake me for the hon. junior member for St. George.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member who has just sat down has said quite enough for both of us. I would like to ask what can one do when there is a Resolution before the Committee which is in the interest of the country? I am not offering opposition which would be opposing something for the sake of opposing it. I quite agree with the Government in bringing down this Resolution and I quite agree with the Hon. Premier. For the last two years the postmen have been making this request; they have been making the request and pointing out that they had been over-worked. I want to say here that we have been getting mails posted from London by air more quickly than we have been getting them when posted in Barbados. A letter posted from London by air you will get today and one posted in Barbados you will get tomorrow; and all you can hear from the postmen is that they have been asking for more assistance. This should not only be a temporary measure if you are working these men too hard. You find at election time that a high official in the Postal Service is going to one of the Post Offices and saying: "We understand that you are canvassing against the Barbados Labour Party". I hope that this Government will not fall into the same bad habit of the past Government in defending incompetent and worthless Civil Servants. You found that they had a lot of incompetent Civil Servants, making terrible mistakes and the Government defended them on every occasion; and then they go out and ask: "What else could we do but defend them?" I am saying that if a Civil Servant is wrong, then he is wrong and you cannot defend him and thereby put the Opposition at a great disadvantage.

Mr. Chairman, I am saying that anything from 50 to 100 auxiliary postmen should be appointed. Apparently, the people who are in charge of the Postal authorities were minding politics too much. In the Post Office, members of the Barbados Labour Party posted circulars long after anybody else and the officials of the Post Office tried to get the postmen to carry them out as against the circulars of members of my party and those of the other Party. (A MEMBER: John 3. 16?) Mr. Chairman, that is as true as John 3. 16. (Laughter) These people were disinterested in getting work done. Can you imagine mailing letters in this country ten days before the Election and a posting department is so disinterested because they were not mailed by the Government that they did not care whether those mails went out or not? I repeat that mails which have been posted in Barbados take longer to be delivered than those posted in London and arriving here by air. That is what was represented to me.

The then Government did not think it was necessary to relieve these hard-working postmen who had thousands of circulars to carry out, and do you think that that was in the interest of the people of this colony? You could not get out letters to people by using 100 postmen to 230,000 people. This morning before I had my tea I saw a lot of post cards coming in. The reason was that the men got money. (ASIDES) People would join anything to get the Labour Party out of power because they were worthless. I am not changing my colours because if you are right, then you are right. If you find that the Head of a Department in this country is putting a spanner in the works, then get rid of him; let him go home. I keep my ears to the ground. I do not go about with any gum-Arabic sort of thing. Do not let any Government come in here and try to defend any Civil Servant in anything when he is wrong. I do not think that it is right for us to take advantage of Civil Servants, but it is also wrong for us to defend Civil Servants when they are wrong. I am sorry that we are not employing 200 people. Mr. Chairman, do you know what it would mean to the spending power of the community to be paying these people \$80, \$90 or \$100 a month?

Mr. F. E. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, the hon. senior member for the City has made a very fiery speech, but mine is a very simple request. My request is that these mails be delivered promptly; however, the most important feature is that rather than have these postmen to be exhausted about

two or three days before Christmas, it is better to have these extra postmen employed.

3.25 p.m.

All we are saying is that if you need to take on more or spend more money, you should bring this service to a climax on Christmas-Eve night because you can well understand a postman trying all day to clear his bag; but there is no objection or resistance. Nobody is objecting to this Resolution, but some strong remarks have been made about the members of the Civil Establishment, and I think the Government has a lot of responsibility to its employees, and members of the Civil Establishment often find themselves in the Press. They are placed at some sort of disadvantage and I can only hope that the Government will make some effort to discover if a person who is accused is really guilty.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I do not want to waste time, but the hon. member is the last person to say what he has just said. His Government got in Queens Park with the Premier on the platform and the then Minister of Trade, Industry and Labour and cursed a Civil Servant and accused him of dishonesty. The Premier came here and said you should not allow that and did not have the honesty to have it withdrawn. He accused the Valuation Officer of doing something, but I know every corner in which you take refuge in your dishonest actions.

*The question that the Resolution do now pass was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.*

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Your Honour do now report the passing of three Resolutions in Committee.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

*The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and the Chairman reported progress and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.*

*On the motion of Hon. E. W. BARROW, seconded by Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, the Resolutions were read a first time.*

*On the motion of Hon. E. W. BARROW, seconded by Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, the Resolutions were read a second time.*

*On the motion of Hon. E. W. BARROW, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, the Resolutions were agreed to.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, in moving the Adjournment, until Tuesday, January 16th, 1962, at 3 p.m....

Mr. SPEAKER: Is the Hon. Leader of the House addressing the Chair?

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, in moving the Adjournment, I should like to take this opportunity to extend the Season's heartiest greetings to Your Honour and to other hon. members of the Chamber, and to express the hope that we will all return after the Christmas recess considerably refreshed and invigorated for the arduous task that lies before us in the New Year.

I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, January 16, 1962, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion for the adjournment which has been made by the Hon. Leader of the House, and I wish also to associate myself with the goodwill which is expressed for the season to Your Honour and to hon. members, and I will ask on behalf of all of the new members here especially that Your Honour convey to the servants of the House greetings for the season.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, it remains only for me...

Mr. SPEAKER: I am afraid I cannot hear the hon. senior member for the City.

Mr. MOTTLEY: That is very unusual.

Mr. SPEAKER: That is why I commented on it.

Mr. MOTTLEY: If you can only get these microphones out of the House and let me speak with my natural voice, it would be better because these are not worthwhile.

It only remains for me to join the Government in offering you sincere congratulations and hope that you have a pleasant Christmas, and may I say, a sober Christmas. Like the hon. junior member for St. Lucy, we would wish you to convey our season's greetings to the staff of this House.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, the Rules of this House preclude the hon. junior member for St. Lucy from getting up again on the same motion. I rise not to assume the functions of Leader of the House, but I am sure you will accept my felicitations for the season, and hope that you will return to your new labours much re-invigorated by the conviviality which I know will be bestowed upon you in the Christmas Season.  
3.35 p.m.

My main reason of rising and of making my contribution at all is that I have been asked to say by the Hon. Minister of Education that the Governing Bodies of the ten Government-aided Secondary Schools have been instructed not to receive any fees for the various schools from January next year.

Mr. MILLER: Sir, on behalf of the members of the Party to which I belong and myself, I would like to wish you the compliments of the season. I am expressing our thanks, our thoughts, appreciation and wishes for a prosperous New Year to you.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that this House do now stand adjourned until Tuesday, 16th January, 1962 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, but before I put the question, may I thank hon. members on all sides for the kind Christmas greetings which have been extended to me and to say how happily I reciprocate them. I, personally, have not been over-worked today but the Chairman has had a great deal of work to do. However, I would say to the new members that I think that they have had a most interesting, useful and edifying field day. They have learnt a lot today of what is right and what is wrong and how to behave and how not to behave; therefore, they will know whom to follow and what pattern to adopt in the future. There is nothing else for me to say except to look forward to a very useful, very full and happy Session beginning on the 16th January, 1962.

*The question that the House do now adjourn until 16th January, 1962, at 3 o'clock p.m., was put and resolved in the affirmative on the declaration of the SPEAKER "I declare the Ayes have it".*

Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.  
3.45 p.m.