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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); Mr. L. E. SMITH, J.P.; Mr. E. St.A. HOLDER, J.P.; Hon. C. E. TALMA, (Minister of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Development); Hon. J. C. TUDOR, M .A. (Minister of Education); Mr. J. W. CORB1N; Mr. S. E. SEALEY; Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries);Mr. W. R.

COWARD; Mr. R. St.C. WEEKES, J.P.; Mr. W. R. LOWE; Hon. N. W. BOXILL, (Minister of Communications and

Works); Mr. J. R YEARWOOD. Prayers were read.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER:

I have to inform the House that the Minutes of the Meeting of 30th November, 1965, have been circulated amongst hon. members, and if there is no objection, they will be confirmed.

There being no objection, I declare those Minutes duly to be confirmed.

The Minutes of the last Meeting are not yet ready for circulation.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. J. C TUDOR:

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

The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 8) Order, 1965.

Statement showing Net Customs and Excise Receipts for eight months ended 30th November, 1965,

Hon. R W. BOXILL:

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded to lay the following

Statement showing the sums advanced to the Post-master General for the payment of Money Orders, the amounts repaid to the Accountant General, and the amounts due by the various Post Offices to the 30th September, 1965,

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

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

A Resolution to approve the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No.8) Order, 1965.

A Resolution to place the sum of \$100,000 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 1965-66, Part I - Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1965-66 No. 34, which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

I beg to give notice of my intention to move the House into Committee of Supply later in today's Sitting to deal with the Money Resolution of which I have just given notice.

I also beg to give notice of the following Resolution:-

A Resolution to place the sum of \$1,045 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 1965-66, Part I - Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1965-66 No. 35 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution,

Hon. N. W. BOXILL:

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

A Resolution to approve the guarantee of a loan of \$20,000 to be borrowed by the Transport Board.

I should also like to give notice of my intention to move the House into Committee of Supply to deal with this Resolution in all its stages today, if the House so agrees.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

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

A Bill to enable the Governor to appoint different days for the holding of an ordinary election of Councillors under the Local Government Act, 1958 and for purposes connected therewith and related thereto.

Also, I beg to give notice that Oral Replies to Parliamentary Question No. 60 asked by the hon. senior member for St. Andrew, and Parliamentary Question No. 63, asked by the hon. junior member for St. Philip are ready.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded to lay a Statement in connection with the application from the Southern District Council for the sanction of the Cabinet of the raising of a Capital Loan of \$45,000 to purchase two refuse containers.

QUESTIONS

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Speaker, the Question reads as follows-

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

Will the Minister state the reasons why workers at Sedgepond Plantation, now a Government concern, are no longer receiving full pay for bank-holidays?

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME

On the motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, a Bill to enable the Governor to appoint different days for the holding of an ordinary election of Councillors under the Local Government Act, 1958 and for purposes connected therewith and related thereto, was read a first time.

2.50 p.m.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER re LOAN BY SOUTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

Mr. Speaker, the Statement which I gave notice of a few minutes ago is as follows -

It is considered that the Honourable House should be made aware of the facts in connection with the application of the Cabinet in accordance with the provisions of section 202 of the Local Government

Act, 1958 of the raising of a capital loan of \$45,000 to purchase two refuse containers.

2.The time table of the significant stages in the processing of the matter is as follows:-

1. Resolution passed by Council ... 22.7.65

2.

3. Council\'s application received by

4.

Local Government Commissioner ... 25. 9.65

3.Local Government Commissioner\'s memorandum forwarding Council\'s application received in Ministry of

Health... 7.10.85

4.Meeting between Ministry and representatives of Southern

District Council... 10.11.65

5.Draft Cabinet paper and application received by Financial

Secretary... 12.11.65

6.Comments of Financial Secretary on application received

in Ministry of Health... 20.11.65

7. Draft Cabinet Paper submitted to Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health... 2.12.65

8.Draft Cabinet Paper approved by Honourable Minister of

Health ... 3.12.65

9.Application approved by

Cabinet ... 4.12.65

10. Local Government Commissioner informed of Cabinet\'s approval ... 6.12.65

3.The lapse of two months between the passing of the Resolution and its receipt by the Local Government Commissioner is partly accounted for by the requirement by the Local Government Act 1958 that the Council advertise for a period of one month its intention to raise the loan.

4 The other noticeable lapse of time in processing the application is the period of 36 days between its receipt in the Ministry and the receipt by the Ministry of Finance of the draft Cabinet paper dealing with the matter.

5. In the interval the Ministry had to seek additional information relevant to the loan and a meeting had been held with representatives of the Southern District Council in order to seek such further information which had not been provided in the original submission. At this meeting held on the 10th November, 1965, the Minister after querying why the request had not been submitted with the 1965-66 Estimates undertook to have the matter settled as urgently as possible.

6.

7. It may also be noted that during the period the Ministry was occupied with the preparation of Estimates and the removal of its offices from Government Headquarters. At the same time it was experiencing shortage of staff and had new personnel in the majority of its posts.

8.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. J.C. TUDOR:

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the suspension of Standing Orders 5, 14, 16, 18, 40 and 45 for the remainder of the day's sitting.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

I beg to second that.

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

QUESTION TIME

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

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.

Mr. SPEAKER:

It is now Question Time and the replies to questions which are ready are to, in the first instance.

Question No. 60 standing in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Andrew.

SUSPENSION OF Mr. HUNTE Mr. CORBIN; To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Is Government aware that Mr. Archibald Hunte, employed by the Department of Highways and Transport in the capacity of a watchman, has been suspended from the said post without consideration for his seventeen years\' service?

2. Is Government aware that an official Enquiry into the circumstances culminating in his suspension was commenced and adjourned sine die over two years ago?

3.

4. If the answer to (2) is in the affirmative, will Government state (a) whether the said enquiry has been completed: (b) the findings of the said enquiry; and (c) the date (if any) upon which such findings were communicated to the said Archibald Hunte?

5.

6. If such enquiry is not yet completed, will Government state when it is intended that same be resumed?

7.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Speaker, the Reply to the hon. member\'s Question is as follows-

\'(1) Discipline of public employees does not rest with Government; consequently Government was not aware of Mr. Hunte\'s suspension when the Honourable Member asked this question.

(2) An official inquiry was instituted in March, 1961 but because of the manner in which it was conducted, there is no certainty about the dates on which evidence was taken since 30th October, 1962. It appears however that evidence was taken subsequently.

(3)

(4) The inquiry has been completed but Government is advised that it was not conducted in accordance with normal procedure and is a nullity. The findings of that inquiry have not therefore been communicated to Mr. Hunte.

(5)

(4) Government is informed that a fresh inquiry will be instituted forthwith.

Mr. CORBIN:

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Minister very much.

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS AT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

Mr. WEEKES:

To enquire of the appropriate Minister

Will Government state whether juvenile delinquents detained at the Government Industrial School at Dodds, St. Philip who have committed petty offences during such detention are blacklisted after the period of detention by reason of such offences?

2. If the answer is in the negative, will Government state why such offences are taken into consideration in the selection of (a) candidates for work with the London Transport Executive, and (b) persons applying for entry into the United Kingdom generally? 3.00 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Speaker, the Reply to the hon. member's Question is as follows-

"Pupils of the Government Industrial School who commit petty offences during their period of detention are punished for breaches of rules of the School. Such punishments are recorded in a punishment Book and are regarded as an internal measure for assessing progress and are never open to public scrutiny.

The Government is not aware that offences committed at the Government Industrial School are taken into consideration in the selection of candidates for work with the London Transport Executive and persons applying for entry into the United Kingdom generally."

Mr. SPEAKER:

I am advised that there are no other Replies laid to Oral Questions.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

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.

ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Before you call the Orders of the Day, Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the hon. senior member for St. Joseph be appointed to act as Chairman of Committees, in the absence of the hon. senior member for St. Thomas, 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.

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 to move the House into Committee of Supply to consider the grant of sums of money for the service of the Island.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that you do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee of Supply, and that it be an instruction of the House when in Committee to deal also with the Resolution for the sum of \$100,000 of which notice was given earlier at today\'s sitting,

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. COWARD in the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1965-66 No. 33

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Chairman, this Resolution is a Resolution for the sum of \$50,088 under four Heads of the Estimates which it is proposed to take separately,

HEAD 9 -- MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Head 9 - Ministry of Finance - was catted.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Acting Chairman, under this Head there is Item 13 - Temporary Staff-- and Supplementary

provision of \$35,125 is required consequent on the heavy demand for temporary staff in the Ministry of Finance during the past several months. This Supplementary provision is required to meet charges under this vote to the end of the financial year, I beg to move that Head 9 stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

I beg to second that.

The question that Head 9 stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 14 - INLAND REVENUE

Head 14 - Inland Revenue - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Under this Head, Mr. Acting Chairman, there is Item 24 -- Legal expenses -- for which the provision of \$1,000 was made in the current Estimates. It is desirable to supplement this vote by \$455 for the following reason This sum is required to meet a claim which was submitted by the Solicitors for Messrs. Da. Costa & Co. Ltd., to whom taxed costs were awarded in a Trade Tax Appeal case, I beg to move that Head 14 stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

I beg to second that

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

HEAD 24 -- PREMIER -- CABINET AND GENERAL

Head 24 - Premier - Cabinet and General- was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Acting Chairman, under this Head there are two Items in respect of which supplementary provision is being sought. The Items are Item 1 --Ex-gratia payment for compensation, and Item 12 -- Contingencies. Relative to Item 1 provision of the sum of \$2,500 is sought to supplement this Item as the current provision has proved to be insufficient to meet the unusual-ly large number of claims for compensation which have been made this year. As regards the other Item, Contingencies, that is rather different, The supplementary provision there is required because a quantity of office furniture and equipment, the property of the Barbados Government, which was formerly used by the Eastern Caribbean Commission in the United Kingdom was shipped to this island this year and has since been distributed for use by various Government departments. The sum of \$3,455, of course, required to meet the cost of packing charges, freight, assembling, cleaning, repairing and transporting of the said furniture. I beg to move that Head 24 stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

I beg to second that. 3.10 p.m.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I would like to know if the Minister could let us know the first cost of this furniture which was bought, and the present value before it was shipped here and before we cleaned it.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Chairman, if the hon. member or any other member would like to continue speaking while I look up the information, I will give him the answer after I have looked it up. I am willing to accommodate him, but I would have to find the information.

Mr. SMITH:

I am sorry I have to speak before the Hon. Minister finds the information, but in my opinion the amount we are asked to vote is a very handsome sum - \$3,455, and I am wondering if the present Government found out if it were more economical to sell the furniture up there and utilise the same money in buying new furniture here to give to the various offices to which this old furniture has been distributed, because we are asked very late to vote this money and the furniture was in this country very long ago. I am wondering if the Government has now found out the cost of shipping and packing since they have asked to have the furniture shipped over here, because having to pay \$3,455 for packing charges, freight, assembling, cleaning and re-pairing of the said furniture -I feel that it might have been better to sell the furniture up there and then use the money to buy furniture here, because it may be that it is costing too much. I do not know the amount of furniture because it is not stated here. If the furniture had cost something like \$100,000 and we were asked to pay \$3,000 for packing and so on, it would look like something; but I do not know how much furniture it is. Now that we are faced with this bill, it may be that the furniture only cost \$4,000. I do not want to be misunderstood or appear to be funny, but a break-down should be given here showing the first cost of the furniture and then the value when it was about to be shipped, because I am sure it could not be worth the same amount it was bought for. I feel we stand to lose by having the furniture brought here second hand.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

First of all, Mr. Chairman, I should like to tell the hon. member that this is furniture owned by the Barbados Government which we brought home to Barbados for use here in Government Departments. Secondly, I should like to say that it is a considerable quantity involving book cases, swivel chairs, Venetian blinds, steel and wooden cupboards, steel chairs including typists' chairs, desks, steel and wooden trays, calculating tables and rubbish bins. The invoices show in one instance for freight \$521, in another instance £182, and in another in-stance £162. The furniture was packed and received in several cases, in one case 500 cwt, and in another 50 cwt and another 5 cwt. I cannot at the moment, unless I look for it thoroughly, give the hon. member any guidance as to the exact cost of the furniture originally, because as the hon. member has been told, it was the property of the Barbados Government situated in the Eastern Caribbean Commission Headquarters. If there is any more information he would like to know, I will try my best to answer, but this would take some time to look up.

The hon. member might like to know this: the bills with the Crown Agents and other people which take up this amount were as follows- Crown Agents for packaging and delivery \$892.14; freight

\$2,500.80; Port Contractors, Barbados, storage tax etc. \$60; this makes a total of \$3,452.94, The sum we are asked to provide is broken down as I have just read packaging, freight, delivery, storage tax -- making a total of \$3,452.94. As I have said, I cannot tell the hon. member to the last penny the original cost of the furniture. All I can tell him is that it is a great quantity costing many more times in value, has proved very valuable to the Government Departments and has enabled us to have quite a lot of savings, and not to purchase so much furniture as we would normally have to purchase because we have this. I can tell the hon. member also that we were able to furnish the Cabinet Room with some of this furniture. The chairs we are sitting in now as well as book cases for which there was a great need in the Cabinet Room have been used for this purpose.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I would be glad if the Minister would circularise this House as soon as possible with an itemised account of the cost of this furniture when it was bought, how many chairs and how many blinds and so on,

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

I will do my best to assist the hon. member, but I think he must remember that this furniture was thrown into the building when it was first taken over several years ago. Anyhow, I will see what can be done.

The question that Head 24 - Premier - Cabinet and General - stand part was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Head 26 - Civil Aviation - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Chairman, supplementary provision required for Head 26 - - Civil Aviation, under item 14 - Temporary Staff - \$303; stationery under Item 21 - \$250; Item 36 - Re-instatement of runway - \$8,000. Explanations are as follows- With respect to the provisions of \$303 -Temporary Staff - to the end of the financial year 1963-64, the sum of \$302.25 represents wages due to a watchman who was left undrawn because he unfortunately died and no one was authorised to receive payment on his behalf. 3.20 p.m.

A legal claimant has now been established and the current vote is being supplemented so that payment may be made.

With respect to the supplementary vote for Stationery, increased expenditure on stationery has become necessary to maintain efficiency in the services at the Airport, and a further sum of \$250 is being provided.

With respect to the third item for the Reinstatement of Runways, certain immediate repairs to the runway are necessary, In addition, it has become necessary to provide 3,000 square feet of concrete slabs at the east end of the runway to accommodate the turn of the large aircraft which now use the Airport, The sum of \$8,000 will be required to supplement the current vote.

I beg to move that Head 26, stand part. Hon. C. E. TALMA:

I beg to second that.

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR; I beg to move that the Resolution for the sum of \$50,088 do now pass.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

I beg to second that.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE, 1965-66 No. 34 VISIT OF H.M. THE QUEEN

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Chairman, I think that hon. members are aware that the present circumstances made it inevitable that this Resolution should be handed to them at such short notice. However, Sir, hon. members will recall that some weeks ago, we introduced a supplementary Resolution for the token vote of \$1, the purpose of which was to authorise and put in action certain expenditure in connection with the visit of H. M. the Queen.

At the time when we asked the House to make the token provision, it was not then known with any accuracy what was required in connection with the visitor indeed what certain things would cost. Between that time and now the expenditure is much more clear. We know the provisional events which Her Majesty the Queen would participate in during her visit. I have already in my capacity, as Chairman of the Committee appointed for the Queen's visit, under confidential cover a provisional draft programme which is known also by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition and the Hon. Leader of the Minority Party, so that so far as they both are aware, as I am aware, we do know of what the position is at the moment in connection with Her Majesty the Queen's visit.

The Draft Programme still has to be approved by Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Household, When the Royal Household Reconnaissance Party visited this Island towards the end of November, we went as far as we could to reach final agreement on what shape the final programme would be. So far as we know, provisionally it is confidential between us - the hon. senior member for the City of Bridgetown, the hon. junior member for St. George and myself.

Sir, this Resolution asks for the supplementary provision of \$100,000 and I may say to the Committee straight

away that while this sum seems to be an extremely large amount, half of it covers items which would be used for important ceremonial occasions again and again For instance, the main items for which this sum is being sought is transportation for the Royal Suite of 46 persons throughout the visit, Internal Communications Equipment, New Ceremonial Uniform for the Barbados Regiment, This kind of expenditure, although it helps to swell the total, will be used again and again because there are other occasions for which the Barbados Regiment will be required to wear this uniform. Then there is

expenditure on illuminations and decorations and we are taking particular care of these illuminations and decorations so that when other occasions arise, national and otherwise, they will be available, because they will be accounted for.

Then, there is the State Dinner in honour of Her Majesty the Queen at Government House and an Official State Reception at Culloden Farm where an extremely large number of guests are invited to meet her Majesty and His Royal Highness.

Then, there is the preparation and tidying of some of the places to be visited by the Royal Party, including the building and erection of platforms. Here again, this is the kind of expenditure which is not only for this occasion, but subsequent occasions because they are designed to serve further use and occasions. I speak of the building and erection of platforms.

Then we have provided, Sir, so far as the general population is concerned, in order that we can mark the occasion of Her Majesty's visit and make it significant to the population, if not all, so that some can remember, a special grant to all Old Age Pensioners.

Sir, quite frankly we thought as to whether something could be done, especially for school children, but this has proved a tremendous exercise. I did not rule out some form of refreshment for some school children, but we have definitely settled our minds on something. We have decided, as I have said, that a special grant should be made to all Old Age Pensioners on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's visit, of an extra dollar during that week. I think this will be very welcome to those old people. We do not want to give it more significance than it should have, but we are doing that so that they should associate with the joy which we feel they would have of having the Sovereign with us. 3.30 p.m.

Hon. members will doubtless wish to ask questions in connection with this Resolution and, as far as I know the answers to those questions, I will be prepared to give them. However, Sir, I think that I have given hon. members enough information for them to be able to contribute something to a debate of this nature, I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

I beg to second that.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Acting Chairman, when we passed this token vote of \$1, I think that it was the unanimous view of this House that we should do everything possible without being extravagant to show our loyalty to the British Throne and person. Speaking as Leader of the Opposition and on behalf of my Party, I say that we heartily support this expenditure and we feel that it is an expenditure of which we should justly be proud. It is the greatest desire that we would welcome Royalty to this country. However, Sir, there is one comment which I must make and it is this. The Hon. Leader of the House has mentioned that in Item (h), if I may refer to it in that way, there is a special grant to all Old Age Pensioners in honour of this visit. I should not oppose this vote, but I ponder within my mind that if this is an historic occasion, an occasion which should go down to posterity, should they think only of the old people and not find it convenient to give the youth of this country, I mean the children of this country, some token by which they will be able to remember and be able to say to their grand-children "I can well remember when the first ruling

Monarch of Great Britain visited this country.\" I have a great love for old people, as much as anybody else in this country, I have goodwill for children; and it may be well for the Hon. Minister to reconsider this matter. We give our support to this expenditure 100%; but just as you support to spend \$1 per person on those who have reached the age of 68 years and who, according to Holy Writ, may live to the age of 70 years, you should also take into consideration the children from five years old and upwards to six-teen years and make the necessary preparations for giving them some kind of treat. They, in turn, would be able to appreciate this outstanding occasion. It is not merely an act of the old people to drink to the health of the Queen, but we want something to go down in the history of this country. How can this go down in the history of this country without allowing the children of the country to remember that they were treated at the school or wherever the places may be? It may not be every place that the Queen is passing, but at every school there should be some talk given to the children by the Department of Education, and something should be given to them to eat.

I remember that a visit of the Royal Family took place here and we can remember that we got some sort of treat as children, I urge the hon. member to consider that, while to some people this amount might appear to be a tremendous one having regard to the occasion, our political connection our respect and honour for the British Throne and person - I urge upon the hon. member that it would not prevent any member of this House from passing a few more dollars which would be required for the purpose of treating the school children, I hope that the Hon. Minister will take this as an indication that not only my party, but other members of the Opposition Parties, will support all the views which I have expressed. This is a matter in which we can call a truce for the time being. I want to assure the Hon. Minister that if they are spending \$11,000 on old people, and you spend on 55,000 children 40 cents a piece which would give them a bun, a cake and sweets, you would be spending about \$25,000 more; and if you were to add another \$30,000 to this Resolution, I do not think that anybody would object to that.

I see that the Leader of the other Opposition Party is not now in his place, but the defacto Leader of the Opposition Party is in his place, and I hope that he will give this suggestion his support, I hope he will consider these people who are in constituencies which the hon. member represents, I want to assure the Hon. Leader of the House that not only do we support this Resolution, but we would also support an increase of \$30,000 in order that there should not only be those who are lining the streets, but that arrangements may be carried out and a proper treat be given in commemoration of those days which would go down to posterity and in commemoration of the visit of a ruling Monarch to Barbados. 3.40 p.m.

I hope the hon. member will appreciate the fact that we support this Resolution 100 per cent. We are not opposing this idea of treating old people, kit while we are treating Old Age Pensioners at \$1 each, if we treated 55,000 children at 50 cents each, it would only cost half that amount; so that we could spend \$5,000 in supplying cold Ju-Cs, buns and nuts and so on, and then there could be lectures properly prepared by the Minister of Education and recorded to be played at the schools, and this would go down to posterity for the benefit of this very auspicious occasion.

Mr. HOLDER:

Mr. Chairman, I do not think any hon. member around this Table would vote against this Resolution. This Resolution for the sum of \$100,000 is for no better occasion than the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, but when I read it I was surprised to see that there was no mention in it about the school children of this Island, If I throw my mind back to the time when I was a boy, I think

there was a holiday called \"Empire Day\", and the children throughout the Island were treated on that day to mark it in honour of Queen Victoria, Here it is today in this age, for the first time a ruling Monarch will be coming to Barbados and our schoolchildren are not taken

care of. As the Hon. Leader of the Opposition has suggested, a coke, a few buns and some nuts could be given to them. In former days they used to get some sugar and buns from the plantation, and those noble days were never overlooked, I would support wholeheartedly any amount coming down to entertain the children of this island, When the Queen arrives she will be staying here for two days. I do not know anything about the route on which she will travel, but I dare-say that the children will be given that day if they are in session so that they might be given a chance of seeing the Queen, especially if she drives through the City, I hope that she is driven in an open car so that she can be seen; but what about the children in the rural districts and the different parishes throughout the island? That day should go down in history as a red letter day for Barbados. Is the leading Monarch coming to Barbados and no thought is given to the children?

I support the money being given to the Old Age Pensioners; but the day is coming when they will pass on. We want the children entertained, and lectures given to them in the different schools so that they can speak of the visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. I believe that in 1888 a valuable medal was struck in honour of Queen Victoria; she has never been to Barbados, but I am sure that there are some Barbadians who still have one of those medals in their possession and they keep it to commemorate all they have heard and learned about Queen Victoria. I hope the Minister will give it some thought, and take it back to the Cabinet so that the school children of Barbados will be entertained on that day.

Mr. CARMICHAEL:

Mr. Chairman, I would like to sup-port in principle what has been said by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition. There is one thing when it comes to eating; but I wonder if it would not be better, where you are certain that every child would be the recipient, if, as the hon. junior member for St. James has suggested, they were given some small pin It might be a lot to prepare for that, but no child would refuse it. I support the Leader of the Opposition\'s suggestion in principle, but you may get some children who may not get for some reason or other, and something tangible as suggested by the hon. junior member for St. James would be better. It may not cost as much as 40 cents if preparation is made. It is not a question of how much it costs, but it would reduce the amount of work or preparation that may be necessary.

While it is good to remember the Old Age Pensioners, yet we should consider the youth whose memory would be more lasting. It is now that the youth should remember or be grateful to have some sense of loyalty.

Mr. CORBIN:

Mr. Chairman, there is something that amazes me, and I do not know if hon. members have really understood what the Addendum states. The Addendum states that by Resolution No. 83/1965 provision of \$1 was granted to enable plans to be proceeded with for the visit to Barbados of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Philip on the 14th and 15th of February, 1966.

It goes on to say that as final approval of the proposed programme has not yet been received from Buckingham Palace, it is not possible to publish the programme, but it is expected that this may be done shortly. However, there have been discussions locally and with the Royal Household Reconnaissance Party who visited the island at the end of November, as a result of which it is now known that the estimate of the expenses likely to be incurred in connection with the Royal Visit amounts to \$100,000. Of this sum, an amount approximately \$50,117 is for items which will be required also for other occasions.

The main items for which the sum being sought is required are as follows: transportation for the Royal suite of forty-six persons throughout the visit; internal Communication equipment; new Ceremonial Uniforms for the Barbados Regiment, etc.

What I rise to speak on, Mr. Chairman, is that the programme has not yet been concluded, and I am still glad that the Leader of the Opposition has brought in certain recommendations, I am not against that; but I want to say, Sir, in talking about little children that we should remember the verse \"suffer the children to come unto Me, for such is the Kingdom of God\"; and if Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip come over here and do not see little children, they would not feel good, because it is those who are going to take over tomorrow. 3.50 p.m.

We must show little children to the Queen even if we have to furnish transportation to put them on the highways where Her Majesty the Queen and her husband. His Royal Highness, will be passing. I am sure it will please Her to see them looking on.

The programme of the Queen's visit has not been concluded and it is now for the Government to make such recommendations and draft their plans to suit the Royal visit. I know that this Government will do its very best to accommodate everybody to meet Her Majesty and His Royal Highness.

I hope the Government will give its utmost consideration and do everything which lies in its power to accommodate the school children of all schools, and I hope too that the people will do their very best. I must say that I am not against the proposal which the Hon. Leader of the Opposition put up; yet, I must say that the programme has not been concluded, and therefore, I leave it to the Government to do what they think best.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I am very pleased to see that the Government has remembered the Old Age Pensioners although it has not been stated how much would be granted to each pensioner. (A VOICE He said \$1.) I understand the amount is \$1; so that is still better than nothing at all, A dollar to these pensioners after the Christmas when everything is clean and dry would go a long way, though it is very small. It would give them a smile

I would like to find out from the Hon. Minister if he can tell us the route which the Royal Visitors will be taking and where and what they will be travelling by. That is all that I am asking because my colleague and the Hon. Leader of the Opposition have stated their case. I am not in opposition to this Resolution, but it is still my right to ask a question. The travelling is high in my opinion, but I do not know where they are travelling. Knowing as I do what you can travel all around the Island for by the best motor car, I feel that this amount set down for travelling is a bit high.

Mr. WEEKES:

Mr. Chairman, having listened attentively to the various hon. members, I feel it is my duty as a representative of the people to make a suggestion. It is my opinion that something tangible which the people of this Island would always remember should be done and I am suggesting that we should award two scholarships, one for a boy and the other for a girl, at University level. I am quite sure that after Her Majesty has paid her visit and has left these shores the people will always remember her visit if the suggestion is carried through.

In these days when everybody seems to be interested in education, it is quite possible that two poor children may have the ability for Higher Education, but their parents may not be people who are able to send them to a University; and if the course which I have suggested is taken. I am quite sure that these parents, and not only the parents, but the people of Barbados will appreciate the kindness which this Government would render to these poor unfortunate children on this particular occasion.

Mr. WALCOTT:

Mr. Chairman, I do not like to get into these festival arguments too much because at some point you will hear that the Government is spending too much money on certain things and they do not have enough money to spend on other things. For example, the hon. junior member for St. Joseph said that the Old Age Pensioners' gift is too small if it is \$1. We are not talking about the amount of the pension under the Act.

It is a question of taste and choice. If all hon. members of this Chamber came down with 24 different schemes, I do not know if the Government would be able to meet them, May be, we would empty the Treasury. The hon. member has come down with a Scholarship scheme at University level, and I suppose that I could come down with a Scholarship scheme of a different kind and somebody else can suggest something else. However, in the final analysis, it is really a question of how much money you really want to spend.

Her Majesty is coming for two days; so do not let us get an unnecessary rush of blood. If you want to make it historic, you can have some monument or you can do other things. Some hon. members say that you should have a treat for the, children. Again, this is a question of choice. You cannot keep children out of these things anyhow; but it is a matter of what you would like to do. Here it is, the Government has instituted certain things. 4.00 p.m.

The amount of \$1,000 is the highest single amount in these eight items which we have set out here, but we do not have more than one dollar for each person. The only difficulty I see in this case is that sometimes there is the idea that the Queen herself gives somebody money. Some of these old people have the idea that the Queen herself is giving people money or that the Queen has sent money; even in the sugar industry today people think that the Queen has sent the money for them. I would leave these things to the judgment of the people who have to deal with them. I am no expert in these matters, but you can divide this amount of \$6,249 among 46 persons and you can arrive at an estimate for those who have to travel throughout this visit. You have to arrange for the kind of cars which you want to rent and take into consideration how much the owners will charge for them and the cost of this transportation. If you do not use the cars, then the money will not be spent. I do not think that if an estimate is made as to the cost of transportation and somebody says that you will get this transportation free of charge, you will

still spend this money.

The nature of the celebration is always subject to the wishes and desires of Buckingham Palace, I do not think that hon. members are aware of the fact that when you are preparing things for Royalty, you do not have a completely free hand in them. If the visit is not the first one, they may not want to do this or that, I repeat that all of these things are subject to the wishes and desires of Buckingham Palace, and that has something to do with the whole programme for the visit. Sometimes certain areas are re-served, and in this visit one territory was put down. The provision of a Scholarship is something which we should include in this matter, and that does not have to be placed in the celebration itself. We should mark the visit of the Queen by the award of a Scholarship or of Scholarships, and, as I have indicated, we can do that by means of a separate Resolution. However, I think that these things should be left to those persons who are making the arrangements for the celebration. What we have here are merely estimates, and I do not think that the Government will spend \$6,000 because that is the amount of money which has been earmarked for the expenditure for the transportation of these 46 persons.

Mr. SEALEY:

Mr. Chairman, I feel that it is the duty of any modern-day Government to keep a sharp lookout on its expenditure. I am not criticising the expenditure of this money, but I do not see that an occasion like that of Her Majesty the Queen visiting this Island should pass without having the little children, especially the school children, in our midst. In any circumstances. I do not think that you will be able to keep out the children I am sure you will not be able to do that. I remember when the Coronation in 1911 took place; I was a little fellow then and I remember that all of us went to Queen's Park. I can remember everything that happened at that time. I do not think that we should exclude the school children on the occasion of a visit to Barbados by Her Majesty the Queen, by a ruling monarch, something which has not taken place for over 300 years, I think that we should have something for these children, who will be the men and women of tomorrow, to mark the occasion of this visit of Her Majesty the Queen to this bland, I am a bit puzzled over this amount of \$6,249 which has been set out here for the transportation of these 46 persons

for two days in Barbados, Will this transportation be done by plane, helicopter or what? I see that 46 persons will be transported for two days; are we going to use 46 cars and how much per day will be paid for the use of these cars? I can afford to talk about this matter because the hiring of cars to people has been the source of my living for many years. Are we going to hire 46 cars at \$25 per day? I can assure you that these cars can be hired for \$18.00 per day and therefore I feel that this amount is too high. When we come to the question of the uniforms for the Barbados Regiment, are you going to spend \$19,000 on that item? In connection with the \$1,000 as a special grant to all Old Age Pensioners in honour of the visit, I take off my hat to that expenditure; but to spend \$19,000 on uniforms for the Barbados Regiment to be used on ceremonial parade for two days, I think that that expenditure is too high.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

On a point of order, Mr Chairman, the hon. senior member for St. Michael might not have been in his place when I spoke on the introduction of this Resolution, but I did say that these uniforms were new uniforms for the Barbados Regiment and they are needed. This is the kind of uniform which will last for another ten or twenty years. 4.10 p.m.

Mr. SEALEY:

However, Sir, I am not going to criticise that, but I did not think that ceremonial uniform used for one or two days would come to that amount. I feel that \$19,200 could be put to better use throughout the country. Go into the villages and see the hell that people are suffer-ing. Some of them do not know about a piece of ham for Christmas, and some of the children would not be able to go to school, were it not for some of us, I feel that any Socialist Government should keep a sharp eye on the people\'s money.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Chairman, before the Minister replies, I want to get a point clarified. What is worrying me is the transportation for the Royal suite of 46 persons throughout the visit. If you drive two people in a car, that will mean 23 cars, and if you pay \$50 per day, that would be \$100 for the two days for each car and would come to \$2,300. The hon. junior member for St. Michael has said that by law, the owner of a car for hire cannot charge more than \$24 a day, and judging from what he has said, he does not object to spending \$100 on each car for the two days, but some of this money could be used for the purpose of helping school children. Will the Hon. Minister explain the amount allocated for transportation?

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I do not understand the hon. member now that he has said that you should take some of this money and give the school children. How much can you get from this amount to give to school children. How much can you get from this amount to give to school children if you are having a treat?

Mr. MOTTLEY:

On a point of order, we have made the suggestion about school children, and if you can clarify this amount you are spending on transportation, some of this money might eventually go to any amount which would be subsequently voted for treating school children. That is the point I was making.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I would appeal to the Minister to take this back and bring down something more for the school children. The Minister knows the feeling of the Opposition relative to school children; so he can do some-thing about giving the children a treat to mark the day. The hon. junior member for St. Michael has said that by law the owner of a car for hire cannot charge more than \$24 a day. There is a tariff per day or per hour; so if they are charging \$48 because they are driving Royal Visitors, I am not saying anything; yet it could not reach that high. I am there-fore asking the Minister to take this back, if possible, and see what can be done. The House will be meeting again next Tuesday, I think, and you can bringdown something to make the school children feel that the Queen has been among us, because they are not going to see her, and they should be able to feel her presence by having something in their mouths, or a pin of some kind to put in their dresses or shirts in memory of the Monarch.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Chairman, I think members of the Committee will remember that when I was introducing tills Resolution, I drew to their attention that the Addendum was not as full as it should have been, and that there were a lot of questions which I knew they would wish to ask and which I would certainly answer when I got up to reply. Having said that, I expected that in the course of the debate there would be qustions asked as to the reason for this large amount which in the break-down comes under travelling

and transportation. Let me deal with that first. I think that hon. members know or have heard that owing to the prominence to which this country has come in the last few years, and the greater prominence - constitutionally and otherwise - which it will assume in the near future, we do expect to have large numbers of distinguished and important visitors coming to this Island from time to time. Here it is, next week we are going to be honoured, though unofficially, by a visit by the Rt. Hon. Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, President of Nigeria. We are going to have in January the Chancellor of the University College, Princess Alice, spending a week in connection with the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new University College in Cave Hill. Then there is Her Majesty's visit, and some time after that we hope to be honoured by the Emperor of Ethiopia, and it is hoped also, although I cannot say this with any certainty, that some time later down in the year, we might also be honoured by a visit from the President of Liberia. 4.20 p.m.

Now, this means that we have to make preparation for this kind of visit and the different kinds of functions which we are going to have. What, therefore, the Government has decided to do, not necessarily for the visit of Her Majesty the Queen alone, but bearing in mind the occasion for using this kind of transportation, we have decided to purchase this second-hand Singer touring car. The one which we have in mind is in excellent condition and there is no doubt about that at all. But apart from the fact that it is quite suitable enough to use for this kind of visit, after that it will be put in constant use by the Police Department and would be available for use for these distinguished personages which we expect will be coming here; so actually the investment here has nothing to do with the visit of Her Majesty save that it will be used for the occasion, but after that it would be put to use by the Departments of Government, and it will always be at the disposal of Government for visits of Heads of other Governments.

Hon. members would see the picture of the transportation costs after this \$4,000 is taken from it for the purchase of this touring car. This would be used by the Government regularly for the normal day to day work of the Police and for the transportation of dignitaries and other people. As a matter of fact, if we had it this week, when the President of Nigeria is here next week it would come in handy because the Hon. Premier would be able to take him around. It would be an excellent thing for him to travel in. As I have said, it would be put in constant use not only for the transportation of dignitaries but also for the day-to-day work of some Government Departments which will have uses for it.

I think that I have said enough to show that the net allocation for the 46 members of the Royal Household is something between the difference of \$4,000 and \$6,249. Again, I would remind hon. members that there was no attempt on my part to deceive or baffle the House. The Addendum was not as adequately set out as it should be. For instance, we are going to have to hire five additional cars for the Royal Household. We also have to hire buses for the transportation of school children at the various vantage points. We also have to hire cars for the transportation of the Police. All that comes under transportation; so hon. members will get a good idea of what is involved.

Then, Sir, we have to purchase portable radio-sets for use in three of the cars and three walkie-talkie sets for the Police, so that when the Royal visit is over, a lot of this expenditure will prove more than justifiable because it would be of use on other occasions. All the things which we buy for use on the Queen's visit will be used on the visit

of the Emperor of Ethiopia and other Heads of State. It is no use indulging in any cheeseparing on Her

Majesty's visit and then have to come later on to annoy the House for something to do with the visit of the Emperor of Ethiopia and other Heads of State whom we are expecting.

This country is becoming independent Soon, and when it becomes independent, the people of Barbados must under-stand that certainly one of the obligations which we have to discharge arising out of nationhood is the entertainment of Heads of State, Naturally, the Government will try in all cases and all circumstances not to let the level of expenditure get out of hand. Certainly the hon. senior member for St. Michael should see that half of this expenditure - \$50,000 -- will be expenditure on things which we keep. No one supposes, I think, after you have gone to the trouble to build a platform or erect physical equipment, that it is going to be broken down and destroyed. As I have said, the platforms and decorations will not be only used for the Queen's visit but after that they will be carefully handled and stored for further use. Somebody will have to give strict account for them because they will be brought out again for further use; The same thing holds good for the uniforms for the Barbados Regiment, We are going to use these things again more than a dozen times next year. The visit of Her Majesty is the starting point: but it does not mean, when we spend this money for new ceremonial uni-form for the Barbados Regiment, that these uniforms will only be used for two days.

Hon. members must not try to score cheap debating points, This Government has given an earnest demonstration of how to deal with poverty in this Island, and if our record were to be examined, I think it could be said that we have done more than our predecessors have done. Since this Government has come into power we have instituted a Christmas loan to Government employees. Many of these people did not know the taste of ham until we instituted the Christmas loan. We are well aware of the poverty of our people, and our record does give evidence that we have striven to remove and alleviate poverty. We are asking this Committee to approve certain expenditure in honour of Her Majesty's visit, and I would be glad if hon. members pre-serve the unanimity which this occasion deserves and not to try to score cheap debating points by telling us of the people in the villages.

When it comes to children, apart from the fact of my own personal interest in children, my Ministry brings me into contact with all the problems of them. All the arguments which have been raised and stated here, I have taken into consideration. I do not reject the treating of school children, but I have to balance priorities. For instance, I say without having to give out any secret, on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty to the new St. Elizabeth School, we are asking her if she would graciously unveil a plaque, and for that occasion, we are asking all the children from St. Joseph, and possibly St. Andrew, to assemble at that point. 4.30 p.m.

I know that if I were to ask all the children of St. Joseph to assemble for an hour before the Queen arrives the question of providing refreshments for them will arise. When we speak of treating the school children, we have to take into consideration the cost of treating these children. People talk about giving the children a bun and a package of sweets; that may be all right, and it will be appreciated by the children; but in doing that you will have to deprive a lot of people of a holiday which would be rightfully theirs. The assembling of children in the schools will not necessarily be always in their interest because some of the schools will be far away from the routes along which the Queen will be passing. If you can make arrangements for a large number of children to line the routes along which the Queen will be passing, they will probably appreciate that much better than if they are sent to their schools and are quite away from the scene of activity. I take into account the cost of treating these children and the amount of organisation which will be required to do it, and I find myself unable to recommend to the

Cabinet that there should be any treating of schoolchildren, not because I am against

treating school children but because of the views which I have already expressed, I think that it would be much better to have the children lined up along the routes where the Queen is passing so that she can see them as she passes.

In the City of Bridgetown we should follow the usual custom of asking the children to line the streets from the Harbour back up to Trafalgar Square, but I cannot under-take to recommend to the Cabinet that we should spend \$25,000 or \$30,000 for the purpose of treating all the school children. One hon. member has recommended that we should provide scholarships for children, and that is reasonable. The expansion of education is something which we have always been doing. We have made provision for extra Scholarships and Bursaries and Exhibitions to meet the expanding commitments for which the Ministry of Education has been asking. I do not rule out the possibility that the Cabinet may wish to mark the Queen's visit by something special; but in the way in which the Government does its business, I would hesitate to make a recommendation to the Cabinet which would entail the expenditure of nearly \$30,000 on the mere question of providing refreshments for the school children. Personally I am happy - as a matter of fact it is the Queen's wish that she should be seen by, and that she should see, as many of our young people as possible. Of course, I cannot disclose the routes along which the Queen will be passing for reasons which I have already given, but the routes have been so chosen that she will be passing by the largest number of people and certainly the largest number of young children.

Mr. Chairman, I wish to make this point clear to hon. members. Nobody, as a matter of argument, will object to the treating of school children as such, but it is not a matter which rests by itself. It is a matter which has to be judged alongside the general programme for the visit of the Queen, the expenditure involved in other things, the way in which all suggestions have to be brought together - all of these things are to be reconciled one with another. I will give you some idea of the problems which we have. Her Majesty has said, or her wish is, that she will make only one speech on this territory, I had hoped before I knew that, that it would have been a nice thing for Her Majesty to address the children and the young people of this Island on the occasion of her visit to the new school in St. Joseph; but as soon as I found out that she was making only one speech, I realised that priority would have to take place. That is the kind of decision which we have to make. If it is going to be only one speech which Her Majesty is making, it is fitting that that speech should be made to the representatives of the people, and it can be relayed outside so that the largest number of people should be able to hear that speech made in Parliament.

The Government is grateful to hon. members for all the suggestions which they have made, but all of them would have to be given some priority. I will do my best to make it possible for the children to see the Queen and for them to be seen by her. I regard all the recommendations which have been made; but I could not recommend to the Cabinet that there should be a treat for these school children, because it would undertake a large expenditure and it would be a question also of the organization which would be required in that event. I think that the children should be given the two days during which Her Majesty will be visiting Barbados as holidays so that they can listen to the radio without our having to go to the trouble of asking them to be present at their schools, which would involve bringing out the teachers and making arrangements for treating these children. I do not think that that would be justified and I do not think that I should make such a recommendation to the Cabinet.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Chairman, I hate to speak after the Hon. Minister of Education has replied, but there is one thing which is worrying me. If the hon. member had recorded exactly what he has said, it leaves us at a loss. He had said \"I do not rule out the possibility of treating these school children\", and then he says \"I can not under-take to recommend that.\" 4.40 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

When I spoke about not ruling out the possibility of treating school children, I had in mind the explanation which I was going to give about the children of St. Joseph. This is because the St. Joseph children will be attending a ceremony at which the Queen will be present, and will be there for some time before she arrives.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Then the other school children will not be attending any ceremony.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I have to thank the Hon. Minister very much for entertaining the children of St. Joseph. You, Sir, cannot thank him because you are in the Chair, but I will thank him on your behalf and mine and that of the people of St. Joseph. I am very glad that the occasion has arisen that the Government sees fit to treat the school children in St. Joseph.

However, Sir, the Minister says that they will be buying a second-hand car to drive Her Majesty the Queen and then it will be kept for other visitors, but in my opinion, I feel it is an insult to Royalty to buy a second-hand car for this purpose. The Government would be doing a better job and would tend to gain if they bought a new car and then called for tenders for its sale after the Queen has used it for one or two days, and they would be surprised to know how much they would get for that car afterwards. They would only have to keep the price from the public, and they would be surprised to know who would like to buy that car; you might even get one or two members from the Opposition side of the Table wanting to buy it, and I am sure you would get more than you paid for it. I believe this car must be in the Island already, and it could not be a pretty car for \$4,000. If it is not too late to order a new car, you should let it be known to the Press that a new car will be ordered for Her Majesty the Queen and after she leaves it will be put up for sale by tender, and nobody would know who has bought it until the owner is seen driving it about. If you are going to buy a second-hand car, you might do better to rent one, because there are some good ones in the Island, and if you are not using the car regularly afterwards, it would sooner rust out than burn out.

With regard to the school children, you should know in time the route that Her Majesty is going to take, and if she is passing through certain parishes, the school children in those parishes could line up and see the Queen, and you would not have to bring them from St. Lucy or St. Andrew to Bridgetown. In other cases you might charter buses to bring the children along the route she is travelling so that they would have a chance of seeing her. I thank the Minister very much for considering the people and children of St. Joseph as they will be getting the best part of it.

Mr. WALCOTT:

These debates, Mr. Chairman, make me feel as if you are in a rum shop a night and it is long after mid-night, you have been drinking and everybody has been chipping in with their own argument

illogically just for the sake of spinning out time maybe because some cannot go home, it is too late to go home, and they are finding an excuse to be out until morning; but in the House of Assembly it is very low debate. It is true we might not have any-thing pressing on the Order Paper, and we are spinning out time with something that has absolutely no meaning in it.

The Hon. Minister was very charitable in his reply and it seems to me that when you are like the Hon. Minister, you get more argument than if you were a man like myself, because I would be harsh with the nonsense that has been spoken. The Leader of the Opposition is a man who, when he is in charge of anything, does it his way. He would have the school children standing in the hot sun for four or five hours, with a little musty bun and some bilgy beer, and the St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance to help these children, I have seen that old bogus spectacle being exhibited here by bringing out children, baking them in the sun for four or five hours at the Garrison where there is no shelter for them. Where in Barbados do you have a shelter that can accommodate 30,000 or 50,000? It means therefore that you will be keeping them in the sun. 4.50 p.m.

Therefore, you want them to stand up in the sun until the Queen arrives. You are having them staked out in the sun as if they were some sort of animal because in some-body's eyes they are some image.

Another hon. member spoke about Water Hall land. Imagine the Government coming down here and deciding for the Queen's visit to buy a new touring car. The hon. senior member for St. Michael knows much of cars and he knows everything about the makes of cars.

Mr. SEALY:

Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. WALCOTT:

The hon. member cannot be on a point of order because he is sitting. He is out of order.

Mr. SEALY:

Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. The hon. senior member for St. Peter says that I know everything about cars. We said that you should treat children at the schools in memory of the Queen. When it comes to talking about cars, the hon. member knows nothing about cars, but he is conceited. He feels that he knows everything and more than anybody else.

Mr. WALCOTT:

It is unfortunate that the Chairman has allowed that ignorant remark to be made. You are elected to this Chamber on how much knowledge you possess be-cause you are expected to be knowledgeable on everything that comes here and not to be ignorant on most things. Therefore, if I am conceited, it is conceit which the electorate expects me to possess. If transportation is a mystery to the hon. member, it is no mystery to me.

Why purchase a new touring car to be sold by auction on the day after or subsequent to Her Majesty's visit? What an ignoramus Government that would be that you go to the expense to purchase a new car just only for the Queen's visit! If you do that, somebody would think that you are fit for the Lunatic

Asylum.

In view of a visit of this character, the Government has proposed to purchase a second hand touring car and they propose that it be used on other occasions. Why purchase a new car and use it only for this visit and sell it? They say that you will get more than what you paid for it when you sell it. All that shows that they are not fit for modern Government. The fact that something is second hand does not mean ipso facto that it is no good. It is stated that this car is in the Island. You have to leave it to somebody's judgment as to whether it is a good buy. Look how many second hand cars have been bought at the beginning by people and how much money they have made out of those cars. If those people had bought all new cars at the beginning, I am sure that they would be still the same place where they were. The number of second hand cars or vehicles which are used for commercial purposes and have made a living for people who use them is legion. You only have to go to the various garages to see how many second hand cars they have bought. The hon. senior member for St. Michael is saying now that in Barbados people's knowledge of Transportation is so vague that they would pay you more for the second hand car which the Queen drove in than what you paid for it new at the beginning.

The point is not the question of if the car has been used already; the point is if there is a car suitable for the purpose and if it is in good condition and is available in the Island. If you purchase such a second hand car, it can be used for other purposes of a similar nature. You are dealing with the cost factor. Instead of renting another car of this nature for the next five or six visits, you buy this second hand car, and the rent which you would pay on this occasion and the other occasions would more or less pay for the purchase of this car.

When it comes to Royalty, I can remember that one of the gentlemen who lives on the St. James coast owned a touring car and when a member of the Royal Family came here, the owner loaned the Government that car for the

Member of Royalty to drive in it. Do you mean to say that Royalty have reached that stage that if a car is used, they cannot sit in it or that a second hand car would not be good enough, so long as it is in good condition, for them to drive in? The cars which Royalty use at Buckingham Palace are not bought every morning. There are not many touring cars in Barbados suitable for this sort of thing; therefore, if a car is suitable and Government decides to buy it, that is a very good thing. It is not a question of Royalty driving in a second hand car because if they drive in the Governor's car, well then, that is a second hand car or if they drive in anybody else's Rolls Royce car, that is a second hand car. How would it become an insult if the Government were to purchase a second hand car for this use? It would be only an insult if you were to purchase a new car and use it only for this purpose. I know that just for the privilege of saying that Royalty drove in their car, a few people around here who have a car suitable for this occasion would allow you to have theirs free. I know of a garage proprietor who had a touring car, and he loaned it to the Government for Royalty to use it; and since that time that car was in greater use because everybody wanted to drive in it.

The idea of the Government purchasing a second hand car is because a second hand car is available for this purpose; and knowing the cost which you would have to pay for renting it, and bearing in mind that close behind the Queen's visit that they will have to rent it for taking around other Heads of State, so far as public expenditure is concerned, they find that it would be a saving, instead of renting it, to purchase it. There is nothing wrong in purchasing it, if they have to rent it again on five or six occasions. They

can use it for this purpose for five or six years and at the end of that period it would still have some value. What is vital about the purchasing of this car is purely on the basis of the Government saving money,

I do not believe the Government gave consideration to the purchasing of a new car for the occasion because the cost of a new touring car would be twice the amount of that set out here. What is the point of your going to buy a new touring car for this occasion? The Government knows very well that the keeping of such things are expensive, because Government business is not run in any poke of the hole. You do not run a Government cheaply. As soon as you run it cheaply, you are corrupt. 5.00 p.m.

You do not have any policemen watching cars in your private capacity, but you have to do that in Government. If the school children are going to line the streets, that is done even in England. You put the children along the routes where the Queen is passing so that they can meet the Queen along whatever route she passes. What I do not like about this matter is that in order to find out something about a Resolution, you have to put up all of this argument. As far as I am concerned, there will not be any more treats for children, if I cannot give them a better treat than what they used to be given before. I do not regard that we should give the children that sort of treat which they used to be given,

Mr, Chairman, if you bring forward a simple Resolution you hear that you must do this and that. I must say that if I had the Resolution to deal with, I would not put in anything for the Old Age Pensioners because nobody would be able to say that you should give them something more. Some people will ask if all you can give the old people when the Queen comes here is a dollar. You will hear that we are spending \$100,000 and the same arguments will be adduced as if you did not have a token vote previously. I want to say that in this context the Queen is a constitutional Monarch; she is not a Beauty Queen or Teen Age Queen; she is not a Girl Guide or the wife of Lord Baden Powell coming here The Queen is not a Girl Guide or the biggest school mis-tress in the World. She is not a swimmer so that you can say that she is a children's contemporary; she is a constitutional Monarch, and therefore you have to start off from the constitutional position. If it were not so, there would not be any House of Assembly at all.

When the Girl Guides have their show, they have it at Pax Hill: so that when we are dealing with something of a State nature, let us understand that we are dealing with something which is on a State platform. Do you expect a constitutional Monarch to go to the Garrison and make one speech rather than make that speech in the Legislature to the representatives of the people? I may say, Sir, that it is an accident that the parish of St. Joseph is the place where the Queen is going to open a school, and what I see in it is that it demonstrates the charity of the Government. If the boot were on the other foot, the hon. junior member for St. Joseph would want something done in St. Joseph. The hon. member is a person who opposes the Government in every-thing, even to relation to the visit of the Queen, but she is going to St. Joseph to open a school there. The Queen is not going to pay anybody any personal visit; she is going to St. Joseph to open that school and she may honour the hon. member.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, the hon. member who has just sat down sits there very quietly listening to hon. members and then he gets up and attacks them. He does not add anything to the debate. If that is the way

in which the hon. member is going about this matter, nobody can blame him. The hon. member can talk as he likes, whenever he likes and wherever he likes. He can talk whatever he likes; every man is to his own order. Mr. Chairman, the suggestion was made about treating school children. Nobody has suggested that these children should be placed in the sun for four or five hours and be burnt. The suggestion made was that these children should be given a treat at the schools. The Hon. Minister has said that he would not recommend that proposal to the Cabinet. What I said was that if that cannot be done, they would be doing the right thing if they were to allow the children to line the routes where they would be able to see the Queen. The hon. member would be surprised to know how much the children would appreciate being able to see the Queen; they would be glad to go back to their homes and say that they had seen the Queen and also say how she looked. The children would be able to tell their parents how the Queen looked to them. I believe, Sir, that if the head teachers were to ask the children which they would prefer, whether they would prefer to see the Queen or whether they would have a treat at the schools, they would say that they would prefer to see the Queen. 5.10 p.m.

The hon. member says they are going to give \$4,000 for a second hand car to drive Her Majesty the Queen, but I said - and I do not know if the hon. member was in the House --that it would be better to rent a car. What is the difference in renting one for two days and buying one for two days for the Queen? I am sure that if the hon. member had approached the owner of the particular car to rent it for two days, the owner would lend it without any charge; so why buy a second hand car for \$4,000 for two days? You should buy a new one and afterwards sell it if you care. It might probably be one that you can use at Government House for State visits. There is nothing in that to criticise, I dare say the car can be put at Culloden House, because since that House is for so much money, it would not be any-thing to put the car there.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON; Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, the hon. senior member for St. Michael in calculating the money said that it would be impossible to spend all that money on transportation, and the Hon. Minister explained to him that this \$6,000 was not only for transportation, but \$4,000 included in that amount was for the purchase of a car which is almost new, and which would be used by the Police Department and for other ceremonial occasions. The hon. junior member for St. Joseph could not actually sit down and tear that and then say he does not know for what purpose it would be bought. The Hon. Minister mentioned three or four occasions in the near future when the car would have to be used; so the hon. junior member for St. Joseph is wasting time unless he does not understand or does not wish to understand something that has been fully explained by the Minister of Education to all members of this Chamber.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, the hon. member says that I said I do not know what is to be the use of the car. I never

said that. I think it would be best for the hon. member to keep quiet instead of getting up to talk, unless he wants the gallery to hear him. I said that if you are going to buy a second-hand car to drive the Queen in for two days, you can rent one.

Mr. WALCOTT:

On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, the hon. member should not be allowed to repeat this global nonsense, because the reason for buying the car is not because the Queen will be here for two days, That is not only unfair and uncharitable, but it is nonsense, because if the Queen were coming for two days,

you would not have to buy a car. It is for other reasons which the hon. member completely ignores, and I say that it is a time-wasting exercise for which some punishment should really be introduced.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

I think the hon. junior member for St. Michael has explained the reason for purchasing the car. He has given the explanation that it would not be for days, but would be used by the Police Department.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, the hon. member got up on a point of order and made his point, but the Addendum states (a) transportation for the Royal Suite of forty-six persons throughout the visit.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

On a point of order Mr. SMITH What is a point of order?

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

The hon. member is on a point of order.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

Mr. Chairman, the hon. member in introducing the Resolution made it clear that he himself was not satisfied with the manner in which the Addendum explained to hon. members, and he replied clearly setting out the facts. The hon. senior member for St. Michael stated that it would be impossible with forty-six persons to spend \$6,000 on hiring cars for two days, and it was explained to him that included in this amount was money to purchase a car.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, the Hon. Leader of the House is responsible for this Resolution. This must have been decided at Cabinet level and then passed on to the printers, and it must have been okayed by who would be responsible for it in here. We are asked today to vote this money, and we can only go by what we see. The Hon. Minister must have seen this before, and he should have looked at the Addendum to see if it were full or not. If we did not say anything about it, the Hon. Minister would never have said that the Addendum was not full; he would have allowed it to pass. 5.20 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. On my introducing the Resolution I said that the Addendum was not to my satisfaction, and if there were any questions arising out of the matter, I would be glad if hon. members would please ask them. It is not fair to say that if they did not ask questions I would not have answered them.

Mr. SMITH:

If that were so, why the Hon. Minister did not say so at the same time? Why did he not say that \$4,000 was for a second hand car and this car would be used after that by the Police and for other purposes? Why did he not tell us that? It is only when I raised the point that the hon. member got up. If we did not raise this point, we would never have received the information that a second hand car would be bought out of the money and would be used for the Queen's visit. Let the Hon. Minister get up and deny that.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

I deny it vigorously because the hon. member is breaking Standing Orders, He has no right to impute improper motives against another hon. member.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, all that the hon. member is trying to do, I do not intend to do. The Hon. Minister did not raise the point until I asked a question. I asked where would

be the routes and what travelling would be done because the amount set down for travelling seemed to be high. If he wanted to tell us, he could have got up at the same time and told us.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I got up a half hour ago and gave the information and up to now, the matter is not finished yet.

Mr. SMITH:

Whenever the Hon. Minister brings any-thing inside here, he expects members to keep quiet and say nothing at all on the matter but to say \"Aye\", When the last Government was in power, some hon. members on the Other side kept us in here all night before something was passed. I remember we sat in here from 12 o'clock one day until 7 o'clock the next morning. Now they want this Resolution passed with the greatest speed. That would never happen as long as I am inside here. All that they will have to do is to get me out of here as they are trying hard to do. They would never be successful. (A VOICE You are a nuisance, not a problem). Mr. Chairman, Standing Orders say that a member must keep quiet when a member is speaking.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

I am listening to the hon. member.

Mr. SMITH:

The Chairman or the Speaker is there to protect members when they are speaking. What really happens is that the hon. senior member for St. Peter must have everything going his way. Right or wrong, it is okay so long as it pleases him; but when you are right and it is not his way, he is against it. I was elected in the same way as the hon. member. This skin of mine is very thick,

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

I would be glad if the hon. member would stick to the Resolution.

Mr. WALCOTT:

Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I am aware that the hon. member's skin is very thick, but his head is thicker.

Mr. SMITH:

Yes, Sir, when it butts anybody, it butts harder.

The hon. senior member for St. Peter has caused this debate to be prolonged. There is nothing wrong in my asking a question. I am arguing my point. The Hon. Minister said that a second hand car would be

bought out of this money. I asked a question:

Anyhow, Sir, I will not go any further because I have to be very careful in my speaking. It seems as if I will have to put on my gloves for the hon. member. However, I do not know where in Barbados a second hand car is worth \$4,000.

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

On motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of two Resolutions in Committee of Supply,

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On separate motions of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. H. G. FERGUSON in each case, the Resolutions were read a first and second time and agreed to.

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

THE SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965

Mr. SPEAKER:

The next Order of the Day is No 2 which stands in the name of the Hon. and Learned member for St. John Second reading of a Bill to amend the Savings Bank Act, 1914.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Speaker, I am asking leave of the House to take charge of this Order in the absence of the Hon. and Learned Premier.

There being no objection, leave was granted the hon. member.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Speaker, I have not received a copy of this Bill 5.30 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER; I have been advised that copies of this Bill were circulated amongst hon. members during the past weekend. There is no other hon. member who does not re-call not having received his copy of the Bill It would appear therefore, that all hon. member have received their copies of this Bill and it may be that, because of some personal misadventure, the hon. junior member for St. Joseph did not receive his copy of the Bill. Let the Hon. Leader of the House proceed. (Laughter)

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Speaker, this Bill seeks only to upgrade the salary of the Manager of the Savings Bank from \$7,440 to \$8,160 per annum. At present the post of Manager of the Savings Bank is graded on a par with the post of Information Officer, Controller of Supplies and Assistant Commissioner of Police, but, of course, none of these posts carries as great a responsibility as this one does. Further, the duties attached to this post have been increased recently with the extension of banking facilities at the District Post

Offices and with the volume of transactions at the Bank. It is for this reason that it is thought fit and proper to upgrade the salary of the post of the Manager of the Savings Bank as I have already indicated, I beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:

I beg to second that.

Mr. WALCOTT:

Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to the upgrading of this post having regard to the reasons as set out in the Objects and Reasons of this Bill, and also having regard to what the Hon. Minister has said. My only fear and reservation is that for some time the Government has been forced to make this post in accordance with the modification of the salary structure in the Public Service. I would like to warn the Hon. Minister that, although this matter does not fall within his portfolio, these things have a very bad effect on the general service because everybody looks to see some reason for the modification of a salary and then somebody places himself in line with the Savings Bank Manager and says \"If the Savings Bank Manager can move to this point, therefore the relationship between the Savings Bank Manager and myself has been put out of line,\" I say that because I hope that in the future the Government may be relieved from this sort of exercise. Not only will the Government be more cautious and relieved in these matters, but they will have a more rationalised system, a more steady and coherent system than before, I feel that in these matters they will have full consultation with the parties concerned and agreement will be reached on a broad basis.

It is always a difficult thing to pick out posts on occasions and begin to amend the salaries without looking at the Service in the form which will have some relationship to something else. If that were not so, then the Cabinet would be unundated with the Revision of salaries The Agricultural Ministry and the Scientific Ministry would bring their problems, and the people at the Public Works Department, and those at the Department of Highways and Transport would talk about their qualifications. People would say that if this salary is so much, then the salary at the Department of Agriculture would be so much, I have no objection to this Bill for the reason which has been given by the Hon. Minister. I think that the salary of the Manager of the Savings Bank is proportionate to the work which he has to perform, but I hope the Government will be relieved and will have a better road to travel on when they have to deal with the Trade Union in relation to the Public Service, I know that these things will create areas of dissatisfaction and the Government is prevented from getting the service which it should get when it is forced to make these decisions.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Speaker, the hon. member who has just sat down has loaned his copy of the Bill, so that I do not want any hon. member to think that I am pulling a fast one.

Mr. SPEAKER:

That is because of the Christmas spirit.

Mr. SMITH:

Well, Sir, it has not yet started over here, I never go against the revision of salaries, but in the Objects

and Reasons of this Bill, this is what is stated-

"At present the post of Manager, Savings Bank, is graded on par with the post of Information Officer. Controller of Supplies and Assistant Commissioner of Police, but none of these posts carries as great a responsibility as that of Manager, Savings Bank, Moreover, the duties attached to this post have increased in recent years with the extension of banking facilities at the District Post Offices and with the volume of transactions at the Bank"

Sir, if that is so, what about the Post Masters and Post Mistresses at these District Post Offices? (Mr. WALCOTT-Well, there you are). These people are responsible for the shortages at these District Post Offices. The Manager of the Savings Bank would not be responsible for anything like that. These people may have assistants at this time of the year, but they will still have to do their job and see how those assistants are getting on. Even if an assistant makes a mistake, the District Post Master or Post Mistress is still responsible for that. How will the Government feel when the Postmaster or Postmistresses in the country read tomorrow morning that, because of Additional duties which have devolved on this Officer, you are thinking in terms of compensating him for performing those additional duties, and these people are still there with their responsibilities which are just as great as or greater than this officer's duties and they are not considered? 5.40 p.m.

I am saying it is unfair to these people and the Government should look into the matter at once, because it will cause dissatisfaction with these people. Everyone of them has to work, and I cannot see why the Government always looks at the top, I do not know if the necks of the members of the Government do not get cramp from looking up all the time. I think it would be better for them to look down some-times. I do not think it is fair to these Postmasters and Postmistresses who are responsible for shortages and there is no compensation by way of increase of salary. I hope they will be included in the Union so that the Union boss will be able to do something for them very soon.

The question that this Bill be now read a second time was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

On the motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee on the Bill, Mr. COWARD in the Chair.

Clauses 1-3 inclusive were called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the pass-ing of one Bill in Committee, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motions of Hon. J. C. TUDOR seconded in each case by Hon. C. E. TALMA, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GUARANTEE OF LOAN TO TRANSPORT BOARD

Mr. SPEAKER:

The next Order of the Day is a Resolution in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Thomas,

Minister of Communications and Works, of which notice was given earlier today, when leave was asked to proceed with it this day. This Resolution is to give effect to certain actions under Section 15 of the Transport Board Act, 1955.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL; Mr. Speaker, this Resolution should not take very long. The Addendum sets out that the Transport Board has negotiated a loan of \$20,000 from the Reserve Fund of the Port Department repayable by the end of March, 1966, The rate of interest applicable to the loan is 6%, A condition of the loan is that it should be guaranteed by the Government and this Resolution seeks approval for the guarantee.

The loan is to enable the Transport Board to finance the payment of Christmas advances to staff.

The Addendum is quite clear. Last year they did not ask us to guarantee a loan because they had enough money, but since they have been paying off their debts, they have found themselves short, and have asked the Government to back them, and the Port Department has agreed to lend this money,

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

I beg to second that,

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Minister spoke so fast that I could not hear him, neither could I catch up with him. The Transport Board has negotiated this loan of \$20,000 from the Port Department, but I would like to know if the Board has repaid the money which it borrowed from the Port Department some time ago. The Minister should give a breakdown of the \$20,000. It is time that the Government should do something to put the Transport Board on a good footing, so that it would be able to carry out its own commitments without having to go hat in hand begging and borrowing at all times. 5.50 p.m.

Imagine now that the Transport Board wants to make an advance for its staff and they have to come to us in order to make this loan! I want to know if the other bus concessionaires are borrowing or loaning money to make advances too. In fact, I know that they give a Christmas bonus to their employees. It says here that the Transport Board has negotiated a loan of \$20,000 from the Reserve Fund of the Port Department repayable by the end of March, 1966. I want to know if they are strong enough to make these payments without having to borrow. It is not good enough that every time you are going to do something, you have to go and borrow money. The Government should put their house in order. This kind of piecemeal business suits only the small concessionaires -- not a Government concern. It does not look good to be borrowing money every now and then. The last time they asked to borrow money was to make an in-crease in wages; now they are asking permission to borrow from the Port Department, I am glad that the Port Department has got through so well that it can carry the burden of the Transport Board. But it is not fair to have a Government concern being run all the time on a piecemeal basis.

Mr. SEALY:

Mr. Speaker, I am not criticising this loan of \$20,000 because the Addendum says that it is to enable the Transport Board to finance the payment of Christmas advances to staff.

What I would like to say to the Hon. Minister is that I think he is a bit late in bringing down this Resolution, and in future you should bring a Resolution of this nature to this House at least the last week

in November so as to give the employees a chance to spend the money instead of bringing it down now when you have only ten more shopping days before Christmas. The employees can only get the money to spend for the New Year. As I have said, I am not criticising the Resolution.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL:

Mr. Speaker, I am not prepared to get myself involved in any embroglio with the hon. senior member for St. Michael, I forgot to make an apology; but what I would like to point out to him is that it is no fault of mine that this Resolution has now come to the House,

As hon. members know, the Transport Department is run by a Board. I have to wait until the Board submits

something to me. As the hon. member has said. It is only ten shopping days before Christmas.

I reply to the hon. junior member for St. Joseph who wanted to know what this money is to do.....

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I did not ask that question. I asked if the last loan was repaid.

Mr. BOXILL:

The hon. member asked what this money was to do and if the last money which they have borrowed was repaid. This money is to lend the workers at the Transport Board a week's wage. In answer to the other question, that money has been repaid.

I will also like to remind the hon. junior member for St. Joseph that when the Transport Board was taken over by the then Government to which the hon. member belongs, it was taken over without machinery being set up to run it. This Government also had to write off \$3 million which his Government had thrown down the drain. The Transport Department was in such a bad condition at the time of the last Government that anybody could walk in and do as they like. I remember that a worker on an occasion took up \$300 and put in his pocket. When we took over this Government, the manager came to us and told us that he calculated that he was going to lose \$150,000, and the Hon. Premier had to ask him to go and have his head examined. Since then the Transport Board has been keeping its head above water.

All that I am asking hon. members of this House to do is what they sometimes do for themselves, that is to back a note. It appears that if you were to come in here and say we are to go to Heaven, the hon. junior member for St. Joseph would get up and argue that we should go to Hell first. I would like to point out to the hon. junior member for St. Joseph that this idea of granting a loan is something which was implemented since the D.L.P. came into power. When his Government was in power, they never thought of lending anything to anybody.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

THE ADJOURNMENT

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

This completes Government Business for today's sitting.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Thursday, this week, 16th December, 1965, at 1 o'clock p.m.

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER:

Before I formally declare this House adjourned, I want hon. members to know that this day week, there is expected in this Island, His Excellency, the Right Honourable Doctor Nnamdi Azikiwe.

It is proposed that the President of the Nigerian Federation should meet hon. member of this Chamber and of the Other Place. Accordingly, the Barbados Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association has arranged for such a meeting to take place on Tuesday next week to which in due course it is anticipated that this House will be invited. We will have a strictly formal meeting after which I hope to have the privilege of introducing hon. members of this Chamber to this eminent and distinguished statesman. Then we would repair to a function which has been arranged for members of both Chambers in honour of His Excellency the Right Honourable Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, President of Nigeria.

It is to be appreciated that this is the first occasion that the Parliament of Barbados would have the honour of receiving so distinguished and eminent a statesman as our guest. 6.00 p.m.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Speaker, speaking oh the motion for the adjournment.....

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

The hon. member is out of order.

Mr. SPEAKER:

The motion for the adjournment has already been passed, but before I formally declared the results of that motion, I took advantage of the opportunity which was afforded me to make mention of that occasion.

Mr. SMITH:

Sir, may I say one word relative to what you have just said?

Mr. SPEAKER:

One word?

Mr. SMITH:

Not one word, Sir, a few words.

Mr. SPEAKER:

I am afraid that if I extend that privilege to the hon. member, I will be unable to refuse the same privilege to other hon. members. The question is that this House do now adjourn until Thursday of this week, 16th December, 1965, at 1.00 o'clock p.m. Hon. members in favour of that will please say \"AYE\". Hon. members against will please say \"NO\" I think the \"AYES\" have it.

This House now stands adjourned. 6.05 p.m.