
THE

House of Assembly Debates

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

SESSION 1962

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 17th September, 1963.

Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 12 o'clock (noon) today.

PRESENT

His Honour J. E. T. BRANCKER Q.C., (*Speaker*); Mr. L. E. SMITH, J.P.; Mr. E. St.A. HOLDER, J.P.; Hon. C. E. TALMA, (*Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries*); Hon. J. C. TUDOR, M.A., (*Minister of Education*); Mr. J. W. CORBIN; Mr. S. E. SEALEY; Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, (*Minister of Communications, Works and Housing*); Mr. R. St.C. WEEKES, J.P.; Mr. W. R. LOWE; His Honour Mr. E. L. CARMICHAEL, J.P., (*Deputy Speaker*); Mr. G. V. BATSON, (*Chairman of Committees*); and Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, (*Minister of Social Services*).

Prayers were read.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minutes of the Meeting of the 13th August, 1963, have been duly circulated and unless I hear any objection, they will be confirmed. (*A Pause*)

Hearing no objection, I declare the Minutes of that Meeting duly confirmed.

DOCUMENTS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to lay a copy of the Rules of the Members' Library as approved by the Library Advisory Committee.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Financial Report of the Accountant General for the month ended 31st March, 1963.

I have the honour to lay a Report and Statement of Accounts of the Sugar Industry and Agricultural Bank to the 30th June, 1963.

MESSAGE FROM OTHER PLACE re TRADE UNION BILL

I have the honour to inform the House that I am in receipt of a Message from the Other Place in connection with the amendments to the Trade Union Bill of 1963.

The Message reads as follows:-

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Legislative Council has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly in reply to the Message of 16th July, 1963, from that Honourable House relating to an amendment to Clause 39 of the Trade Union Bill, 1963, that the Council has given further consideration to the clause number 39 and to the amendment made by the Council to that clause on the 2nd July, 1963.

2. In view of the following facts which have come to the attention of the Legislative Council since it last considered the Bill, that is to say:-

- (a) that the Legislative Council in an address to His Excellency the Governor dated 5th December, 1950, expressed agreement with the view that the Council should be considered a revising and delaying chamber provided that legislation which has been rejected by the Council shall not again come before it after its passage through the House of Assembly without such legislation having been first submitted to the verdict of the people of the Island at a General Election;
- (b) That provisions relating to peaceful picketing at residences had been previously included in legislation submitted to the Legislative Council and had been rejected by the Council; and
- (c) that it was expressly stated in the campaign for the General Elections in 1961 by the party now in office that the party if elected would amend the Trade Union Act to provide for peaceful picketing,

the Legislative Council has by notion, made and passed, agreed to withdraw the following two amendments which it made on the 2nd of July, 1963, to Clause 39 of the Trade Union Bill, 1962:

- (i) the deletion of the words "resides or" in the fifth line of the clause;
- (ii) the insertion of the words "other than where he resides" after the word "be" in the sixth line.

I am perfectly satisfied of the authenticity of the signature of the present President of the Other Place.

STATEMENT re BROADCASTING STATION IN BARBADOS

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, I am commanded to lay a Statement in connection with a Radio Broadcasting Station in the Island of Barbados.

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For some time now Government has been considering the question of establishing a Radio Broadcasting Station in Barbados. Seventeen (17) applications from various commercial concerns were received for permission to erect and operate a Broadcasting Station in the Island, but after considering the various possibilities Cabinet decided that it would be in the best interests of Barbados if the station was owned and operated by Government itself.

2. In pursuance of this decision, Government has been in negotiation with representatives of the Thomson Group for several months now, to arrange for them to manage and operate a station on behalf of Government providing all the technical and managerial skills which the Thomson Group had acquired by its experience in operating stations in Jamaica and various parts of Europe, Africa, Asia and America.

3. The Group, (Thomson Television International Limited Consortium) consists of Thomson Television International Limited, the Television International Enterprises Limited, and the National Broadcasting Corporation of America. The Thomson Television International is connected both with Scottish Television and with newspapers like the Times of London, the Trinidad Guardian and almost 100 other papers in Africa, Canada and other parts of the world. Its ownership of the Trinidad Guardian, of course, gives it control of Radio Guardian, while it holds a 40% stake in the Trinidad Television Company and is managing the Jamaica Television Station for Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation.

4. Television International Enterprises Limited is a sales agency which specialises in covering the international financial capitals of the world with a roving sales force stationed in the United States and Europe, while the National Broadcasting Corporation of America is, of course, well known, with wide experience in radio and television both in America and through its subsidiary companies in various parts of the world.

5. Government intends to set up a Statutory Corporation to take charge of Broadcasting. The Bill to enable this is at present being drafted and will be introduced into the House of Assembly shortly.

6. The Government in May this year set up an Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Minister of Education to assist in settling the many problems involved in a venture of this size and this week, Mr. R. C. Springer has been assigned to my Ministry for special duties, with particular emphasis on broadcasting.

7. Colonel David Stirling, Chairman of the Television International Enterprises Limited, together with Mr. Harold Anderson of the National Broadcasting Corporation, visited Barbados in July in order to consult with Government in connection with the appointment of the Consortium, as managing and consultative agents of the radio station on behalf of Government.

8. Consequent on this, Cabinet authorised me, pending the establishment of the Corporation which will take over all responsibility for operating the station, to enter into an arrangement with this Consortium to manage the station, and with Television International Enterprises Limited to be the International Sales Representatives of the Radio Station. This procedure was adopted so as not to delay the establishment of the broadcasting station, and at the moment the Consortium's staff in New York are working on plans for the adaptation of buildings at the Lazaretto where the studios of the new station will be sited.

9. It has been agreed that the station will be staffed entirely by West Indians within a period of five (5) years and it is understood that not more than two (2) or three (3) overseas personnel will be employed initially.

10. The exact opening date of the station cannot be given at this stage with any degree of certainty, but it is expected to be in a few months' time. A more precise announcement

of the scheduled opening date will soon be published after further consultations with our Managing Agents.

Mr. COWARD and Mr. LYNCH entered the House and took their seats.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Premier and Minister of Finance, I beg to lay the following:-

A Survey of Economic potential and capital needs of the Leeward Islands, Windward Islands and Barbados.

Statistical Service — Selected Monthly Indicators, March, 1963.

Statement showing Net Customs and Excise Receipts for five months ended 31st August, 1963.

The Local Government (Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations, 1963.

The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 9) Order, 1963.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: On behalf of the Hon. Deputy Premier and Minister of Development, Trade, Industry and Labour, I beg to lay the following:-

Report of a Customs Union of Barbados, the Leeward and Windward Islands.

The Customs Duties (Shrimp Industry) Order, 1963.

The Customs Duties (Materials for the manufacture of containers for the marketing of Paint) Order, 1963.

The Drawback of Duties (Locally Manufactured Tinplate Pails) Regulations, 1963.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay a Statement showing the sums advanced to the Postmaster General for the payment of Money Orders, the amounts repaid to the Accountant General and the amounts due by the various Post Offices to 31st May, 1963.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Government Notices were given as follows:-

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Premier and Minister of Finance, I beg to give notice of the following:-

Resolution to place the sum of \$2,291 at the disposal of the Governor-in-Executive Committee to supplement the Estimates, 1963-64, Part I — Current, as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1963-64 No. 15, which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Resolution to place the sum of \$9,720 at the disposal of the Governor-in-Executive Committee to supplement the Estimates, 1963-64, Part I — Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1963-64, No. 16, which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Resolution to place the sum of \$24,797 at the disposal of the Governor-in-Executive Committee to supplement the Estimates, 1963-64, Part I — Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1963-64 No. 17, which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Resolution to place the sum of \$62,658 at the disposal of the Governor-in-Executive Committee to supplement the Estimates, 1963-64, Part I — Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1963-64 No. 18, which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Resolution to approve "The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 9) Order, 1963".

A Bill to make provision to regulate the business of banking and for purposes connected therewith.

A Bill to amend the Solicitors Act, 1896.

A Bill to authorise the payment of a gratuity and a pension to Charles Rex Stollmeyer formerly Trade Commissioner for the West Indies in Canada, in respect of his service from 15th September, 1931 to 31st December, 1953.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of a Resolution to approve the lease by the Governor-in-Executive Committee to Messrs. Wilkinson and Challenor Limited, of a parcel of land situate at Prince Alfred Street, St. Michael.

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice that the Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 83/1962 asked by the hon. senior member for the City on the 23rd October, 1962, is now ready.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice that the Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 89/1962 asked by the hon. senior member for St. Andrew on 20th November, 1962, is now ready.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Deputy Premier and Minister of Development, Trade, Industry and Labour, I beg to give notice that the Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 115/1962 asked by the hon. junior member for St. Joseph on the 23rd April, 1963, is now ready.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I also beg to give notice that it is the intention of the Hon. and Learned Premier to deal with the money Resolutions, of which notice has just been given, at the next sitting of the House. 12.35 p.m.

PRIVATE MEMBERS NOTICES

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Resolution:-

WHEREAS the Honourable Minister of Trade, Industry and Labour has publicly intimated that the Pig-rearing Subsidy has helped to place the industry on a better footing so that the question of imported pork can be reviewed;

AND WHEREAS it is inadvisable that the same industry should be allowed to degenerate again to the level where Government had had to come to the general assistance of the industry by means of the subsidy;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House request the Government to review its decision on completely withdrawing the subsidy, inasmuch as there are hundreds of poor peasants who look forward eagerly to this subsidy so as to maintain the present standard and supply of pork expected by the Government.

QUESTIONS

Mr. SEALEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Questions:-

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

Is Government aware that, as a result of the removal of the public stand-pipe at the corner of Dalkeith Hill, St. Michael, the residents of Dalkeith Village now have to travel as far as the middle of Culloden Road for their water supply?

2. Will Government take urgent steps to replace the said stand-pipe?

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

Will Government consider the advisability of acquiring compulsorily or otherwise, a portion of land at or near the corner of Chapel Gap, St. Michael, for the purpose of providing a Playing Field and a Recreational Centre for the surrounding area?

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

Is Government aware that a public stand-pipe has been erected in Waterford Housing Area, St. Michael, since December, but that the water service with respect thereto has not yet been turned on by the Waterworks Department?

2. Will Government see to it that the same water service be turned on without further delay?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is in the negative, will Government state why?

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

Is Government aware that Free Hill, Black Rock in the parish of St. Michael, is now a densely-populated area and is — for the most part — without an adequate water service?

2. Will Government see to it that such a service be provided for the inhabitants thereof at the earliest possible point of time?

Mr. HOLDER: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Question:-

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

Has the Minister anything to add to his reply to Question No. 70/1962 given in this House on 20th November, 1962, relative to compensation to residents of Hoyte's Village, St. James, for damage done to their houses and furniture by the operation of the quarry worked by Messrs. Richard Costain (W.I.) Ltd.?

2. Is the Minister aware that the said residents have not yet received any such compensation?

3. Will the Minister use his good offices to ensure that such compensation be paid at the earliest opportunity.

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME

On the motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, a Bill to make provision to regulate the business of banking and for purposes connected therewith, was read a first time.

On the motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, a Bill to amend the Solicitors Act, 1896, was read a first time.

On the motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, a Bill to authorise the payment of a gratuity and a pension to Charles Rex Stollmeyer, was read a first time.

Mr. SPEAKER: That concludes all notices for today, but I think the Hon. Minister of Education wants to draw to the attention of this Chamber a matter of some considerable interest and significance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAPLAIN ON GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I thank Your Honour for having allowed me this privilege. Usually, Sir, when members of this Chamber separate even for the shortest possible time, at least usually in the last few months, we have unfortunately had to commiserate with one another over some bereavement or sorrow which hon. members from time to time are prone to, like the rest of humanity. Happily however, on this occasion, Sir, no such discouragement prevails, and I think that hon. members would like to join with Your Honour and with myself in offering our

warmest congratulations to our worthy Chaplain, who, on the 3rd of this month while we were away in recess, celebrated the Golden Anniversary of his wedding.

It was only a few months ago, Mr. Speaker, unfortunately during the Chaplain's absence, that this House unanimously dispatched its congratulations to him on his fifty years' ordination in the Priesthood. That was to him a happy occasion, and now within a few months after that, comes an equally happy occasion of a personal and domestic concern. However, his many friends, both his contemporaries and those of us who are younger than himself, would wish to join with us all today in wishing him and Mrs. Coleman very, very many happy returns on their fiftieth anniversary, and express the wish that we shall all live to see them in equally good health ten years from now when they both celebrate their Diamond Jubilee.
12.45 p.m.

Perhaps, four lines of poetry may be applicable on this occasion.

"Fear not, kind friends, if noon be passed
And evening shadows fall,
These years shall be, although the last,
The loveliest of all."

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I could not allow this occasion to pass without associating myself on behalf of my Party with the remarks of the Hon. Minister of Education in respect of the worthy Chaplain of this House on the celebration of his Golden Wedding Anniversary and the selection of his better half.

It is so rare in this modern age and in this atomic age that human beings live together or are spared to be together for 50 years — for indeed that is really a lifetime for quite a number of us. I, too, would like on behalf of those of us over here to associate myself with the very fitting remarks offered by the Hon. Minister and hope that our Chaplain will be spared to celebrate his Diamond Jubilee ten years from now.

It must be a very happy feeling to know that living through this world that the Chaplain has accepted the call of the profession which he has so chosen and has accepted as his better half one who would be at his side not only in this country, but in fields abroad, and has lived to be with her for over fifty years. Surely, he can speak *ex cathedra* to many a couple when he is administering the Sacrament of Marriage by having that great experience, and so be able to let them know that everything will not be rosy and that it is true that it will be for better or worse, and it is not as some of us would have it that it is only through thick and thin, or that when it gets too thick, you will thin out.

Mr. Speaker, I hope the venerable Chaplain will live many more years with his beloved one and that they will be an example not only for other people, but for Gentlemen of the Cloth and that those Gentlemen of the Cloth would follow in his footsteps, for indeed some of them do not set an example for us to look up to.

Sir, I beg to associate myself with the remarks of the Hon. Minister of Education from the depth of my heart to the worthy Chaplain.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker,

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: If the hon. member will just give way, I would just like to say that I have omitted to make a formal motion which I intended to do and it reads as follows:-

"BE IT RESOLVED that the warm congratulations of this Honourable House be conveyed to Rev. S. A. E. Coleman, Chaplain of the House, and his wife on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary."

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I am sure Your Honour will grant me the privilege of seconding that motion which has been made by the Hon. Minister.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Chaplain of this House on the Golden Jubilee of his marriage and to associate myself with the various hon. members who have spoken congratulating him.

Now, Sir, the various speakers have said quite a lot about him and his duties, and I know that his celebration has cost something and I am sorry that we are not in a position today to offer him something in appreciation by way of a handsome purse. I may add that I have understood that precedent was made for the Civil Servants to receive an increase in salary, but none was made for the Officers of this House. Now that we have seen that our Chaplain is making his way out, I am appealing to those who are concerned to hurry up; and rather than showing it to the Chaplain in words, let us show to him in deed by helping him to get his increase before it is too late.

Mr. SPEAKER: I desire to associate myself with the congratulatory remarks made to the Chaplain and to assure him of my joy that such a milestone in his life has been attained. I am sure that the worthy Chaplain, were he not prevented by the Rules of this House, would be glad to say something before this motion is passed; but I have no doubt that when he receives a letter from the Clerk of the House, he will make an appropriate reply.

The motion was put and passed unanimously.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Mr. SPEAKER: The first Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House: Third Reading of a Bill further to amend the Bank Holidays Act, 1905.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, that hon. member is not in his place, but I wish to inform the House that it is not our intention to proceed with any Orders today. That has been put to hon. members of the Opposition and they have been in agreement.

In consequence of that agreement, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, 24th September, 1963, at 12.00 o'clock. (noon).

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

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.
12.55 p.m.