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Tuesday, 24th August, 1965.

Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 2.30 p.m. o'clock today.

### PRESENT

His Honour J. E. T. BRANCKER, Q.C., (Speaker); Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, (Minister of Development, Trade, Labour and Social Security); Mr. L. E. SMITH, J.P.; Mr. F. C. GODDARD; Mr. S. E. SEALEY; Hon. G. G. FERGUSON; (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries); Mr. R. SUC. WEEKE, J.P.; Mr. W.R. LOWE; His Honour E. L. CARMICHAEL, J.P., (Deputy Speaker); Mr. G. V. BATSON, (Chairman of Committees); Mr. J. B. YEARWOOD and Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, (Minister of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Development).

Prayers were read.

### MINUTES

#### Mr. SPEAKER:

I have the honour to inform the House that the Minutes of the meeting of this Chamber of 3rd August this year have been circulated amongst hon. members, and if there is no objection, they will be confirmed.

There being no objection, I declare the Minutes of that meeting duly to be confirmed.

### PAPERS LAID

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Premier, I am commanded to lay the following-

Statement showing Net Customs and Excise Receipts for four months ended 31st July, 1965.

Also on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Education, I am commanded to lay the following:-

Barbados Report for the years 1962 and 1963. GOVERNMENT NOTICES

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Weaker, on behalf of the Hon. Premier, I beg to give notice of the following Resolution;

Resolution to place the sum of \$10,650 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 1965-66, Part I Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1965-66, No. 15 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

On behalf of the Hon. Minister of Education, I beg to give notice of the following Resolution:-

Resolution to approve the use for the construction of three classrooms and the provision of furniture for St. Michael's Girls' School of the sum of \$24,000 provided under Capital Estimates, 1965-66 Head 4, Education, Item 7-St. Michael's Girls' School for the conversion of the hall of the school into three classrooms and the provision of furniture.

I should like to inform hon. members that there is some urgency connected with this Latter Resolution, and with their concurrence I hope to deal with it in all its stages today. Additional copies have been sent down and will be circulated in due course.

Finally. Sir, Oral Replies to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 38/1964 and 40/1964 asked by the hon. senior member for St. James are ready.

The Hon. Minister of Communications and Works reminds me that there are two replies ready from last Tuesday, and if the hon. member is in his place at Question Time, he is prepared to give the answer.

### **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 at its next meeting in order to deal with the remaining money Resolution of which notice was given today.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, I think it would facilitate matters to move the suspension of the Standing Orders. This would not inhibit hon. members from dealing with items standing under their named in the time normally allotted to Private Members' Business, but since I think the debate on the Budget Speech has

been concluded, there might be some time lag between the time when Private Members' Business would normally expire and the end of the time allotted to Private Members' Business.

I therefore beg to move that Standing Orders Nos. 5, 14, 16, 18, 40 and 45 be suspended for the remainder of today's Sitting.

**Hon. C. E. TALMA:**

I beg to second that.

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

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES**

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

There is a Resolution standing in the named of the hon. senior member for St. Thomas.

**Mr. BATSON:**

Mr. Speaker, the Resolution reads as follows-

WHEREAS the smallholders of land in the rural areas do experience much hardship in disposing of their produce profitably in the City of Bridgetown;

AND WHEREAS the major portion of the money they get is used for transporting the said crops to the Marketing Corporation.

BE IT RESOLVED that Government explore the possibility of establishing centres in the rural areas, thus enabling the smallholders in getting a better return for their crops.

### **QUESTION TIME**

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Question Time be now taken.

**Hon. C. E. TALMA:**

I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division,

QUESTION re PAYMENT OF WATER RATES AT BRANCH POST OFFICES

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Oral Question No. 21 stands in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Thomas.

**Mr. BATSON:**

Mr. Speaker, the question reads as follows-

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

Is Government aware that people living in the country districts do experience much inconvenience, having to travel to town to pay their water rates?

If the answer to the above is in the affirmative, will the Minister set about establishing branch offices in the country districts, probably at the Branch Post Offices, in order that such people will be able to pay their Water Rates at the said places?

**Hon. C. E. TALMA:**

Mr. Speaker, the reply is as follows- "No, Sir.

It should however be mentioned that the feasibility of providing facilities for the payment of water rates at certain District Post Offices is presently being examined." 2.55 p.m.

#### **MAGISTRATE ASSIGNED TO CRIMINAL COURT DISTRICT 'A'**

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Question No. 38, stands in the name of the honourable and learned senior member for St. James.

**Mr. CARMICHAEL:**

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister-

Is the Minister aware that the Magistrate, who for the past few months has been assigned to the Criminal Court of District "A", has been now over the past week on holiday leave?

Is the Minister aware that since then this Court has been without the services of a Magistrate, except for the temporary sitting of another Magistrate, and that this situation is hampering the proper administration of justice in the said Court?

Will the Minister make suitable arrangements for a suitably qualified person the duties of Magistrate in that Court without delay?

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

The replies are as follows-1. Yes, Sir.

2. Yes Sir, but the situation was rectified, partially on 6th March (i.e. 6 days after the Magistrate went on leave) by a reallocation of duties, and fully on 12th April when a temporary substitute magistrate was appointed.

3. This is a matter for the Governor on the recommendation of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission who have in fact appointed a suitable qualified person to perform the duties of Magistrate with as little delay as possible.

## **DIFFICULTY BY JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Question No. 40, also stands in the name of the honourable and learned senior member for St. James.

**Mr. CARMICHAEL:**

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister-

Is the Minister aware that considerable difficulty is being experienced by the Judicial and Legal Service Commission in getting suitably qualified persons to till acting Magisterial posts at less than the maximum salary attached to such posts?

2. If the answer to 1 is in the affirmative, will the Minister state what steps Government proposes to take to offset such difficulty?

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

The replies are as follows-

1. No. Sir.

2.

3. The Judicial and Legal Service Commission which is responsible for the appointment and discipline of Judicial and legal officers has made no representation to Government that difficulty has been experienced in recruiting suitably qualified persons as acting magistrates.

4.

## **NEED OF POST BOXES**

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Question No. 53 stands in the name of the honourable senior member for St. Thomas.

**Mr. BATSON:**

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister

Is Government aware that the people living in Prout Village and Clifton Hill in the parish of St. Thomas are in dire need of Post Boxes in the said areas?

Will the Minister explore the possibility of having two Post Boxes placed in the said areas to alleviate the plight of the residents who are experiencing much inconvenience to post their mail?

**Hon. C. E. TALMA:**

Mr. Speaker, the replies are as follows-

Yes, Sir.

Post Boxes have been ordered and will be placed in the two areas as soon as appropriate sites can be obtained.

**Mr. CARMICHAEL:**

Mr, Speaker, may I ask a Supplementary Question? Does that apply also to districts in St. James for which post boxes have been asked to be provided a few months ago - Greenwich and Sea View?

**Hon. C E. TALMA:**

The answer given applies to post boxes generally as far as the entire Island is concerned. The whole matter was investigated and post boxes would be sited at appropriate places, including tile points mentioned by the hon. senior member for St . James.

**Mr. CARMICHAEL:**

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Hon. Minister.

### **SWAMPY CONDITION OF FARMER'S TENANTRY**

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Question No. 28 also stands in the name of the honourable senior member for St. Thomas.

**Mr. BATSON:**

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister

Is the Minister aware that it is very inconvenient for the people living in Farmers Tenantry in the parish of St.

Thomas to get in and out of their homes because of the swampy condition of the terrain?

2. If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Minister take steps to resite the said houses at the earliest opportunity?

**Hon, A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Speaker, the replies are as follows-

1. Yes, Sir.

2.

3. Consideration is being given to having the road approach to the tenantry improved instead of resiting the houses •

4.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

There are no more questions of which answers are ready.

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS**

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, I think you should proceed with Private Members' Business; therefore, I beg to move that Private Members' Business be now taken.

**Hon. G E, TALMA:**

I beg to second that.

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

RESOLUTION re \"THE HOSPITAL (FEES) REGULATION, 1965\"

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The first Order under Private Members Business is to resume debate on a Resolution relating to the surgical fees, accommodation and treatment charges as set out in the Schedule to \"The Hospital (Fees) Regulations, 1965.\"

When debate was adjourned on this Resolution on the 6th last month, the Hon. Minister for Health was addressing the Chamber.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Speaker, on the last occasion when I spoke on this Resolution, I had the un-fortunate task of explaining what my views were concerning the situation at the Hospital. I was severely criticised by certain sections of the Press on the stand which I took in this matter.

As I have said then, I will say now; my primary interest is in the 250,000 people in this country. 3.05 p.m.

The hon. member for the City raised certain questions and I answered those questions. I am pleased to announce that, as a result of my making certain statements on the floor of this House, the Hospital is 300% better off today than it was a few months ago. (Mr. MOTTLEY: Hear! Hear!) The hon. member for the City said in his address that the fees charged for operations were exorbitant. (Mr. MOTTLEY No, sir.) That is what I understood the hon. member to say.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

On a point of order.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The Hon. Minister referred, as I understood him, to the hon. member for the City. I am not sure which

hon. member he was referring to.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

Well, Sir, if you want me to sit down and let the Hon. Minister say to which hon. member he was referring, I will do so.

**Hon. A. Da C EDWARDS:**

The Hon. Leader of the Opposition.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

On a point of order.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

I take it that this will be a point of elucidation. I did not hear any point mentioned.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

It may be, Sir, that it is a little warm today and it may be that your Wig might have prevented you in some way from hearing me. On a point of order. I did not say that the fees were exorbitant. I was saying what could be charged.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

That is properly a point of explanation.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Speaker, this whole Resolution deals with the question of fees charged at the Hospital being too high.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

On a point of order. Do not let the hon. member say that this whole Resolution deals with that question. This Resolution deals with the slackness, the rottenness, the inhumanity and all the other things surrounding the people at the Hospital. Do not let the hon. member misquote me. The hon. member is dealing with the Regulations which is a different thing from dealing with the Resolution. Do not let the hon. member say that I merely dealt with the fees being too high. I dealt with the treatment of young girls, the bad behaviour and the misconduct of the responsible persons at the Hospital.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The hon. member may not now recapitulate the points which he has made.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

I did not do that; but if I did it, you will forgive me. I was merely erring in the footsteps of the Government.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Two wrongs have never made a right. The hon. member has the right of reply.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

So has any member of the Government.

**Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Speaker, we are debating a Resolution relating to the surgical fees, accommodation and treatment charges as set out in the Schedule to \"The Hospital (Fees) Regulations, 1965\". My point was that the case which the hon. senior member for the City was making was in relation to the Resolution speaking on which he said that these fees were too high.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

Again, the hon. member is dealing with the Regulations. My Resolution refers to the surgical fees, accommodation and treatment charges as set out in the Schedule to \"The Hospital Fees) Regulations, 1965.\" Does that refer only to the fees which are charged?

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

That is the understanding of the Hon. Minister of a portion of the hon. member's speech. It may be clarified when the hon. member replies.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

I do not know if I spoke in such a way that the hon. member could not understand what I was saying.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

I am dealing with the point which the hon. member made that the fees were too high. When I began my reply to the hon. member's speech, I pointed out that the fees which were charged by the Regulations were not the fees which were put up by the Specialists at the Hospital. I pointed out that these fees have had to be reduced by 15%. What is in the Regulations is 15% less than what, the Specialists said they should have. That was done in deference to the changes in these fees by the Specialists. The Specialists pointed out that these fees are even below the fees which are charged in some of the Hospitals in the sister territories. It was also pointed out that in some cases, some of the fees charged for Intermediate examinations and operations were lower than the fees charged by the abolished Regulations or the Regulations which were in existence before the introduction of these new Regulations. I am not saying that the fees are not high, neither am I saying that they are too low. What I am saying is that these fees were not revised for several years and the Specialists pointed out that there has been a consider-

able increase in the cost of living over the years; hence they cannot continue to work for the fees which they were receiving up to the time when these Regulations were introduced. As a matter of fact, we spent two years over these Regulations before they were introduced, and all along we could not come to any agreement with the specialists. The Specialists felt that their services were worth what they were asking for and, consequently, they were not willing to agree to any reduction of the fees. 3.15 p.m.

Eventually we had to deal with it arbitrarily and take off 15%. Even now the Specialists are not satisfied with the fees which we have allowed them, and further negotiations are being carried on between the Specialists and the Ministry for an increase in the fees to what they had put up. The fees which we have here are 15 per cent less than what the Specialists had asked for, and they have objected strongly to our cutting them.

Now I made the point the last time I dealt with this that services at the Hospital are free. I pointed out that certain people were denied a privilege which other people were allowed, in that up to the time that I spoke on this matter, people from a certain income bracket who could not afford to pay \$5 or \$10 for examination were placed on a long waiting list, if they were ever seen, and those who could pay were given priority. The Press can write what they like; I do not intend withdrawing that. I have known of the case of a man who was on a waiting list for four years suffering from hernia, and he only got the operation after I put in my presence. On the other hand, you do not find people who can pay on a list for four years. The Press can write what they like; they cannot stop my big mouth.

The point I was making, Mr. Speaker, is that I was not satisfied with the way certain people of the underprivileged class were treated in this country. We have had cases where people have gone to the institution to see a Specialist and were not seen for seven months, and then they came to make representation to the Ministry. Am I expected to keep my mouth closed about these things?

On the last occasion I spoke about the question of Insurance Companies, and that they were getting away with murder. I have subsequently had a delegation from the Insurance Companies to discover that people who hold insurance policies with these companies were only given half of what they should have received when they go to the Public Wards of the Hospital, and the Insurance Companies kept the other half; and as a result the Hospital has been losing over \$150,000 a year for the services rendered to those people who have these policies, and this money can go a long way in financing the running of the Hospital. If the money was paid into the Hospital, the Hospital would have an increased revenue of \$150,000 more per annum. The question is where is this money going. It could only be going to the Insurance Companies, because if the people who hold these policies would not go into the Pay Wards, what they received was half the amount of money which should normally have been paid for their Hospitalisation. From all discussions with the Insurance Companies it has been agreed that if these people do not want to go into the Pay Wards, they can go into the Grade 'A' or Grade 'B' Wards at the Hospital. We also have another provision which is the Grade 'C' Ward which is an adjunct to the Public Wards, but the people are screened and the fees are \$3.00 a day, and the operations fees are much less than they are in the Private Wards, If these people go into these paying Wards, although they do not pay as much as they pay in the Grade 'A' or 'B' Wards, they will receive the full grant from the Insurance Companies, and they will be able to pay for their hospitalisation.

We hope to have at the Hospital by next month an Almoner, and I understand that the Public Service Commission is working on it now. When the Almoner goes into the Hospital, every person going to the Hospital will be questioned as to whether he holds an insurance policy; and for everyone who holds an insurance policy, the Government must have its share in the funds from the Insurance Company

for the hospitalisation and treatment of the people holding such policies. In that way if and when the Government comes again for sums of money for the Hospital, hon. members can rest assured that at least \$15,000 of that money would be paid back by the Insurance Companies.

The hon. senior member for Bridgetown spoke about the shortage of Nurses and raised the question that many young girls who attended Secondary Schools and left in the Third, Fourth or Fifth Form could be material for nursing. That is true, because they leave Barbados and go abroad and do well. I said most of what I had to say on the Nursing School, but I should just like to add that the Nursing School is geared to accommodate about 120 student nurses a year. I said what was responsible for the small output

of the school; and despite what any section of the Press might publish, I still maintain that this is the cause of the small output at the Nursing School.

The other question was why is it that so many of these girls applying for Nursing could not get into the Hospital. As I said, the Hospital can only turn out 120 nurses a year. We have five posts of Tutors on the Establishment of the Hospital; there is only one post filled by a qualified Tutor, there are one part-time and another full-time Tutor who are not qualified Tutors, and we have advertised abroad for Tutors, but have got nobody to apply because it was felt that the salary scale was a bit too small. This has been increased recently and we hope that we will be able to recruit the other four qualified Tutors. 3.25 p.m.

I should like to point out to the hon. member that over and above the 120 that would be trained annually by our present system, there are no fewer than one thousand girls who apply annually for admission to the Nursing School, and priority is usually given to the girls who have School Certificates. If a girl has English and Mathematics at "O" Level, great consideration is given to her application as against the girl who has nothing. We asked for a minimum of two subjects and this is to be appreciated. I am sure that the hon. senior member for the City of Bridgetown is aware that we have no fewer than 2,000 boys and girls leaving school annually with some sort of School Certificate at "O" Level; and while we will like those who have no Certificates to be taken on, those with Certificates must have priority. This is one of the reasons why girls who leave schools in the Third and Fourth forms are not given the consideration which girls who have Certificates are given.

The hon. senior member for the City of Bridgetown spoke about Nursing Assistants at the Hospital and he pointed out that these Nursing Aides, as we term them, are treated like domestics. I challenge this. They are not treated like domestics and I can speak ex cathedra on this. These Nursing Aides are responsible for assisting the nurses in their keeping of records and in the more practical side of nursing. The people who look after the domestic work in the wards are Ward Maids, and we have these maids as against the domestics working in the kitchen; therefore, there is no reason for Nursing Aides doing domestic work in the wards. There are Ward Maids for this. The hon. member may not know this, but Nursing Aides are even given a shorter course in the type of work which they are supposed to do, and this work is not domestic work.

The hon. member spoke about the gulf between the Nursing staff and the Medical staff. He spoke about discrimination being practised by Doctors to Nurses, and that Nurses more or less are looked down upon by other professional persons at the Hospital. This is true and this is what the Nurses have been fighting against. This is one of the points of discontent which Nurses have and complain against.

I am going to say what is true. Nurses are now fighting for the same recognition which Doctors have because they feel that they are professional people and that they are not tradesmen and, therefore, they should be treated with the

dignity and respect with which Nurses abroad are treated. This is one of their sore points of dissatisfaction. Perhaps, a few of them may be given the sort of treatment deserving them by some Doctors who think that they should have it; but Nurses on the whole are fighting for their recognition and what they think is theirs by right. I am with them on this issue.

The hon. member also raised the question of Visiting Surgeons and he referred to the case of Dr. St.

John. Dr. St. John is the unfortunate one. When we appointed the third post of Assistant Visiting Surgeon, unfortunately for Dr. St. John, he was left out. He was of great assistance to the Hospital. We have been aware of the big job Dr. St. John has been doing. We have known of cases where he got out of his bed and actually saved people's lives while other people were asleep. He is really the unfortunate one, and we are now considering the question of making provision so that we would have Dr. St. John back at the Hospital, because we feel that he is an asset there.

The hon. senior member for the City of Bridgetown also raised the question of the Radiologists and their treatment of certain other Radiographers. This is true also. I am not prepared to defend anybody when they cannot be defended; and as long as I am responsible for this portfolio, or any other portfolio, I am going to say what is right and what is wrong. If you do not like it, you can do as you like.

I was not satisfied that certain Radiographers were treated as they should be treated. I went into the matter and I think that things are going better now. As regards Radiographers being paid in advance, this is provided for by Section 10 of the Hospital Regulations, 1965. If the hon. member will look at the Hospital Regulations of 1965, Section 10, he would notice it there. This Section is not only in the present Regulations; it was in the former Regulations, and it states that Hospital fees are supposed to be paid in advance; therefore if the Radiographer should ask for her fees in advance, I have no grouse with her because in accordance with the Regulations the fees are to be paid in advance.

What I would say on this issue is that people can use their discretion because the Hospital Director which is the present post for Medical Superintendent, had it within his discretion to decide whether the fees should be paid in advance or whether the patient should be allowed to pay his fees in instalments. 3.35 p.m.

The hon. member also raised the point dealing with the private practitioners - I am wondering if the hon. member wants these questions answered.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Let the Hon. Minister continue to address the Chair. What is said will appear in Hansard.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

On a point of order. I was making the point to my colleague as to how interesting the Hon. Minister is in his reply.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

I was saying that the hon. member raised the point about private practitioners referring cases to certain Specialists, and not even being treated with the courtesy of a reply. I spoke at length on that question and I said that my investigation revealed that what the hon. member had said was true. I have nothing more to say on that. I also said that a directive was sent by the Ministry to those Specialists reminding them of what their duties were, and also reminding them of the question of private practice as against consulting practice, and that it was their duty to refer the cases referred to them by the private practitioners back to those practitioners who sent the cases. The hon. member will be pleased to know that, as a result of that directive, there has been a better feeling of human relationship amongst the Doctors in the various stages of the profession, and I may say that while the Press was criticising me, quite a few of the private practitioners were congratulating me on this matter.

As to the question of the fees charged by the Hospital, that question was answered in the Reply which I gave to a Parliamentary Question asked by the hon. junior member

for St. Joseph last week. The hon. member also raised the question of the fee charged for medicine. The members of the Barbados Labour Party objected to anybody paying for medicine. My feeling is that people should pay something towards the cost of the medicine. I feel that too much medicine is being wasted at the Hospital. People go to a doctor, they go to the Dispensary and get the medicine which he prescribes and they throw away that medicine and get more from another doctor. Why should we be asked to pay money for drugs to be thrown away outside the Hospital? My view is that If the patient was made to contribute something to the purchase of that medicine he would consider that 25 cents which he is asked to contribute to a bottle of medicine or a drug which is worth \$10.00.. (Mr. MOTTLEY: I have never heard that.) We have this medicine at the Hospital. As a matter of fact, the drug-bill at the Hospital was so high that we have had to ask the Doctors whether they could not find another type of medicine which would cost less money. These expensive drugs are as a result of the direction of private practitioners whom we ask to look after the surplus cases which go to the Hospital, and who order drugs which they are accustomed to use, whether those drugs are expensive or cheap. But we have to provide very expensive drtigs. My argument is in favour of the payment of 25 cents towards the medicine, and the hon. members on the other side are aware that there is no drug which patients get at the Hospital which can be obtained for 25 cents. In the United Kingdom you have to make a contribution towards the cost of the medicine, and if people make a small contribution here towards the cost of the medicine, they will appreciate it more than if they got the medicine free of cost. If you contribute 25 cents towards the cost of that medicine you will say \"After all, I cannot throw away my 25 cents\". To hear members of the Barbados Labour Party criticising the stand which we have taken on this matter, one would think that this fee of 25 cents was not introduced by them. The only change is that there has been an addition of one cent, because during the regime of the Barbados Labour Party the charge was 24 cents and now it has been rounded off to 25 cents, I did not give any instruction that that provision should be carried out. These Regulations were in operation for over a month now, but has anybody paid for medicine yet? Nevertheless, the provision is there. The hon. junior member for St. Joseph will go down Broad Street and park his car which he knows is against the law, but he will still do that.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

I do not think that the Hon. Minister should suggest that an hon. member of this House would break the law.

**Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:**

I am not suggesting that the hon. member would break the law. I have answered the question of fees being demanded in advance. In one section of the Regulations it is set out that the fees should be paid in advance. We have a provision where a surcharge is placed on fees of over 90 days' standing. I have just ruled in a case where fees were outstanding for over 90 days and the surcharge of 6% was put on them. This money was to be paid at a bank which asked for a rebate of 6%. My reply to the Bank was that if I borrowed money from you and I had the money for one day I will pay interest for that day. If it is for a year I will pay the interest for a year. You cannot expect to charge me interest on your money and expect me to give you a rebate on the interest chargeable on the Hospital fees. 3.45 p.m.

The Hospital fees should be paid in advance and we are giving you a grace period of ninety days, over

and above which you pay six per cent as a surcharge. This bill was outstanding for over ninety days, and they asked to be allowed not to pay the surcharge. We made provision in the Estimates of an amount to pay commission to bailiffs to collect Hospital fees, though the Regulations state that the fees are paid in advance. If we were carrying out the strict letter of the law and insisting that the fees be paid in advance, and if the Specialists and other surgeons had demanded the fees, there would have been no reason for us to come here and ask for \$3,000 a year to pay commission for collecting fees.

Now, the hon. junior member for St. Joseph questioned the allocation of beds to Specialists in the Hospital. As a matter of fact, the beds in the Pay Wards are allocated to

certain Specialists, They sit in a Committee known as the Hospital Medical Staff Committee; they are the people running the Hospital medically, and they have agreed that in the interest of all of them, the beds in the Pay Wards be allocated to the Specialists; but though the beds are so allocated it does not mean that bed No. 2 belongs to Mr. St. John or bed No. 3 belongs to Mr. Leacock. it means that Mr. Leacock may have six beds, Mr. St. John may have six, and Doctor Graham may have four as the case may be. But there is co-operation among them; and if a Doctor did not have immediate use for one of his beds and a case of emergency came in and was to be treated by another doctor, he would be allowed to use it: so there is really no hardship today. I am nothing to do with what happened years ago; I am something to do with what obtains today.

**Mr. SMITH:**

Mr. Speaker, on a point of elucidation, I said that there are beds at the Hospital, and no one is allowed to use them at all because they belong to these Doctors. I said that it is not fair to have empty beds there when people are willing to pay for them, but they are denied because they were not sent by the doctors to whom the beds belong. That is to say, if my personal Doctor ordered me to the Hospital on an urgent case, and he is not one of the Doctors who owns beds, I would have to be put somewhere else, though I was willing to pay for the bed.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The hon. member has made his point.

**Mr. SMITH:**

That should not be so because he is not on the Hospital Medical Staff Committee.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The hon. member has elucidated the subject matter.

**Hon. A. DaC EDWARDS:**

Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to give way for the hon. member to answer one question which I would like to ask him, because my reply is dependent on it. Is the Doctor who sent the hon. member to the Hospital a member of the Staff of the Hospital?

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

If the hon. member would like that answered.....

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

We are not going to have questions and answers.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

I hold no brief for the hon. member-....

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The Hon. Leader of the Opposition has not said what he has risen on.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

I have risen on a point of elucidation. What the hon. junior member for St. Joseph has said is true, because it has happened with members of the Visiting Staff. I can tell you that there was a big noise at one of the Masonic Lodges, though I do not care anything about Masons; but here was a man who was refused a bed because he was sent by a Visiting Surgeon. One of the Specialists said he could not get the bed as though he owned it. He does not even own the one at home, because his wife can order him out of it.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

I trust hon. members will not take advantage, when they rise on points of order, elucidation or explanation, of their having risen to refer to points which they never made before, and therefore which they cannot now attempt to elucidate or explain, particularly members who have the right to speak again.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

I made those points before.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Therefore they will be enshrined in Hansard.

**Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for St. Joseph said if his home doctor sent him to the Hospital. I do not know if he means the doctor for St. Joseph or the Doctor that looks after his home.

**Mr. SMITH:**

On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I really did not mean myself personally; I was only making a reference, but it appears as if the Minister misunderstands or is losing his senses or hearing. I have never had to go to the Hospital yet, thank God, and I hope not to.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The hon. member has explained his point. I gather that the hon. member for St. Joseph mentioned that by way of elucidation.

**Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:**

What I wanted to point out is that as long as the Doctor is a member of the Permanent or Visiting staff of the Hospital, there is that co-operation. 3.55 p.m.

I am saying what happens today. There is that co-operation at the Hospital today. I am not saying that the Hospital today is as it was three or four years ago. I am saying what obtains at the Hospital today.

There is co-operation and understanding among the Surgeons and Physicians, and in a case where beds are concerned for emergency cases, certain beds are provided for the Doctor looking after that emergency.

Mr. Speaker, I think I have answered most of the questions raised. There were certain hon. members who criticised the actual fees for the Wards. We have fees of \$15 per day, \$7.50 per day and we also have a fee of \$3.50 per day. Some hon. members said that these fees are too high, but I wonder if hon. members are aware that it costs \$35 per day to run one of those wards. I also wonder if hon. members know that the people do not have to pay at all. We have free medical services for all at the Hospital and we also have free Specialists services for all. Today we are providing free Specialists services for all at the Hospital. This is as it should be, and this is what it would be as long as I am in the Ministry.

Formerly, as I pointed out before, it did not appear to some of the Specialists as though certain people were entitled to Specialists' services; but, today, if you have go many paying services I am demanding that you give me more free Specialists' services. Therefore, if you want to pay for social status, snobbery or what you want to term it, you pay for it. On the other hand, if you want to have free medical service at the Hospital, from the Governor back down to 'Ding Ding' can have it. Therefore, it is not a question of anybody being overcharged.

You have private clinics in this island and I am sure that you cannot get better services at any of these clinics than at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. What do you pay for it? Go at any of the hospitals in Trinidad and Jamaica and see what the people pay. Barbados is one of the cheapest places for medical services in the Caribbean area. Therefore, it is not fair to say that the fees chargeable at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital are too high. That is not so when you consider what is charged today in the other sister territories, and to crown it off, you do not have to pay because you have free medical services.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

It appears that no other hon. member wishes to speak on this motion and I shall invite the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, if he thinks fit, to exercise his right to reply.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

It does not seem as if there is any other hon. member who wants to speak in this debate.

Mr. Speaker, you know that for years this has been a hardy annual for me. First of all, I would say that ever since I have been in this Hon. Chamber, I have been a critic for getting things done for those persons among whom but for the grace of God, I myself would have been and would have had to rely on somebody to put my case. I must also confess that I have never heard any Minister to be as frank in his reply as the present Hon. Minister of Health\* He has made it clear that he would not condone things which concern his portfolio which should be brought to light.

I must thank the Hon. Minister at least for the interest which he has shown in this matter, and the courtesy of replying to all the points which I have made because in these days, hon. members who occupy positions of temporary authority are apt to become so discourteous that they think it feasible that they should not go into matters which they should go into. The Hon. Minister for Health knows that I never come in here with anything and make any criticisms about it unless my criticism is founded on fact.

There is one thing which I wanted to get clear and the Hon. Minister in reply said that it was true. I made it clear that they were Specialists at the Hospital who were drawing our money and using our Hospital and Nurses and were actually attending to more paying private patients and neglecting patients who could not pay. The Hon. Minister stood on his feet and said that that was true.

Sir, I would just like to make one point clear. At no time during my discussion did I say that I objected to Specialists having private practice at the Hospital. That is, by seeing private or paying patients at the Hospital. Some rumour went around that I had objected to that and it caused some uneasiness in the Ministry. I could not be so stupid to object to that because no one can expect that the salaries which we pay to such Specialists can be enough to keep even Junior Specialists. Therefore, they would have to be allowed to do private practice at the Hospital and, further, consultative practice. They are entitled to private practice. If other people went there to see the Specialist, that is quite alright. All we ask this Government to do is to see to it, whether it be Surgeon Specialists, Physician Specialists or any other Specialists, that they give more attention to your nonpaying patients than they give to your paying patients. 4.05 p.m.

That is all I am saying now. The Hon. Minister may wonder where I am getting my information. Since this debate has been going on, what the hon. member says is the case but that was not the case before this debate was raised in this House. I challenge the Hon. Minister to say that that is not so. All along, not only in the case of the hon. member's Ministry but in the case of the last Government as well, I was complaining that poor people have been placed on a waiting list. In cases where private practitioners suspected an incurable disease, people were waiting for months or years and could never see the Specialist, because you had a very long line. I can prove that this is so. I am very pleased to see that the Hon. Minister has put that state of affairs right. I would be a fool to object to any Specialist at the Hospital not being allowed to see private paying patients. I have never objected to that.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Speaker, on a point of elucidation. I would like to explain to the hon. member what the situation is. A Specialist is allowed private consulting practice as against being allowed to compete with private practitioners outside the Hospital. What I was saying is that it was the practice all along for Specialists to take cases and contracting both at the Hospital. My directive has been that these Specialists are only to take cases at the Hospital - the cases referred to them by private practitioners or by the junior doctors at the Hospital. That is what is known as private consultations and what we allowed them according to the terms of their contract. We do not allow them to compete with private practitioners as was being done; they were creating a breach of the Regulations.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

I am quite sure that that matter has been settled to the satisfaction of everybody. I have notes here which refer to cases and dates, and that only those who could afford to pay were allowed to go in. As long as people were on the free list, they were told to come back day after day for weeks. Unless they were trying to remove some member of the staff, that is the only way in which they could possibly get around this. However, this matter has been put right.

On the question of the Nurses, I feel quite happy in listening to the hon. member saying that something is wrong. I am happy to say that since this question has been raised, a sum of money has been provided

to increase the number of Nurses and Tutors and for the purpose of actually increasing salaries.

**Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:**

On a point of order. Mr. Speaker, I said that provision was made for additional Tutors, and subsequently provision was made for the increase in the salaries of these persons. This provision was made before this question was raised because ever since last year we had the matter on the establishment and we experienced difficulty in recruiting the necessary staff. We thought that it was a question of the salary, but this increase was proposed before this Resolution was introduced.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

Mr. Speaker, I am not supposed to know what happens inside the Government. I know that they have made provision for higher salaries since this debate was started, it is not surprising to me that they had applications from a thousand people and those persons who have Certificates are given priority. Nobody will quarrel about that. There is nothing beyond the field of Nursing; it is their divine calling and it is a very honourable job. There are people who work for five days a week and they do not work on Saturdays or Sundays as against the Nurses who must work all the year round. I know that there is a great difficulty in this matter. People came to us and told us about remarks made to us, and I am glad to hear that the matter has been amicably settled now. I hope that, as a result of the salaries proposed in the Civil Establishment Orders, you will be able to attract Sister Tutors and we will be able to get on a good footing with the Hospital.

As to the question of the fees, well, I will deal with the question of the medicine first. When the Hon. Minister gets to my age and experience he will realise what I am saying. People even take money out of their pockets and go to private practitioners; they get medicine and they come to the conclusion that the medicine is no good. I do not accept that the reason for asking for this fee of 25 cents is that people have been throwing away the medicine. There was a physician here, Dr. Ken Stuart, who had been diagnosing trouble known as high blood pressure. If you were to go to the United States of America, you will buy a certain aspirin tablet and you pay a certain amount for that tablet; but you can go to a department store and get the same thing for the same amount of money; But it does not mean that the potency will be the same. Before the hon. Minister came in here, I had the opportunity of discussing this question. The hon. member says that because they have to bring in private practitioners from outside, they are the people who are prescribing these expensive drugs. There are people who study medicine, in the United Kingdom, in Canada, in the University of the West Indies and in the United States of America. The British Pharmaceutical institutions and the Canadian And American institutions are different in many respects. One drug will go by one name in the United States of America, it will go by another name in the United Kingdom and by another name in Canada and so on. 4.15 p.m.

Now the Hon. Leader of the House and the Minister of Communications and Works will remember that I took this Chamber to task on one occasion when a small book was given to all the young doctors at the Hospital, and they were told that they must only prescribe medicine from this book for the various ailments from which people were suffering. You cannot pin a doctor down to that. A few days ago I had the honour of having a visit from the Specialists who is dealing with the early detection of cancer, and he told me that the mistake that quite a lot of people make is the fact that they do not realise that young, physicians or young graduates are always on the ball, so to speak, and that it is the practice in big countries today not to leave them out, but in trying to diagnose cases, you should always have them alongside because medicine moves on so fast that there is always the tendency for young practitioners to

be more alert, although the older fellows have more experience.

The Hon. Minister of Communications will remember that I joined with that Party in ripping to pieces the Minister of Social Services who is now the Junior member for St. George when they came here and had it advertised that as from the following week the fees would be charged at the Hospital. I Could not very well preach one thing then and preach another now. I said I did not think it was necessary.

I realise that in Barbados your hospital is quite different from that in Jamaica, in Trinidad or in the United Kingdom in that what is known as the Casualty is really an Out-patients Department. Casualties in other countries are places where people go after an accident and so on, but your Casualty has always been and still is an Outpatients Department, and I do not suppose you will be able to stop it, because it is something you have inherited. The Socialists so often like to tell us that they inherited these legacies from the Conservatives when it pleases them to say so, but when it is something which would redound to their credit, they never tell you this is something they inherited. At one time Barbados was noted for the best Hospital in the West Indies, \"The hon. member would appreciate the fact, therefore, when he says that we have free Medical services that it is not free in the same sense as it is free in Great Britain. But people are divided into sections, and there are those who feel that they must go to the Hospital for treatment.

On the question of the allocation of beds at the Hospital for Surgeons, this is done all over the world. The Minister has said that there is that co-operation among the doctors, whether visiting or permanent, attached to the Hospital, and that of the number of beds, three are allocated to one doctor, four to another and so on. There are usually more surgical beds than medical beds, and one doctor may have more than another; but it has happened that a doctor who had beds allocated to him bluntly refused on the telephone to allow them to be used, and even hung up in the doctor's ear.

Mr. Speaker, I am not complaining personally, because I want to say that I have made applications not for myself or family, but for persons who had to have an emergency operation, and if the beds of the particular doctor were occupied, you had to wait until one became empty; That is not right. I am happy that the Hon. Minister has told us that it is not so any longer, and that there is this co-operation, Hon. members must not take themselves as examples, because I do not believe any doctor at the Hospital would have the temerity to refuse to allow the use of a bed for the family of any member of this House. We must think of the unfortunate people who sent us here to represent them.

On the question of payment of fees at the Hospital, I have always been a firm believer that people who can pay must pay. A doctor should not work for nothing. But I have always argued that you should take from those who can pay for my cook or somebody's maid so that they can get the same service. This seems to have been inculcated in me in the United States where I was fortunate to have been hospitalised on four different occasions.

There is one question which the Minister has not answered. You have at the Hospital on the permanent staff, pensionable officers, Physicians and Surgeons, Registrars and so on, but this seems to be a new departure, I do not think that the hon. member was suggesting that it is snobbery when we complain that two people were in a bed. Would the Minister call it snobbery if he found himself or any of his family in a bed in a Hospital, where he was lying at the top and somebody was at the bottom with the person's feet in his face, when he would strain every possible thing in him to get \$3, \$4, \$5 or \$6 to pay for a

bed? Would the Minister call that snobbery?

**Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Speaker, on a point of explanation.....

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

I think that was a rhetorical question, and no answer was expected.

**Hon. A. DaC EDWARDS:**

Mr. Speaker, this situation does not obtain any longer at the Hospital. There are no two people in a bed, because I have seen to it that it does not happen again except in cases of emergency.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

The hon. member must remember that this question was raised nearly three months ago, and in

reply to me he said that it was happening against his instructions, but I quickly retorted that it was not against his knowledge. I challenge the hon. member or any other hon. member of this House to say that it could be considered snobbish for a person to strain to provide \$3, \$4 \$5, or \$6 to avoid being in a bed with another person whom you have never seen in your life, and therefore you would not know from what disease he is suffering. 4.25 p.m.

I simply call that a matter of health; and if it happened to you or anybody concerning me - I am not trying to be personal - but this is something which I cannot reply to anybody and say that it is not true. I know in this country that there is a lot of snobbery - and intellectual snobbery - but it does not interfere with a person like me. I know it: and when the time comes, I deal with it.

I would like to take the Hon. Minister up on the question which he raised of Doctors being allowed to charge fees. I remember this when a Visiting Surgeon was at the Hospital. That Visiting Surgeon, as far as my memory serves me, had some German name. I was on the Hospital Advisory Committee and someone came to me and asked me to lend them some money. He told me that he had gone to the Hospital and was charged the maximum fee for an operation. It appeared that the Doctor had got a special room for him and had charged him \$10 per day for that special room. I asked the question, if you went in there to have an operation for appendicitis and after you went into the ward it was found out that you need no operation, if it was necessary that you should pay the fee or if it was part of your duty to charge for the operation and to see that the operation was carried out? I have always said that a doctor is only as good as his nurse. I have nothing against anybody; I am only speaking for people who cannot speak for themselves on this matter and because I have been seeing life in the raw in this respect.

I see that doctors, as soon as they enter a room to see you, are allowed to charge you for each day they visit you in there. There have been cases at the Hospital in which doctors have disagreed over the diagnosis of a patient and one doctor said that the patient can go out, yet that patient was kept in the room for another five days and not one thing was done to the patient, and because of that patient being kept there, the fees amounted for the doctor. I do not think that is right.

Talking about fees, your Physician Specialists and Surgeon Specialists get what fees that accrue to them for persons who are sent up by General Practitioners, and quite rightly so. They are entitled to

those fees; if you ask me I would say quite frankly that they are entitled to more. Take for instance, Mr. Speaker, if you were a patient at the Hospital. I feel that you can pay. I know you can afford to pay from your exalted and remunerative profession and that is as it should be. I feel quite frankly that this new departure from the practice at the Hospital -

Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS; Mr. Weaker, I rise on a point of order. This is no departure. This was in practice all along. Over and above an operation the Physician or Surgeon Socialist charges for his consultation. On the other hand, a patient may be in a surgical ward and the surgeon may not necessarily have to perform an operation; so these Regulations make provision for the fees chargeable and it is to be noticed that over and above a certain number of days that a patient is in Hospital, the fees become smaller and smaller. There is also a maximum amount which any patient is asked to pay. Let us suppose that a patient had seen the Pathologist, the Physician Specialist, the Radiologist and the Gynaecologist. The maximum fees chargeable to that individual patient is \$325 and that is divided proportionately among the various Specialists who had to deal with the case. The point which I wanted to make was that the patient may be in a Paying Ward for an operation, but may not need the Surgeon. The patient may not necessarily be in there for an operation for which fees are charged. but they may be in there for consultation by the Surgeon, That fee is for consultation.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

Mr. Speaker, I say that this is a new departure and I challenge the Hon. Minister to say that it is not so. If the Hon. Minister will look at the Third Schedule, (a) Attendance and Consultations by Chief Specialist Physician and any other Specialists not specified else-where;- he would see that for the first day of attendance in a Grade A Room, the fee chargeable is \$17; in a Grade B Room \$8.50 and in a Grade C Ward \$4.25.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, if the hon member would permit me, I would just like to say that we have gone over the appointed time allocated to Private Members' Business and in view of the fact that we have not done any Government Business, I am afraid that we would have to curtail the latitude which we gave to him.

I do not know how Your Honour feels about your uninterrupted occupation of the Chair, that is to say, if you are able to carry on a little longer or whether you would like a short break at this junction.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

May I ask the Hon. Leader of the Opposition whether he had a considerable way to go before he completes his reply?

**Hon. W. A. CRAW FOR:**

I am not at present concerned with that. I say that we can no longer continue with Private Members' Business, but I am asking Your Honour whether you yourself would prefer a small break at this juncture, particularly in view of the fact mat the Deputy Speaker is not here.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

I appreciate the break now, but the Hon. Leader of the Opposition may now move that further consideration of the Resolution be now postponed.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

Mr. Speaker, I have no desire of holding up Government Business and I therefore beg to move that further consideration of this Resolution be postponed.

**Mr. GODDARD:**

I beg to second that. The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division,

### **SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

I am entirely at Your Honour's service. If you want to carry on, well, you may.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

I think that this may be the appropriate time for a short break.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

I therefore beg to move that this Sitting be now suspended for twenty minutes.

**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.

4.35 p.m.

On reassembling,

**Mr. YEARWOD:**

Mr. Speaker, there is no quorum present, and I ask that the bell be rung.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

I thank the hon. member for drawing that to my attention. Let the bell be rung.

On the bell being rung, a quorum was obtained,

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Government Business be now taken.

**Hon. C. E. TALMA:**

I beg to second that.

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

### **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The first Order of the Day under Government Business stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House, the hon. senior member for St. Philip-To move the House into Committee of Supply to consider the grant of sums of money for the service of the Island.

**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.

**Hon. C. E. TALMA:**

I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division,

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair, and the House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. BATSON in the Chair,

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE 1965-66 No. 13 MINISTRY OF HEALTH, HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, the first Resolution is a Resolution to place the sum of \$2,561 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 1965-66, Part 1 - Current as shown in the Supplementary; Estimate 1965-66, No. 13, which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

As hon. members will see, there are three Items under this Head. The first Item is Item 41 - Dispenser. In this connection, the sum of \$1,536 is required to supplement the Item of the Head 37(4) District Hospital Services, to settle the payment of arrears of salary at the revised rate to the part-time dispenser at the Oistin District Hospital for the period 1st April, 1961, to 31st March, 1965. This was as a result of an anomaly in the Salaries Revision. The voucher for this amount was submitted to the Treasury in favour of the dispenser towards the end of March, but it was not cashed before the 31st March. It is therefore necessary to provide this amount.

In connection with this item, I should also like to state that this money is to meet the commitment of this voucher which was not paid in last year's Estimates, and therefore it will have to be paid from the current Estimates.

The next Item is Item 186 C which is a new Item - Bar-bados Table Tennis Association. The amount required is \$500. It is known that the Barbados Table Tennis Associaion are the present West Indian Champions. They won the championship on the last occasion and the competition for the championship

for 1965 is scheduled to be held in Trinidad between the 22nd of this month and the 4th September, The Table Tennis Association of Barbados is participating in the competition for the championship; in fact, we will have to do so as we are the present title holders. We hold the title in the championship for the Men's Singles and it is considered that all efforts should be made to assist the Association in fulfilling their obligations in participating in the games. They have to defend their title. I think that this Association is one of the sporting associations of which we should be proud in Barbados because it is an asset to the country. The members show their superior skill in this particular form of sport, and I think that all encouragement should be given to them. They are sending a team of 9 persons, and I may say that over the years they have been financing their tours. However, owing to the fact that they have to pay rent for the quarters where they now hold their tournament, and owing to the fact also that funds were spent in the organization of previous games, they find it difficult to raise the amount of \$622 which it will cost them to participate in the games. They have made representations to the Ministry and the Government has decided to give them

the grant of this \$500 in order that they may be able to participate in the competition and again secure the championship for Barbados.

With regard to Item 191 - Furniture and Equipment - this sum of \$525 is a revote. By Resolution No. 20/1965 which was passed by the Legislature on the 6th March, the sum of \$1,800 was provided for the purchase of chairs for the Enmore Health Centre to replace 150 unserviceable ones. A voucher for 50 of these chairs at \$10.50 each was not cashed by 31st March and therefore it is necessary to have a revote of this amount. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

**Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:**

I beg to second that.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

Mr. Chairman, I will preface my remarks by congratulating the Hon. Minister on the change of heart. This Association has been repeatedly knocking at the doors of the Government for aid, and this is the first occasion on which the representations made to the Government seem likely to bear fruit. I was so bound in my chair by surprise that I could hardly rise to my feet. I am the President of this Association and I am distinctly behind members in asking for aid. I would not like, however, to join the Hon. Minister in trying to deceive this House that this team is likely to receive this championship. The Hon. Minister knows that we have such a man as Byer who is on his way to Canada, and Jamaica is bringing down Roberts who is one of the best players. It is not correct to say that we are sanguine about the prospects of this particular team, but I would like to congratulate the Minister on his obvious change of heart that future organizations, whether they are likely to receive the championship or not, will receive his blessing and support.

Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, I would like to inform the hon. member that assistance is given to sporting or any other organizations according to the case which is put up by them. If an organization makes representation to the Government and the Government is satisfied that the sum which is asked for can be easily raised by the efforts of the organization, then that organization is asked to put forward a little extra effort and raise the necessary funds. As I intimated, we are satisfied that this organization has been making its own effort to provide these funds, but it is a question of other commitments which it had to offset. I may say, Sir, that it is not every application

which goes to the Government for charity which can be favourably considered because we have to think of the financial position of the country. However, at this time, we can afford this money.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

Mr. Chairman, we deplore the stupid sentiments about Weight-Lifting Teams not carrying Coaches with them. I would like the Minister to understand that I am happy that they have seen fit to have a change of heart about denying the aspirations of young people in this community, and the Minister is willing at this time to support this team. I would like to disabuse his mind of the idea that this team will carry off the championship. However, Sir, we look forward to support being given to worthy organizations.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, I did not say that the team would bring back the championship. What I said is that I hope it will bring back the championship.

**Mr. WALCOTT:**

Mr. Chairman, I would not like to join this debate on the narrow basis of the Barbados Table Tennis Association because I have extremely strong views about these matters. Sometimes my views conflict with those of the hon. Junior member for the City. I do not believe that these organizations should sit down on their haunches and expect the Public Treasury to do what they should do. I am very serious about this matter; if this community can gamble with a lot of money every week, whether it is in Bingo or not, these organizations must get some assistance like that. I have very strong views on organizations asking for money from the Government. My organization went to London on a Sugar Conference which is

more important than any of these sporting organizations. 5.20 p.m.

There was an important Conference dealing with sugar which affects the whole community, but we did not get any money from the Government and we did not cry about it, but pulled our own pockets. What I am worried about is that too few of these sporting organizations are taxing them-selves and their members sufficiently for the sports they want. Some people want to join clubs and pay six cents a week and still have these organisations run properly. The days for these things are over, and I feel it is time that clubs and organizations get down to business.

Now so far as the grant to the Table Tennis Association is concerned, \$500 is no money in a community like this, but I am dealing with the principle. I do not like the idea of organizations trooping up. You should have a Sports Council which would be concerned with big national events like Olympic games which attract World-wide attention. These are things that Governments all over the world subscribe to; but in a small community like this, the tendency is that as soon as you give the Table Tennis Association money, the Netball Association will come, the Basketball Association will come, and all the Associations will come and say that you gave the Table Tennis Association. I would like to see the day come when you have a proper functioning Sports Council which has money given to it annually by the Government, and the people who are responsible for running Sports would be able to allocate this money, and there would not be this adhoc method of asking somebody to raise money by keeping a dance, or playing some game to see if they can raise money. As the hon. junior member for Bridgetown has said, the fact that they are going to be beaten cannot be the criterion of determining this,

because the dividing line between champions and non-champions can be very narrow indeed.

Mr. Chairman, I would prefer to see the Government adopting a more settled and concrete policy about sports aid than this adhoc method of dealing with it, because the team is in Trinidad already and we are now passing the Resolution; so they had to make provision to get there, hoping that aid would come through. The hon. junior member for Bridgetown is President of the Olympic Committee and of other sporting organizations, and I am a member of some of these clubs in Barbados too, and I have been preaching to these cricket clubs and the like that they must get down to facts, and if they want these organizations to run and to survive, the members must be prepared to pay more dues for what they want. I am satisfied from the dues I see operating the Clubs in Barbados that they are not taxing themselves enough for the sports they want to maintain.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

Mr. Chairman, if I may add a word of elucidation to what my friend the hon. senior member for St. Peter has said, I for one have always advocated that a sum of money should be voted annually, as is done in every civilized community, which the Minister would have at his disposal to turn over either to a Council of Sport or call it what you will, which would be responsible for sending sporting teams abroad. The paying of dues cannot finance the sending of a team to, let us say, Japan or even to Mexico City in 1968. These things get too big sometimes for the organizations which handle them, and Government has to support ventures of this kind. Whose money are you giving these young people? Their own! It is part of the duty of any Government to see that the young people who happen to live in the particular territory are engaged in healthful rivalry in sport with other young people from adjacent territories. You are doing them no favour when you do that; you are doing your duty. The trouble seems to be that the decision often rests with anaemic individuals who have never had what is popularly known as "boy days", and that is what we suffer from. That is the type of people who have decisions to make when young people would like to go abroad to try their hand at defeating other young people in games of skill, and I would never tire of advocating that there be done here what is done in Jamaica and Trinidad, and that is that a sum of money be allocated annually for sporting organizations to travel abroad, the decision to be made by a Council

of sport, or if you do not like that name, call it what you will; but it is the only approach to the problem.

I think it is an open secret with the Olympic Association that some of the officials go to Broad Street and sign notes that they would be responsible for the money, and this is a ridiculous state of affairs for a country like Barbados which has so much potential in it and so many young people who are anxious to show their skill as was evidenced recently when they put on an Olympic show here for athletics and cycling. We have the talent, but it has to be supported by the Government in power, and not as any handout as if you are doing anybody a favour; you are merely doing your duty,

I would like to support the hon. senior member for St. Peter in what he says. The only point that he was not quite aware of is that there can be no question of dues paying. The Olympic Association is made up of twelve sporting bodies and we are only asked to pay \$10 a year; so the maximum monies collected would not be more than \$120. The Minister no doubt knows that the team from Trinidad which came here did not have to wait on the Government of Trinidad which came here to come here; and they were badly beaten by Jamaica. It does not mean that if they have to leave Trinidad again to compete in another Olympic contest that the Government of Trinidad would not support them. Their attitude in the

matter is altogether different from the nibbling and niggardly attitude we sometimes find here.

**Mr. WALGOTT:**

Mr. Chairman, I do not want to get into any argument because I do not donate any money. The only thing I would like to say to the hon. Junior member for Bridgetown is that for one moment I could not suggest or it could not be deduced from what I said that to pay more dues could send a team to the Olympic Games. What I do say is that if they are going to be the recipients of these benefits, charity begins at home, and it must begin where the source is. I have had the experience that too many of these clubs are \"back\" clubs - they want to ride on somebody's back - and they do not want to pay for even the very fundamentals. That is where I say that we have to train young people in Barbados into acknowledging that the cinema and some of the other activities in which they indulge are not the only things they have to pay for. I would say that sporting clubs pay fees which are basically too low for what they have to perform, because they do not have any reserves left, since they cannot pay enough even to keep things going. 5.30 p.m.

Nobody in any part of the world can pay enough dues to send anybody to the Olympic Games, unless the Olympic Games take place in your backyard. That is the point which I made. I started out by saying that the Government should subscribe to these things, but at the same time we have to impress upon the people who are responsible that they have a fundamental part to play by making provision in their own organization for the assistance and help which should come from themselves.

**Hon. A. Da. C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, the hon. Junior member for the City of Bridgetown spoke of the niggardly attitude of the members of the Government or their advisers towards these sporting organizations. Let us take the Barbados Table Tennis Association. The hon. member pointed out that several representations were made to the Government for making provisions for sending a team abroad, and in one of these instances the sum of \$480 was passed.

Now, the Table Tennis Association has 36 different clubs affiliated to it. When the representation was made at the time, no point was made about their paying off old debts caused by other tours. No point was made of the amount of money they had to pay for the rental of quarters or anything of the sort. They just came and asked the Government for £100. The attitude of the Government was this: What are you doing to help yourself? Show us something and we would help you.

Another thing was that there were 36 clubs affiliated to the association and if these clubs contributed \$12 each,

they would have raised the money which they wanted. The money was spent in Bingo. Well, if they spent their money in Bingo and if they did not have any, why did not they apply to the people responsible for running Bingo to assist them? I am sure that they would have had a certain influence in this quarter because in many of these associations, you have clubs which have members closely associated with those responsible for running Bingo, and they would give them the necessary assistance.

Mr. Chairman, the Government has plans in the making now for assisting certain organizations in their programme. As I pointed out in my opening address, we have to weigh the pros and cons. We have to help those who help themselves. We have to be sure that a case was made out for assistance. Prior to

this, no strong case was made out by this Association, but a strong case was made out this time.

The hon. Junior member for the City spoke of representation being made by the Olympic Association. I would like to ask one question. How much money was spent on sport by the Government in 1961? The most was \$8,000, the majority of which was spent on paying the Sports Officer. That sum is against the sum of \$63,000 spent on sport last year. Is not that a big jump? With our limited economy, we have to think of priority - and great priority - and we try to give encouragement, assistance and help to those who help themselves. It is not only a question of giving; it is a question of dealing with the economics of your country. It is a question of going as far as you can go. It is not expected of a cow to go further than the point of its tether. If the Government can afford so much per annum for sports, we provide it.

Mr. Chairman, I would like hon. members to know that already we are considering plans for the Olympic Games to be held in Mexico next year, and I wonder if a lot of these Associations have been thinking of what their programme would be like, and if they are trying to assist themselves. We have had discussions about it even at Cabinet level. We have to plan now for years ahead, and we foresee that the Olympic Association is going to make representation to us for assistance.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

Mr. Chairman. I rise on a point of order. I would like to point out to the Hon. Minister, as regards the Olympic Games that this Association does not have to think about it.

**Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:**

That is only a matter of opinion. The plans of the hon. member cannot be strong enough to stop this Government from thinking about these games. It is only a matter of opinion.

As I was saying, Sir, we have plans afoot for providing funds for these games. We have plans ahead for the entire sporting and social conditions of our country. The hon. member mentioned something about representations being made to us for assistance two or three weeks before the team left. How can anyone make representations to us in a matter of two or three weeks before and expect that we could meet it by that time? It takes two weeks alone before it can be processed by the Ministry.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. This request was made to Government long before the team

**Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, that is not true. The team is supposed to be in Trinidad now. How could you have a Cabinet decision in two or three weeks? The Resolution was introduced last Tuesday. The matter has to be dealt with in the Ministry and then it has to be put up to the Cabinet. At least between the Ministry and the Cabinet, it must take four weeks before it comes to the Legislature. Why is it that the hon. member has tried to mislead this Hon. Chamber? Last Tuesday this Resolution was introduced into this Chamber. The team was in Trinidad. The hon. member is trying to deliberately mislead this Chamber.

This matter was dealt with at Cabinet the Thursday before it was introduced to this Chamber, and that means

that it would have to be dealt with by the Ministry first and also the Ministry of Finance which does

not just take a file and send it back to you tomorrow if you sent it today. That Ministry has to go through it thoroughly and see if the representation merits assistance. It has to be scrutinised not only by the Ministry of Community Development, but by the Ministry of Finance also; and after they have scrutinised it it is sent back to the Ministry and a Cabinet Paper is finalised. All of this takes time, and the hon. member is saying that this representation was made before the team had left. This is nothing else but trying to mislead the Honourable Chamber.

The hon. member has spoken about request from various organizations being turned down. Why does he not explain why those requests were turned down? 5.40 p.m.

Those requests were turned down because the representations were made late. How can you expect people to process representations for assistance when the representations were made two or three weeks ago? The hon. member spoke of representations being made just two weeks before the team was supposed to have left; what I am saying is that it is all right for people to sit back and talk about giving other people what is their need and that sort of thing, but we do not adopt any laissez faire attitude in these matters. We study these things; and if we refuse an organization any sort of assistance, it means that that organization either does not make out a case for assistance and we are not satisfied that the organization cannot raise the necessary amount of funds; or it is our view that that organization could raise the necessary funds without asking the Government for assistance.

Mr. Chairman, we do not consider the Government to be a milch cow; we feel that if these associations are not backed by the Government they have themselves to blame. I could not agree with the hon. senior member for St. Peter more. Any reasonable thinking person would agree with the stand which the Government takes in these issues. When the Government is criticised for not having the interest in sport which it should have, I say that we would have to think twice before we render assistance in this direction. Last year we spent the sum of \$63,000 in connection with sport as against \$10,000 which we spent before\*

**Mr. LYNCH:**

Mr. Chairman, I would like to correct the misrepresentations which have been made by the hon. member who seems to be generating more heat than he is giving light. There are 36 Associations and some of them are yet to have a tennis table.

**Hon. A. Da C, EDWARDS:**

On a point of order. Mr. Chairman, what is wrong with the Barbados Table Tennis Association having a dance and asking the Clubs to sell 12 tickets at \$1.00 each?

**Mr. LYNCH:**

Mr. Chairman, the last dance held by a sporting organization realised \$27.38. The Hon. Minister must be aware of the amount of money which is made at dances held by sporting organizations in this community. I am submitting that the suggestion that funds be raised by holding dances is unacceptable to any one who knows how sporting organizations in Barbados are run. If that suggestion was made to the Jamaica Olympic Association which had to raise a large sum of money to send their team to the Olympic Games - the sum of money needed was something like \$8,000. The Minister must be aware that the Table Tennis team is now in Trinidad and we are discussing the amount which should be given to them now. The hon. member cannot deny these inescapable facts. The team has gone abroad and we

are now discussing whether we should give them the money or not. Is this a late application, an application made by the Barbados Olympic Association four weeks before the team was due to leave? Mr. Chairman, I leave that for you to decide. They also have a letter from the Barbados Olympic Association asking for help in being host to the other regional bodies when they recently held games at Kensington and we are yet to have an answer to that letter.

Mr. Chairman, there is no other West Indian Island which would be host to regional bodies, which had asked the Government to assist them and they did not receive any reply or assistance except the customary card which says that the letter had been received. I am not disposed to continue this strain in a debate, but I may point out to the Hon. Minister that I am very happy to see his change of heart and hope that there will be more harmonious relations existing. Whether the Hon. Minister is pleased or vexed, I will always say what I have to say.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, the hon. member has spoken of the contribution which Jamaica wanted, the sum of \$8,000, for their team. I am speaking of the contribution which the Barbados Table Tennis Association asked for last year, that in £100. Is it asking the Association too much to try to raise the sum of \$480 by their own efforts? The hon. member spoke about the dances which are held by sporting organizations and I would ask him to enquire of the Spartan Club what they make out of their dances. Mr. Chairman, where any organization cannot raise \$480 by its own efforts, it means that it is not properly organized. Why is it, Mr. Chairman, that well-organized clubs can raise funds and island-wide associations cannot do the same? The answer to that question is because too few people are doing the work of these organizations. If an organization is properly run, it would be possible for them to raise funds; but when the hierarchy of the organization is only looking out for one man to do the spade work, how can they expect to raise funds? 5.50 p.m.

The trouble with most of these sporting organizations in this country is that they look to one man to do the work. Now the hon. member spoke about representation made by the Olympic Association for assistance in the last tournament which we had here. I would like to read the letter which that organization sent to the Ministry, because it was just a vague representation. They did not say what it was going to cost; they did not ask the Government for a specific sum; they just told the Government that they wanted assistance with these games. We do not operate that way. We run the people's business, not our own business, and we do not run around with a cash box and say "take out \$10." A case has got to be made out, but no case was made out for assistance. We would have been glad to do something for the Association, but they did not give us a breakdown of what it was going to cost, and that they anticipated they would get so much from gate receipts. But from the gates that I have seen, I do not think that even now the Association wants assistance with that tournament.

The point I am making, Mr. Chairman, is that most of these requests come into the Ministry late. The fact that we have got to be dealing with this Resolution today is a result of tardiness in representation being made by the Association to the Ministry. As I pointed out, my Ministry is a busy Ministry; I have one Permanent Secretary, one Assistant Secretary, and these two men have got to do and supervise the work of ten or twelve Departments of Government, plus the voluntary organizations that make daily, weekly, monthly or annual representation to us for assistance. We do not sit down and wait on the Olympic Association to make representation, and then deal with that, and then deal with the Table Tennis Association when they make representation. If they do not make representation in time, it is not

our fault; but if they did not feel they could get through without assistance from Government, they would have made representation three, four or five months before if they wanted to have assistance in time. The fact that the Table Tennis Association went on was because they had the assurance after a policy decision was made on this matter. They were told that the Government was favourably disposed to giving them \$500, and they went on with the feeling that they would get it. Now we are being called niggardly.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

On a point of order, I said \"nibbling and niggardly\".

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

Mr. Chairman, it is always nice to listen to the Minister of Social Services, but I could not let

my colleague sing any solo in this matter. On this question of aid, I think that in these days when there is so much lawlessness among young people, the Government should decide upon a policy, and this idea about coming late is just drawing a red herring across the line, I agree with the Minister that people must first help themselves and then they can ask for help, but when you take a social snobbish organization like Spartans and compare it with a group of people from the byways and hedges such as the people who form the Table Tennis Association, that is not right. The people from Spartans in most cases belong to the Civil Service and they can go into a bar and spend \$10 or \$15; but unless the Table Tennis Association get people like the hon. senior member for St. Michael and myself who would in support of the cause spend a \"fiver\" or something like that, they would not make any money, because everybody does not have a dollar bill to spend, but they go in and get a dance. The hon. member speaks at his age on sport as I would speak at my age, and therefore I feel that it is absolutely necessary for Government to declare its policy in encouraging and helping these clubs. Apart from table tennis, there is road tennis, and it is good to watch these boys playing road tennis. I have passed the age of playing that type of tennis anyhow; and if the hon. member is accused of being niggardly, what I think the member means is \"parsimonious\", and he should not take umbrage at that, because although it might sting, it is true, nevertheless.

I do not agree with the hon. member saying that the Association should send in a request four or five months before, because if the Government wants to do something, there have been cases where a Resolution came in the week before for assistance. My colleague has for years and years been advocating the encouragement of clean athletic sports, and I am glad to think that the Government and the Minister of Social Services appreciate this, because he has been a Headmaster and realizes that school-boys and other chaps who get at the Park Gate or at the Drill Hall cannot raise £100, unless you are one of the real \"cats\" and having a dance. It is no sense the hon. member taking umbrage at what my colleague has said, because \$500 is a small amount of money with which to help this Organization. Do you know the number of people who have had to subscribe to get a table for these boys? If you do not help in encouraging clean sports, you are going to get raping and breaking of houses. It is a greater investment to have them at Dodds or at Glendairy Prison. (Mr. WALGOTT: What is clean sport?) Mr. Chairman, the hon. member made an aside which was not meant for your ears; and though we should not pay attention to asides, I would say that he remembers when he used to lift weights and play strong man all the time, and would say he would take on Joe Louis or Whiskers Blake. At one time he used to tell us that he was the cleanest living man in here. I do not know what he meant, but I am sure that he still supports the idea of helping clean sports, though I agree with him that people

should help themselves. (Mr. WALOOTT What is dirty sport?) I can tell you what is dirty sport. Dirty sport is when you have to visit Enmore\'s quite often. 6.00 p.m.

The Government has pointed out that you must send in your request two or three months before. I know that they cannot raise £100 as they like. As a matter of fact, at one time I recommended to them to get the Board to make tables. I know they cannot raise money as they like. This is money well spent by the Government.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

I would not like the impression to be given that as a result of generosity, the Minister has been pilloried. I would like on behalf of the Table Tennis Association to thank you very much for what is being done and I would like to point out to you also that it would have been impossible to make a forecast of what the revenue would be from the West Indian Olympic Games. I think the Hon. Minister would appreciate that point because we have never held one here yet.

As to the question of raising money, I think that you would appreciate that there is a lot of social snobbery, 1

belong to many social organizations, and I know that some can raise \$200, some \$2,000; but it all depends on the people who make up the organization.

I reiterate as to the attitude about putting forward the suggestion that this Association raise \$500, that it was impossible at the time. I hope that the Hon. Minister would take what criticism I gave in good spirit.

The question that the Resolution for the sum of \$2,561 do now pass was put and resolved in the affirmative without division,

**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE, 1965-66 No. 14 TENNIS COURTS**

Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS Mr. Chairman, although the attitude of the Government perhaps may leave much to be desired where sport is concerned, here is another Resolution for the promotion of sport coming from the Government and I think the Hon. Leader of the Opposition would say that the Government is doing its part as regards the work on the hard courts at University Row for tennis.

The sum of \$23,500 was provided in last year\'s Estimates to spend on the provision of these hard courts. By the end of March this year the amount of \$21,017.44 was spent on the hard courts, but the painting and furnishing of changing rooms at the tennis courts was not completed. The sum of \$620 is required from the unexpended provision for the painting and furnishing of the changing rooms, and the amount of \$112.51 is needed to meet claims which were not set out by the end of March this year.

This is another classic example to show hon. members the Government\'s attitude on this particular policy, and if hon. members chose to criticise Government on this particular policy .....

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

Sir, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Minister said that the hon. senior member for the City criticised the Government's policy.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:**

There is no point of order. The Hon. Minister did not refer to the hon. senior member for the City.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

I said that there has never been any Government's policy before the assumption of office of this Government, and I said that members of the Opposition have been criticising the Government on their attitude towards sport.

However, this is another sum of \$733 which is asked for to be spent on sport. The hard courts at University Row would be handed over to the public later on this month or early next month, and at the official ceremony I would like to invite members of the Opposition who criticised the Government to be present.

**I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass. Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:**

I beg to second that

**Mr. WALOOTT:**

Mr. Chairman, I am not criticising the Hon. Minister. Since the Government has been explaining its views on sport, I wonder if the Hon. Minister would be able to tell me when they would be able to open a similar ground in St. Peter. Since 1947, the money for that purpose was set aside from the Labour Welfare Fund. I am a little worried to think that you have made all of these explanations, and you have not said anything about that money. The money was there ever since; and if you count up the interest, I am sure the money would be doubled by now. I do not think it is fair to the people of this parish that I have to raise this question today, when the money was there 18 years ago.

**Mr. SMITH:**

Mr. Chairman, the Hon. Minister is explaining fast and free, and if this is the particular peculiar policy of the Government I would like him to explain what they are doing for sport in St. Joseph also.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, I have the answer to both questions raised by both hon. members. As regards St. Peter, we are negotiating for a seven-acre plot of land at Golden Shores, and the position is that the file has been sent to me only this week. There is a question raised by the Solicitors of these people concerning the Golden Shores as regards the plot of land being required to carry out a school project along with the playing field; but we pointed out to them that we in the Ministry of Community Development could not wait until the Ministry of Education decides as to whether a school should be put there or not, to have the land for a playing field at Heywoods.

In reply to the hon. junior member for St. Joseph, we have just completed plans for the erection of a new school at St. Elizabeth's Village and in these plans you have provision for a school cum playing field.

**Mr. WALCOTT:**

I would like to thank the Hon. Minister very much, and I wish him all success in these negotiations because I am sure he can appreciate my plight. I am one of the representatives for that parish and I have been asked continually, \"what about a playing field for the parish?\" I am pleased to hear what the Hon. Minister has just said and I hope at some future date, not far from now, that we would be able to have a sort of corner stone laying ceremony.

**Mr. SMITH:**

Mr. Chairman, I cannot let the Hon. Minister get away with his reply to me. When one is going to build a new school, I know that one always makes provision for a playing field to be attached to it. In short, you buy as much land as would be able to attach a playing field to the school. That playing field is for the children; but I am talking about a Community Centre and playing field to serve the entire parish and the public. 6.10 p.m.

I am talking about community ones, the ones for the use of the entire parish and the public. That is what I would like to hear from the Hon. Minister. He has come here with his \"nay-nay\" reply although. I am thanking him for it. This is a school at St. Elizabeth's Village; but no one from Melvin's Hill or any where else will be able to have a game. This is not for the benefit of the entire public. I would like to know when he will extend the facilities up there.

**Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, sometimes it amazes me when I listen to the hon. junior member for St. Joseph. The first Premier of this Country, who was a representative of the parish of St. Joseph for the past 25 years, has not provided a single playing field; as a matter of fact, nothing was provided for the parish of St. Joseph. For a school to accommodate 300 children, all the land we would need for a playingfield would be 2 acres. I am dealing with the school premises plus a community playingfield. The position is that you have a school compound and adjacent to that, you have, a community playingfield. We have acquired 6 acres of land, and the hon. member knows that if the necessary work has not begun up there this week it will be started next week. (Mr. MOTTLEY How much is the cost of the land per acre?) I am not in a position to answer that question. The position is that the parish of St. Joseph is going to get its first proper playingfield at a time when the Government does not have a representative in St. Joseph. I think that the hon. member should sing the praises of this Government to the skies rather than criticise the policy of this Government. The hon. member does not understand that you cannot find many sites which are suitable for playingfields in the parish of St. Joseph. At Joes River, we have purchased a suitable site so that when the hon. member goes back to the people of St. Joseph he can tell them what the Democratic Labour Party have done for them. He can say \"They have given you a proper playingfield.\" (Laughter).

**Mr. SMITH:**

Mr. Chairman, when the hon. member says that they have bought six acres of land for a playingfield, he means that the entire area is six acres. If they could have got a little \"nay-nay\" two acres, they would have bought that amount. When the hon. member refers

to the last Premier and the first Premier, I am wondering whether he really means what he is saying. If the last Premier had done everything that was to have been done, the hon. member would not now be there trying to mislead the people.

**Mr. SEALEY:**

Mr. Chairman, I am not a sportsman, but at the same time I like to watch and enjoy sport. I did not want to say anything on this Resolution because the Hon. Minister has said what is the policy of the Government as regards sport. I would like to commend the Hon. Minister on the grant of \$500 which the Government has offered to the Barbados Table Tennis Association. It is true that we have a lot of young people who do not belong to the big clubs and who cannot raise this money.

**Mr. CARMICHAEL:**

I would like to inform the hon. member that this Resolution deals with the Tennis Court at University Row.

**Mr. SEALEY:**

Why then did you not stop other hon. members? I want to say that I was at the Airport and saw two people who had returned from representing Barbados and they were not in a position to pay a taxi to take them to Bridgetown. I had to take them to Bridgetown and then they did not have any bus fare.

**Mr. WALCOTT:**

On a point of order. The Hon. Leader of the Opposition should have instructed the hon. member who is now speaking on a vote which has already been passed. If the hon. member wants to refer to what has already been passed, then he will have to get special permission to do so. The hon. member must know that there is a distinction between speaking on a vote which has already been passed and directing the Minister's attention to a vote which has to be passed - something which the Hon. Minister could take into consideration. If the Hon. Minister is not going to point that out to you, Mr. Chairman, and if the Hon. Leader of the Opposition is not going to protect you and show where the hon. member is wrong, then he will never learn.

**Mr. SEALEY:**

Mr. Chairman, is this money in connection with sport?

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

The hon. senior member for St. Peter is wrong twice.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:**

Will both hon. members take their seats? I am listening to matters pertaining to this Resolution.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

If the hon. senior member for St. Peter knows what he said then he should tell you what to do.

**Mr. WALCOTT:**

Mr. Chairman, that would be not only impertinence, but rudeness.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

Mr. Chairman, I rise with a certain amount of righteous indignation to think that the hon. member has given you any assistance in parliamentary procedure.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:**

I should like to draw to the attention of the hon. senior member for St. Michael that he is out of order.

**Mr. SEALEY:**

Is this Resolution dealing with sport? Mr. MOTTLEY On a point of order. Mr. SEALEY Just a minute.

**Mr. WALCOTT:**

Mr. Chairman, sport is a comprehend sive term. You can call anything sport. The hon. member said that he was glad that the Government passed a Resolution for sending the Tennis Team abroad; we have already passed that. 6.20 p.m.

Mr. Chairman, we are now dealing with another Resolution, and that is what I was pointing out to the hon. mem

ber. The Resolution he is dealing with has been passed already.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

Mr. Chairman, I do not agree with the hon. member. He has much experience in here, and since we are dealing with Ministry of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Development item 11 - Tennis Courts, this comes under sports, and if the hon. member has lapsed, the member should pay a deaf ear in matters of this sort. If the hon. senior member for St. Michael makes reference to something that has already been passed, it is not for the hon. senior member for St. Peter in his dogmatic style to show off and tell you that the hon. member is out of order. I am sure he knew that, and merely said what he did to bring him back to the straight and narrow path. I do not intend to interfere any longer, but you are a Schoolmaster, Mr. Chairman, and you will appreciate what sports mean to people.

**Mr. SEALEY:**

Mr. Chairman, the Addendum to the Resolution says that the sum of \$620 is required from the unexpended provision for 1964-65 for the painting and furnishing of changing rooms at the Tennis Courts at University Row and to meet claims amounting to \$112.51 which are not settled by the 31st March, 1965.

I only wanted to comment on the Resolution and say that the \$500 is a meagre sum. I wanted to say also that I happened to be in the fortunate or unfortunate position of seeing the men who went to British Guiana with the weightlifting Association stranded at the Airport on their return. It only goes to show how humiliating it can be for these boys when they are not able to afford to pay for transportation after they have represented the Island.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, I have something to say on the same issue which the hon. senior member for St. Michael has raised. I wanted someone to raise the matter earlier. These weightlifters happen to lift weights in the compound of a certain political organization in this country, and the leader of the Organization, one who is enjoying a large pension, went to them and told them that they should see that the Government help them. Instead of making direct representation to the Ministry for assistance, they went to one of the columnists of one of the weekly newspapers to draft a Resolution and gave it to one of the members of the Opposition Parties to bring to the Legislature; but before this was brought .....

**Mr. SEALEY:**

On a point of order, regardless of the political Ideology of the boys, they left here to represent Barbados.

**Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, I am not speaking about the political ideology of the group. What I am saying is that before representation was made to the Government for any sort of assistance, a Resolution was drafted and given to a member of one of the Opposition Parties to bring to the Legislature, and at the same time a columnist went to my home telling me that this particular member was bringing this to the Legislature. This is not the approach of any Organization which needs assistance from Government. The next two days a letter came into the Ministry and the President of the Weightlifting Association knew nothing about it.

**Mr. SMITH:**

On a point of order, I have not seen anything about the Weightlifting Association in this Resolution so the hon. member is out of order.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:**

I am waiting for the Minister to clear the air.

**Mr. SMITH:**

But you have just stopped the hon. senior member for St. Michael.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:**

The hon. member must not amend the Chairman's decision.

**Mr. SMITH:**

If the Chairman is the whole House, then we might as well go outside and let the Chairman rule.

**Hon. A. Da C. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, I am replying to a question raised by the hon. senior member for St. Michael, and I was saying that a letter came into the Ministry the next two days signed by the Secretary of the Association which the President knew nothing about, and when the President heard of this letter, he asked to have a delegation of himself and the Secretary come and see me in the Ministry. The letter asked for assistance for the Weight-lifting Association that was going to British Guiana, and there and then the application for assistance was withdrawn by the President and Secretary of the Association. I just wanted to get the air cleared on this issue, because one would think that the Government was aware of the fact that these people were going to British Guiana or that representation was made for assistance. Representation was made and withdrawn, and the Government was told that they would be able to raise the funds to send the two weightlifters to British Guiana, but that when they were sending a large contingent to Mexico to the 1968 Games, they would be looking forward to the Government for assistance. This is what actually happened; so the Government does not stand to be blamed in any way for these people not being able to pay their taxi fares, because representation was made and withdrawn.

**Mr. SEALEY:**

Mr. Chairman, I am not accusing the Minister. All I was saying is that I am glad he found it possible to offer money for young sportsmen in the island of Barbados, but I explained the circumstances with the Weightlifting Association. I have passed the days of sport; but when I have the time I like to sit down and watch these young people engaged in something that would prevent them from breaking people's houses. Playing Table Tennis and football on evenings keep them out of trouble, because they are tired when they are finished and go home and sleep. I was not prepared to say anything about the matter, because I could have met the Minister privately.

**Mr. MOTTLEY:**

Mr. Chairman, lest the records are not straight, I think the Hon. Minister has explained that he was happy that someone had raised this question, and you said that you gave him an opportunity to clear the air. 6.30 p.m.

Anybody would think that we have power to bring down a Resolution for money to this House, anyone would know that a money Resolution cannot be brought down to this House by a private member of the House. The Hon. Minister must say that he means the hon. junior member for St. George or whoever he means. Do not let it appear that we can bring down a Resolution. If it is the hon. junior member for St. George, say it is the hon. Junior member for St. George. I am sure that my colleague has more sense than that.

**Hon. A. DaC.. EDWARDS:**

Mr. Chairman, I meant the hon. junior member for St. George because the Resolution is on the Order Paper. This was done because a couple of Weightlifters were lifting weights in the back of the Barbados Labour Party's Headquarters and the ex-Prime Minister went up to them and said that the Government should be giving them help. No representation was made prior to this. You have people trying to make sport into a political football.

This Resolution was placed there at the instance of the Chairman of the Barbados Labour Party who went and saw these boys lifting weights and told them that they should be given assistance by the Government. Prior to that, the Editor of the Beacon came to my house and said that he had given the hon. junior member for St. George this Resolution asking for assistance for weightlifters and he asked me to support it. I told him: "How can I support it when no representation was made to the Government!"

I am not going to allow my Ministry or the Government to be pushed around by a few political castaways who feel that they are in for some resuscitation.

The question that the Resolution for the sum of \$733 do now pass was put in the affirmative without division.

On motion of Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of two Resolutions in Committee of Supply.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER assumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On separate motions of Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA in each case, the

two Resolutions were read a first and second time and agreed to.

RESOLUTION re CIVIL ESTABLISHMENT

**(GENERAL) AMENDMENT NO.5  
ORDER, 1965.**

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:**

The next Order of the day stands in the name of the Hon. and Learned Premier to move the passing of the following Resolution a Resolution to approve the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 5) Order, 1965.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am asking for leave to take charge of this Resolution.

There being no objection, leave was granted the Hon. Minister.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Your Honour would note from the Addendum to the Resolution.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER left the Chair and Mrs SPEAKER took the Chair.

I was saying, Mr. Speaker, that Your Honour would note from the Addendum that this Order seeks to provide for adjustments in the establishment structure In the Ministry of Education. Since the Ministry of Education and the departments under its control were integrated, the Ministry has assumed responsibility for the following additional subjects, but there has been no corresponding increase in permanent staff: Ecclesiastical, Government Industrial Schools, Public Archives, Broadcasting, Public Relations and Hotel Training.

This needs more assistance and to provide for that, this Resolution seeks to create the following additional permanent posts:-

I therefore beg to move that this Resolution do now pass. Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

Sir, there are one or two comments which I would like to make on this Civil Establishment Order before the House. Some of the recent employees of this particular department are not only physically incapable, but are mentally incapable of carrying out the work of this Department.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I said nothing about the physical capacity of the employees except in terms of their being incapable of coping with the additional work.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

I am referring to the same thing - being incapable of coping with the additional work. Some recent errors proceeding from that Department have caused great concern among some people. 6.40 pm.

One of the most recent is my receiving a letter informing me that a certain student who, incidentally, holds seven passes at Advance Level, would be permitted to sit a certain examination which had ended two weeks previously. That is the type of thing which happens in that Department. If the hon. member would like to see the letter, I would be only too happy to show it to him. All I am asking is that the Minister should pass on to his colleague the request from this side of the House that they should be very careful as to the type of appointments which they make to this particular Department. One does not expect nonsensical decisions to come from the Ministry of Education. It is true that there might be a question of overwork and lack of capacity in this particular employee. It is also true that very many of the employees may have only a small connection with the Department of Education. I am passing on this warning that the people who are selected to work in that particular Department should have a certain minimum ability.

**Mr. CARMICHAEL:**

Mr. Speaker, where there is more work to be done there must be more staff to do it, and where the Department of Education needs more staff so also is the need of the Registration Office of this Island. The volume of work in the Registration Office has increased over the past three or four years in the same way as it has increased in the Department of Education. There is need for this staff in the Department of Education and there is a similar need in the Registration Office.

1 Assistant Secretary .. \$5,328 - 7,080

\$4,128-5,136 \$1,200-2,832 \$1,128 - 1,896

1 Accountant

2

3 Long Grade Clerks 2 Clerical Assistants

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Another part of this Resolution seeks to upgrade the posts of Buildings and Handicraft Officer from \$4,128 - 5,712 to \$4,632 - 6,288. This adjustment is designed to grade the post more in line with the duties and responsibilities which are attached to it.

It is also pointed out in the last paragraph that the accounts section is responsible for the control and expenditure of approximately nine million dollars a year and should be strengthened by the addition of a post of Accountant. At present an Assistant Accountant \$3,096 - 3960 is in charge of the section,

Hon. members will agree that the additional responsibility along with the additional departments merit this increase of staff for the simple reason that the existing staff is physically incapable of adequately discharging the work of the posts formerly under that Department, much more the additional Departments which have been added to it.

Mr. SPEAKER; I understand that the hon. member is supporting this Resolution and pointing out at

the same time that there is a great necessity also for increased staff in the Registration Office.

**Mr. CARMICHAEL:**

Yes, Mr. Speaker, there is a similar lack of staff in the Registration Office, and I hope that the hon. member will pass on this comment to the appropriate Minister.

**Mr. SMITH:**

Mr. Speaker, the same thing applies here too. While I am in support of this Resolution I am drawing the Hon. Minister's attention .....

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

On a point of order. The hon. member cannot do that sort of thing.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

While the hon. senior member for St. James pointed out that he was supporting this Resolution for the granting of more staff for the Education Department, he felt that an Accountant was also needed for the Registration Department. Is the hon. member supporting this Resolution?

**Mr. SMITH:**

Mr. Speaker, did you hear the Hon. Leader of the House? Mr. SPEAKER I am not concerned with the Hon. Leader of the House unless he is on his feet.

**Mr. SMITH:**

I am also drawing the attention of the Government to the Customs Department.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

On a point of order. Mr. Speaker, in all of my time in this House I have never seen this devious method being used to draw the attention of the House to any specific matter, with Your Honour in the Chair, during the debate on a Resolution which is dealing with something entirely different. This is completely unparliamentary.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Both of those hon. members are very shrewd parliamentarians. They have intimated that they are supporting this Resolution and incidentally and en passant, they are pointing out that they would also support the appointment of similar officers for the Registration office and the Customs Department. I think I am seized of the point.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

The hon. Junior member for the City has referred to one error which was recently made by some employee of the Education Department. I thought that when the hon. member rose to speak....

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Is the hon. member now replying to the debate? Does any other hon. member wish to contribute to this debate before the hon. member replies? (After a pause). The hon. member may proceed.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

I was saying, Sir, that when the hon. junior member for the City rose to speak. I thought he had several accusations to make against this Department. In the same way that the proverbial swallow does not make a summer, I want to submit that a single error made by a Clerk in the Ministry of Education does not mean that the entire Ministry is incapable.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

On a point of order. Mr. Speaker, I have not made any such allegation. I could give several instances of errors and I am not imputing errors to the whole Department. I am speaking of an error which would have caused a boy his entire career. Fortunately, the Hon. Minister will be glad to hear that this boy has been awarded a scholarship which is of much greater value than the other one.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, I am not saying that the Department is infallible, but I want to submit that it should not be castigated just for one error. I do not think it is necessary for me to reply any further.

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

#### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CIVIL ESTABLISHMENT (TEACHERS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1965**

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. and Learned Premier- To move the passing of the following Resolution- A Resolution to approve the Civil Establishment (Teachers) (Amendment) Order, 1965.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, I am asking leave to take charge of this Order which stands in the name of the Honourable and Learned Premier.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The Hon. Leader of the House is asking leave to take charge of this Order standing in the name of the Honourable and Learned Premier, and if there is no objection, leave will be granted. (Pause). There being no objection, leave is granted. The hon. member may proceed. 6.50 p.m.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, this is a rather simple Resolution. It merely is to make provision whereby in the event of a post being downgraded, the holder of the post would retain his former status. I think hon. members will readily see the advisability of making this provision so that if in the case of reorganization of a Department or the integration of the Department into a Ministry the actual post had to be downgraded, the officer who holds this post would not suffer because he would retain his former status. This is an elementary point of justice in the terms of employment of public servants or any other employees.

**I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass. Hon. C. E. TALMA:**

I beg to second that.

**Mr. CARMICHAEL:**

Mr. Speaker, as the Minister outlines, one can see the justice in this Resolution. I am wondering, however, if it is clear enough. I would like to know first of all if this Resolution applies mainly, if not solely, to teachers of elementary schools. It may be necessary to know also how many teachers up to the present have suffered through the absence of this piece of legislation and if there are such teachers who have suffered because of the downgrading of the schools, whether on the passing of this Resolution it will be retroactive. My particular reason for asking is that often a Bill or Resolution is passed in this Chamber, but when it comes to administrative reckoning, there is always a kind of impasse. I would like to know here and now what is going to be the policy after this Resolution has been passed with regard to teachers whose schools have been downgraded and whose increments have been cut off, and what effect this Resolution will have on them, not to mention what will happen to those who come after this is passed.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

If there is no other hon. member who desires to take part in this debate, the Hon. Minister may proceed to give his reply.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, actually this is not my Ministry and I was only acting for the Minister who is absent, but I think I can satisfy the hon. member in the point he has raised. This Order will amend the 1961 Civil Establishment Teachers Orders, and although it is effective from the date on which it becomes law, provision is being included for retroactive effect. I think I know the case the hon. member has in mind ~- a former Headmaster - he can rest assured that the particular claims of this officer are not being overlooked, as this Resolution will affect the 1961 Order.

**Mr. CARMICHAEL:**

Mr. Speaker, on a point of elucidation, I would like to make something clear. The Minister said he thinks he knows the case, but I am thinking of more than one headteacher. I know there is one in the service who has not yet resigned and eventually it will have some effect on his pension. The case in point is the Headmastership of St. Giles Boys' School.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

That is exactly the case I meant.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

What the Hon. Leader of the House said as not prefaced by any point. How would that get into Har 1?

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

The House no doubt will at any stage of the proceedings give latitude to a Minister to explain a point.

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

**COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT CAVE HILL AND BLACK ROCK**

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. and Learned member for St. John to move the passing of a Resolution to approve the compulsory acquisition by the Crown of certain parcels of land situate at Black Rock - Cave Hill, St. Michael.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, I am asking leave to take charge of this Resolution.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The Hon. Leader of the House is seeking the leave of this Chamber to proceed with this matter in the absence of the Hon. Premier, and if there is no objection, leave will be granted.

There being no objection, leave is granted the Hon. Leader of the House to proceed with this Resolution.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, this is one of the normal compulsory acquisition Orders which the Government resorts to when it becomes necessary to acquire land for public purposes. In this case the pieces of land are set out in the Schedule to the Resolution, and they are all more or less in the Black Rock/Cave Hill area, and are required in order to assist in providing a site for the College of Arts and Science of the University of the West Indies, and for the Gave Hill Development project.

I do not think, Sir, that I need recite all the pieces when hon. members would naturally have perused them, What is set out very clearly are the owners of the land, the areas of land involved and the precise location of all twenty-eight pieces. Now the reason for resorting to compulsory acquisition is because negotiations in all cases have for one reason or another broken down. In some cases the owners were abroad, in others they have not accepted the price offered by the Government, and in others again the owners of the land have not got in their possession what is known as a good and marketable title: and for these three main reasons, it has been impossible to finalise the acquisition of this land. The acquisition of these sites is regarded as completely essential for the purposes I have outlined; to get the Cave Hill project completely underway, providing a proper site for the University College, and for securing good and indefeasible titles for the areas involved. Hon. members can rest assured that if it were possible to have acquired these pieces of land without having to resort to the Act, it would have been done, except perhaps in cases where there was not a good and marketable title, and under the circumstances generally speaking, the Government had to resort to the provisions of this Act in order to give itself a good and indefeasible title to the entire area involved.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

**Hon. C. E. TALMA:**

I beg to second that.

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

7.00 p.m.

## **BILL POSTPONED**

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

The next Order of the day stands in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Andrew who is the Hon. Minister of Health. Second reading of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Bill, 1965.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

I have been informed that this Bill was actually circulated only yesterday, and hon. members, therefore, I presume, would require a little more time to study it. It is not my intention therefore to deal with it tonight.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

I do not observe any other thing on the Order Paper.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Yes, Sir. There is a Resolution which I gave notice of earlier today which I said that was going to deal with in all its stages today. It stands in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Lucy and I am asking leave to take charge of it.

### **RESOLUTION re REALLOCATION OF PROVISION FOR ST. MICHAEL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL**

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

That is perfectly true. The Hon. Minister gave notice today of this matter and asked that it be dealt with in all its stages. Therefore, the only remaining Order today is this Resolution standing in the name of the Hon. Minister of Education and which the Hon. Leader of

the House is seeking the indulgence of the House to take charge of. It is a Resolution to approve the use for the construction of three classrooms and the provision of furniture for St. Michael's Girls' School of the sum of \$24,000 provided under Capital Estimates, 1965-66 Head 4, Education, Item 7 - St. Michael's Girls' School for the conversion of the hall of the school into three classrooms and The provision of furniture.

If there is no objection, leave would be granted the Hon. Minister. ( A PAUSE) Hearing no objection, leave is granted the Hon. Minister.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, this Resolution merely seeks the acquiescence of the House in the variation of the utilisation of funds already provided for a specific purpose. If Your Honour would look at the Addendum, you will see that in the Capital Estimates for the current financial year we provided the sum of \$24,000 for the conversion of the hall of the St. Michael's Girls' School into three class rooms and to provide for furniture for these three classrooms.

Now, Sir, it has been decided that we should not convert the hall into three classrooms, but that we should build three additional classrooms and provide the furniture and let the hall remain as it is.

All this Resolution seeks to do is to give effect to the variation which has been found warranted under the circumstances. This is not a fresh vote; it is not any special departure on any important principle; it merely informs the Legislature and seeks its approval for the change from the diverting of the hall into three classrooms to building three classrooms instead.

I therefore beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

**Hon. C. E. TALMA:**

I beg to second that.

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

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until next Tuesday 31st August, 1965 at 12 o'clock (noon).

**Hon. C. E. TALMA:**

I beg to second that.

**Mr. LYNCH:**

Spaking on the adjournment, we on this side of the House question why you have moved the adjournment until 12 o'clock (noon) next Tuesday when it is clear that this particular hour of the day is extremely hot during this summer time, and when it appears from the Orders which the Government has to deal with that it is absolutely unnecessary for us to meet at that time.

**Mr. SPEAKER:**

Does the hon. member appreciate that it is within his competence, so far as the time is concerned, to move an amendment?

**Mr. LYNCH:**

I am aware of that. The time of 2.30 o'clock on a hot summer's day is just about the time when we should begin. I do not know if the Hon. Minister has some important reason for beginning at that hour of 12 o'clock.

**Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:**

We are going to debate the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Bill and I presume that is going to take a long time. I do not know if hon. members would give up their time for dealing with Private Members' Business.

The question that this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 31st August, 1965, at 12 o'clock (noon) was resolved in the affirmative, the House dividing as follows:-

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Mr.. BATSON, Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, Hon. C. E. TALMA, G,G.FE R GUSSON, Hon. 4. DaC. EDWARDS, Mr. LOWE and Mr. YEARWOOD-7.

**NOES:**

Mr. HOLDER, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SEALEY and Mr. LYNCH - 4.

Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly. 7.10 p.m.