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Tuesday 2nd March, 1965.

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

PRESENT

His Honour E. L. CARMICHAEL, J.P., (Deputy- Speaker); Mr. L. E. SMITH, J.P.; Mr. F. L. WALCOTT, O.B.E.; Hon. J. C. TUDDR, M.A., (Minister of Education); Mr. J. W. CORBIN; Mr. S. E. SEALEY; Hon. G. G. FER- GUSSON, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries); Mr. R. ST.C. WEEKES, J.P.:

Mr. W. R. LOWE; Mr. N. W. BATSON, (Chairman of Committees); Mr. V. W. BOXILL; Mr. J. B. YEAR WOOD and Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, (Minister of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Development),

Prayers were read.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, on behalf of the hon. and learned Premier and Minister of Finance, I beg to lay The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) Order 1965.

Also, on behalf of the same hon. and learned member I beg to lay a Statement showing the sums advanced to the Postmaster General for the payment of Money Orders, the amounts repaid to the Accountant General, and the amounts due by the various Post Offices to 31st December, 1964.

PETITION

Mr. WEEKES:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to present a Petition from the Southern District Council praying the House to pass a Bill to authorise the payment of a gratuity and pension to Percival Bascombe. The Petition is respectfully worded and I ask that it be taken as read.

The petition was taken as read.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Premier and Minister of Finance, I beg to give notice of a Resolution to place the sum of \$5,640 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates, 1964- 65 Part 1 - Current as shown in the supplementary Estimate 1964-65, No. 62 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution,

Again, on behalf of the same hon. and learned member I beg to give notice of the following:-

A Bill to continue various expiring laws. A Bill to amend the Copyright Act, 1915.

Again, on behalf of the same hon. and learned member, I beg to give notice that the Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No, 22/1964, asked by the hon. senior member for St. Michael, is now ready.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to give notice that the Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 29/1964, asked by the hon. junior member for St. John, is also ready.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to give notice of the intention of the Hon. Leader of the House to move the House into Committee of Supply at its next meeting in order to consider the Money Resolution of which notice has just been given.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICE

Mr. WEEKES:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to give notice of a Bill to authorise the Southern District Council to pay a gratuity and pension to Percival Bascombe.

QUESTION

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question standing in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Philip relating to public conveniences for fishermen at certain bays in the rural districts of the island.

Mr. WEEKES:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, to enquire of the appropriate Minister-

Is the Minister aware that there are no public conveniences for fishermen and fish vendors at certain bays in the rural districts of the Island?

If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Minister explore the possibility of erecting one at every recognise beach in the island?

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD entered the House and took

his seat.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE PRESENTED

Mr. SEALEY; Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Bill to authorise the Lord Bishop to sell land at St. Stephen's, St. Michael.

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that a Bill to continue various expiring laws be now read a first time.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that a Bill to amend the Copyright Act, 1915, be now read a first time.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

I beg to second that.

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

Mr. WEEKES:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that a Bill to authorise the Southern District Council to pay a gratuity and pension to Percival Bascombe be now read a first time,

Mr. LOWE:

I beg to second that.

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, it has been intimated to me that there is a possibility that hon. members might like to deal today with certain items standing in their names under Private Members' Business. That being so, it is not the intention of the Government to utilise the entire time for Government Business, I will therefore move the suspension of the Standing Orders so that there can be a flow from one part of the Order Paper to another part of the Order Paper I beg to move that Standing Orders Nos, 5, 14, 16, 18, 40 and 45 be suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting with the understanding that when the time, normally allotted to Private Members' Business arrives, any hon. member can deal with any matter which he would like to deal under Private Members' Business, if he so desires,

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:

I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division. 12.25 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

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

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:

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

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD; Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that Order No, 2 be the first Order of the Day.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:

I beg to second that,

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

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that Your Honour do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee of Supply.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:

I beg to second that. The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. BATSON in the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1964-65 No. 61 Head - Legislature - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, the Item under this Head, as you will observe from the note, deals with amplifying equipment for this Chamber, and the amount we are asking for was not budgeted for when the Estimates for amplifying equipment were prepared. We are now asking for provision under this Head of \$140 to enable commitments and normal charges to be met for the remainder of the financial year.

I beg to move that Head 3 - Legislature - stand part. Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

I beg to second that,

Mr. WALCOTT:

Mr. Chairman, I am drawing to the attention of the Committee that the amplifying equipment of this Chamber is most unsatisfactory, and we are wasting public funds in this matter. On the whole, the members of the Government have accepted too low standards in this Legislature for everything. In many respects facilities in the offices, eating facilities, and toilet arrangements are too low, much too low for the highest Parliament in this island.

In my own office, we have higher standards, and that is a little sectional place in this community. The time has come that if we want to set a right standard, we have to put our house in order. This equipment is ugly, outmoded and subject to movement here and there. The Chamber has had bad acoustics, and the time has come when you should have a proper survey of the best type of amplifying equipment. We need sensitive amplifying equipment which hangs from above, so that when you speak the microphones are above your head and not necessarily in front of you. If the Chamber is going to have these facilities, let them have good facilities so that our image is an image for someone to follow with dignity, because this is not good enough.

I am not voting against the Resolution, but as I said, if we are going to have equipment, let us have good equipment. We use it on the average of once a week, but whenever we come we should have the best equipment. I hope that efforts will be made to give this Chamber all the facilities that a Chamber should have in 1965.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, some time ago I think a Committee met and decided upon an increase in salary for the staff of this House.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

We are now dealing with amplifying equipment and not salaries.

Mr. SMITH:

I am only drawing to the attention of the Chamber a matter which comes under the Head of

Legislature.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

But we are dealing now with amplifying equipment.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, this is a money Resolution, and you cannot pin a member down to a particular thing under a money Resolution. It is not a Bill or a paragraph in a Bin. If you are beginning to catch on and wake up, let us wake up. This is a money Resolution for the Legislature, and what I am speaking on is relative to the Legislature. You cannot have a Legislature without a staff.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

The hon. member is out of order.

Mr. SMITH:

I am saying, Mr. Chairman, that on this particular matter advice is needed, I think you had better ask the Clerk to guide you, and if the Clerk says I am wrong, well I am wrong. If the Chair says I am wrong and I am right, it is a reflection on the Chair.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

The reflection does not matter.

Mr. SMITH:

Well, if the Chair is so simple as to say it does not matter, I do not know.

Mr. MOTTLEY; Mr. Chairman, I do not really attempt to let it appear that I am usurping any authority, but I am rising to support the suggestions the hon. member has made. We are dealing with Head 3 - Legislature, and the note says that it became necessary in the financial year to replace six microphones in the House of Assembly Chamber, These microphones were not budgeted for when the Estimates for amplifying Equipment were prepared. As a result the provision under this Item has proved inadequate. The sum of \$140 now requested is to enable commitments and normal charges under this Item to be met for the remainder of the current financial year.

First of all, if we are dealing with the Head Legislature, with the greatest respect to your ruling, I am bound to bow, but on the other hand if we are dealing with a Money Resolution, I must say that ever since I have been in this House it has been accepted, and not only accepted, but I have been so guided by Parliamentarians who have been so trained in this respect, that as long as you are dealing with a Money Resolution.... 12,35 p.m.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. The hon. member should not do that, I submit that what he is doing now is challenging Your Honour's Ruling

Mr. MOTTLEY:

I object most strongly to that, Mr. Chairman, you cannot allow him to rise on a point of order like that. How has he risen on a point of order? I never said one word which he said; so how can it be a point

of order?

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

I rise on a point of order.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

The Hon. Leader of the House has risen on a point of order. What the Hon. Leader of the Opposition is doing is in a way challenging the Chair's ruling.

Mr. MOTTLEY; What have I said? Have I said anything like what the hon. member has said?

Mr. WALCOTT:

(sotto voce) You are wrong; sit down,

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

I made a ruling that the hon. junior member for St. Joseph was out of order; therefore, it is a challenge to the Chair by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition,

Mr. MOTTLEY:

I am not challenging the Chair,

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

The hon. member can speak on the Resolution, but not on the ruling which I have made,

Mr. MOTTLEY:

I am not challenging your ruling. It seems to be accepted by Parliament that this is so, I am bound to accept your Honour's ruling. However, I am surprised to see the Hon. Leader of the House getting up to object. The hon. member seems to have ruled one way, and all I am saying is that if you have rules, I accept your ruling,

I am speaking on the question of \$140 to be voted for amplification; therefore, I am surprised to see the Hon. Leader getting up on a point of order and of not allowing me to say what I am saying. All that I am saying is if the Town Planner raised this question, it seems as if this question has been raised several times. What the hon. member said relative to me in this House about this question, it seems that it is about time that we get proper amplification in this House, Those who have been in other Chambers of Parliament have seen a better type than what we have here. We should have the type of amplification that could be placed in a neat and dignified way: something a lot better than what we have.

Sir, while we are agreeing to voting this \$140, I would like to counsel the hon. senior member for St. Peter, if he would agree with me, that in the future we should get the type of equipment which he has seen in other countries. I think it would give a better service and instead of having

this type of amplification, you should have the one which you can really be proud of.

As to the raising of the question just now about the salaries to the Clerks of this House, if, Sir, you have ruled that out of Order, a member must learn that he must bow to the Chair. I myself would like to

raise the question about the salaries to the Clerks which we discussed already in this House, but as you have rules, this is not the proper time to do so; but I do hope that the time will not be in the far distant future. I will never challenge your ruling. Far from that, I respect your ruling; but I do hope that some time in the near future something will come up which would allow us to raise the question. I am absolutely certain that you yourself would like to know that the people concerned are speedily dealt with and that there will be something arising in the very near future under which this question can be raised so that the salaries which we have recommended during the period would be granted. We do hope that something will come in a very short time and that the Clerks of the House would have the increase of salaries which we decided upon,

(Mr. WALCOTT:

The hon. member is wasting time He has said that about three times.)

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Chairman, I am addressing the Chair. I would like to know whom you would say of hon. members in here waste more time. I know that you will agree with me that of all hon. members, the hon. senior member for St. Peter would have to take first place. I challenge you that he is going to get up and say something now

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, before you put the question, I really want to contest the statement made by the hon. senior member for St. Peter that the Government has accepted the low standards in this Chamber. I agree with him that the place is kept filthy, and only last week I raised that matter with the Clerk of the House and protested against the manner in which the Chamber is kept. The fact that this Chamber is kept like that does not necessarily mean that the Government has accepted the standards, We are doing our best to ensure that the conditions of the Chamber and the accessories available are maintained in better condition.

While I am on the question, I would say that the amplification equipment is not what it should be; yet from the public purse we cannot always expect to be voting money just in order to give ourselves satisfaction. The equipment in this Chamber costs money; but although it should be thrown out long ago, the position is that the Government wants at least to get some service from It approximating what it costs. You cannot say because it is giving trouble that it should be thrown away. You have to allow a reasonable time for it to give service. As soon as we have got our money\'s worth, then we should replace it.

Mr. Chairman, I do not like the hon. senior member for St. Peter or any other member for that matter to run away with the idea that because the position is unsatisfactory, the Government has accepted it. Far from it.

The question that Head 3 stand part was put an resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 18 - POLICE Head 18 - Police - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Head 18 stand part,

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:

I beg to second that

Mr. YEARWOOD:

Mr. Chairman, under Head 18, Item 48 - Motor Transport - there is a vote of \$8,000, I have experienced during my time that at District "C" or District "B" there happen to have no vehicles of motor trans

port, and on some occasions when the Police are being called to an urgent matter they find that the vehicles are without gasoline. 12,45 p.m.

I would really like to see that an adequate supply of gasoline is kept at these stations so that whenever a matter of urgency has to be attended to by the police, they will be able to attend to their duties promptly.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Chairman, what I do not understand is this In the preparation of the Estimates in connection with motor transport, the sum of money voted was \$37,300. The note says this, "The provision under this item is the same as was voted three years ago. Since then the cost of spare parts has increased considerably and there has also been an increase in the price of gasoline. Supplementary provision of this amount is accordingly necessary."

Quite frankly, Sir, I will say that when we dealt with the last Estimates, the cost of gasoline had already been increased, and therefore there must have been some error in the preparation of the Estimates To say now that there has been an increase in the price of gasoline is to admit that an error has been made. I am not quibbling over the \$8,000 which is being asked for as a supplementary provision in relation to this Item - Motor Transport - because the provision for motor transport should be adequate. As the hon. member who has just sat down has said, we want to be more careful in this matter. It is not only that the Police are called out to do the actual job of the Police, but it may be a question of going to the Institutions,

Mr. SMITH; Mr. Chairman, the note says that the provision under this Item is the same as was voted three years ago and since then the cost of spare parts has increased considerably, I believe that the explanation which has been given here is wrong on the whole. To my knowledge, no spare parts have been increased in price during the last year, so that something is wrong with this explanation here,

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, I do not know exactly what the hon. member means by saying that within the last year the cost of spare parts has not been increased,

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

Would the hon. junior member for St. Joseph like to elucidate on the question of the increase in the cost of spare parts within the last year or two?

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, if the hon. member wants to contradict the statement which has been made in the Addendum to the Resolution, then he must substantiate his contention. All it means is that the bills which have been received by the Government for these spare parts have been higher than they were for similar items obtained previously I cannot see that any hon. member could contest that statement unless he himself has supplied the spare parts, sent the bills and knows that the prices were the same as before. I am surprised to hear the allegation by the hon. junior member for St. John that sufficient gasoline was not available at that Police Station in order to make that vehicle mobile when they received marching orders, I am very surprised to hear that, and I will certainly ask the appropriate Minister to draw the matter to the attention of the proper Department. With regard to the price of spare parts, what the statement in the Addendum to the Resolution means is that the bills sent in for these spare parts are for more money than was provided previously. The hon. junior member for St. Joseph, from his knowledge, said that there has not been any increase in the price of these spare parts, but he certainly cannot tell us that that is not so when the bills say so.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, it would seem to me that the Hon. Leader of the House wants to believe what he has read and he does not want to believe what he has heard. I have just said that for the last year there has not been any increase in the cost of spare parts for motor vehicles. However, if the particular Department cares to deal with where they care to deal and they want a name, well then they must pay for a name.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Chairman, I do not know anything about spare parts, but I have seen correspondence where it says the estimates are not realistic. The Hon. Leader of the House does not seem to have answered my question, These Estimates were prepared for 1964-65; the cost of gasoline went up in 1963 and therefore I say, in the words of the Government's own member, that the Estimates were not realistic. You may say that you have used more gasoline than before but if the price of gasoline went up in the year before that in which you prepared your Estimates, then some officer might have taken into account that while they were using say 100 gallons of gasoline per month, they are now using more and therefore the cost of the gasoline would be more.

What I have asked needs an answer. I know that the cost of spare parts has gone up. I speak for myself and I know that an item which was at one price today has gone up to a higher price; but when it comes to the question of the price of gasoline, that price went up since 1963. 12.55 p.m.

The Government increased the price in gasoline, and therefore in preparing the 1964 Estimates, it should have been obvious that you should have made an increase in your gas bill. That is what I wanted the hon. member to answer, but like a good Parliamentarian, he saw where the difficulty was and decided to side step that. Somebody is not being at pains to put before the Minister in charge the correct figures which are really necessary.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, the Note is quite explanatory. The comparison in actual fact is between not last year and this year, but between this year and three years previously. The price of gasoline was increased in 1963. Apparently, Sir, they used 3,000 gallons a month. It is five cents a gallon more, and the total increase per year is \$1,800. Apparently, no provision was made for it.

In connection with spare parts, the amount was \$1,000 a month in 1961, and in 1964 they put back the same \$1,000 a month. Between 1961 and now the cost of spare parts went up 51%. The hon. junior member for St. Joseph said that the cost of spare parts went up this year. Well, the limitation in point of time placed by the hon. junior member for St. Joseph is his own doing. We are talking about a period and not a year, and our contention is that over three years the cost of spare parts has increased by 51% according to the bills we get, making the bill for spare parts something like \$6,000 more than we paid three years ago, and we are spending \$1,800 a year more in gasoline now than we spent three years ago. The amount estimated in the Budget was precisely the same as in 1962; so therefore we have to have an additional increase in view of the fact that the cost of gasoline and spare parts has gone up,

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Chairman, I am not waiting time, but I am satisfied that the hon. member has given me the answer. The note is wrong and should not have said anything about an increase in the cost of gasoline. I raised these questions because in my own position in another sphere, when we have to ask for an increase, we have to show every detail, and I am glad that the hon. member has said that spare parts went up by 51%. I am satisfied with that explanation, but there was an omission to put in the extra \$1,800 for the gasoline, and the clerks making these notes must be more careful.

The question that Head 18 - Police - stand part, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division,

Head 22 - Premier - Cabinet and General - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Head 22 stand part.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

I beg to second that.

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

Head 30 - Water works -was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Head 30 stand part,

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

I beg to second that.

Mr. CORBIN:

Mr. Chairman, speaking on Item 41, I see that this Item is for delivery of water by lorry. I must say that in the parish of St. Andrew in the districts of St. Simons, White Hill and Hillaby, for the last three years there was no water day or night, and a lorry occasionally carried water to these districts, but it creates a burden on these poor people who live in the area. It hurts me, Mr. Chairman, as one of the representatives of the parish of St. Andrew, to see these people walking a mile and a half and sometimes

two miles for water because of this hardship. I remember that during the last election the former Superintendent of the Waterworks, Mr. Hope, told the people that if they elected him, he would give them water in those districts, He was Superintendent looking after the water mains, and promised the people water if they elected him when he retired,

I have on many occasions been to the Waterworks Department and consulted the Manager and the engineers concerning this hardship which existed among the people in these districts. They have to pay taxes like others, and I think that a proper investigation should be made in order that these people can benefit from the water service. I have made appeals from time to time, and it is high time that some consideration should be given these people. When the lorries are sent out with water, instead of taking it to these particular districts, they carry it wherever they like, and one or two tanks of water cannot suffice these people, because water is most essential.

I hope that this Government will consider this matter and ask the Waterworks Department to make an investigation into the matter so that people can be relieved of their suffering, I am not voting against the Resolution, but I am glad that it came down to give me an opportunity to speak on this matter, I trust that in future some consideration will be given to these people in these districts,

Mr. SEALEY:

Mr. Chairman, speaking under this Head, you will remember that some time I called on the appropriate Minister to assist the people who lived in the Cleve- dale Housing Area, Water mains were laid in that area for more than two years, and up to now no connections have been made. People in that area have gone to the expense of running pipes in their houses, but up to now they have not got any water. There are also people in Carrington Village whose houses are heavily taxed who have been awaiting water for the longest time, because they are willing to have water in their homes; and the same applies to people in Martindales Road. 1,05 p.m.

I feel it is time that you should give some consideration to these poor people who have been suffering for a long time for water service.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD; Mr. Chairman, the hon. senior member for St. Andrew referred to this question of supplying water by motor lorries. If there is a shortage of water in a particular district, especially during crop time when the factories utilise a varied supply, and the matter is drawn to the attention of the hon. senior member for St. Andrew, or any other hon. member for that matter, I am sure that the Head of the Waterworks Department would give almost immediate attention to his request to send a lorry up there. The Department Head may not be aware that there is a low supply of water or perhaps no water at all there.

Sir, I know about this matter because in 1946 although we had no Ministerial system then, I raised this question and it was on my suggestion that we had lorries fitted out with tanks to take water to the areas where there was a temporary water shortage; I actually arranged then that these water lorries should be fitted with tanks to serve in the Christ Church, St. Philip and St. Andrew areas which normally in crop time had a low water supply. The situation now is not as bad as it was then, but I am suggesting

to the hon. senior member for St. Andrew that if at any time there is a water shortage in a particular district to notify the Department Head and immediately he will accede to his request,

Mr. CORBIN:

Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. What I would like the Hon. Minister to realise is that I was not only stressing the low water supply in the crop season, but also in the out of crop season there is a low water supply.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

I said, especially in the crop season water is usually in short supply. What I was saying is that we have to be continuously- increasing mains and providing bigger mains as well as additional sources of water in order to cope with the water supply, but I suggest to hon. members that if at any time it is reported to them that there is a temporary shortage of water or a low supply the Government would welcome information as regards this. All that the hon. member has to do is to inform the Waterworks Department that there is no water in Belleplaine or Clevedale or Braggs Hill and he will be sent a motor lorry. The failure of the motor lorry to turn up is because no report has been made to the Department concerned. The lorries are there for that purpose, and the Government is only too glad for hon. members to notify them about the shortage of water anywhere.

As regards the contention by the hon. senior member for St. Michael, he knows that the Government is doing its best in that matter. The expenditure on Waterworks in this session is far in excess of any amount spent on it in a similar period, and the number of installations in homes also far exceeds anything attempted previously by any Government.

The hon. member knows that when we came into power there was a backlog of about 1,800 applications which were not attended to. We have made about 2,900 installations. I am sure that both hon. members and the public know that in so far as providing more water for the people of this country, the Government stands second to none.

The question that Head 30 stand part was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that this Resolution for \$155,407 do now pass.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

I beg to second that.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE 1964-65 No. 60 MECHANICAL CULTIVATION

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

Mr. Chairman, this is a Resolution for the sum of \$29,507 for the purpose as set out in the Addendum for purchasing equipment for the Government Mechanical Cultivation Scheme for small holders and to meet the cost of carrying out repairs in certain of the existing equipment.

This mechanical cultivation scheme came into operation when the present tractor scheme started in

March, 1960, when the prior scheme which was started in 1954 was discontinued. This scheme is for the purpose of helping small farmers in the cultivation of their land or for diversification purpose. This scheme is not altogether self-supporting. Hon. members will realise that although it is not self supporting, this Government has a policy for diversification and aid. We are supposed to give all the assistance we possibly can in this direction. With the reclamation of land in the Scotland District and the inducement to cultivate all grass lands, we have to give all the assistance we can to small farmers. We have decided to purchase a tractor so as to enable the scheme to cover additional land in the Scotland District. The service has been expanded to include the Scotland District and diversification and mainly to help in the cultivation of grasslands. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:

I beg to second that.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

I think hon. members of my Party will agree that this Resolution is an excellent one. 1.15 p.m.

Here again, one must be in a position to be able to explain to one's constituents the true state of affairs. I myself have found fault with the Addendum to this Resolution, The Addendum says this:

"This Resolution seeks to provide the sum of \$29,507 for the purpose of purchasing new equipment for the Government Mechanical Cultivation scheme for small holders and to meet the cost of carrying out repairs to certain of the existing equipment,"

As a matter of fact, no hon. member would allow this money to be passed for the purchase of this new equipment without knowing what this equipment is. I am quite sure that the hon. member must have the details there. I do not think that the hon. member belongs to that type of person who would withhold anything from this Honourable Chamber, The hon. member would not withhold from this House the real reasons for which this money is to be voted and the sort of equipment which is to be purchased. New equipment might mean anything from blades onwards, Would the hon. member therefore enlighten us as to what this equipment is? Otherwise we are in entire agreement with the Resolution which is for the purpose of helping small agricultural holders in carrying out this scheme of cultivation, Mr, Chairman, this is a question of \$29,000 odd. Is the equipment a tractor or what? I believe that some hon. members have seen the small peasant holders with their little ploughs which are worked by gasoline and so on. Is this machinery one of these ploughs or what? I am sure that, in a matter of this sort, if the hon. member does not have the information immediately he will promise as has been done before, that he will get it for the benefit of hon. members,

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

Mr. Chairman, for the information of hon. members, this \$29,000 is made up as follows-

Three wheel tractors\$15,000.00

One land rover, token vote1.00

Three bar-point ploughs1,650.00

Contingencies1,664.99

Commitments19,746.57

Less cash in hand 3,855.56

Less trade-in value

of tractor4,7000.00

Leaving a total of\$29,507.00

Mr. CORBIN:

Mr. Chairman, I am glad to see that a Resolution of this sort has been brought before this House today. I think that this Resolution will serve a very useful purpose. In the parish of St. Andrew there are more pea-sant proprietors than in any other part of this island of Barbados, who cultivate land for the planting of canes. When the crop is finished the land has to be gone over. You will find that in the Scotland area the land is very deep, and even a tractor will skid over these. A plough cannot go down to the depths of the earth. The land would be ploughed much better with the use of a caterpillar, and by that means the expense will remain in the parish of St. Andrew. With the use of this machinery people will be able to cultivate more land and more crops will be planted, I therefore congratulate the Hon. Misnister in bringing before this House a Resolution of this nature

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

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:

I beg to second that.

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

The CHAIRMAN reported and Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On motions of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON in each case, the Resolutions passed in Committee were read a first and second time and agreed to.

ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) BILL

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD; Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that Order No. 10 be taken as the next Order of the Day.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:

I beg to second that.

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

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. Minister of Communications and Works- To move the second reading of a Bill to amend the Electricity Act, 1936,

Mr. BOXILL:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am asking leave to take charge of this Bill in the absence of the Hon. Minister of Communications and Works.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The hon. member is asking leave to take charge of this Order which stands in the name of the Hon. Minister of Communications and Works, and if there is no objection, leave will be granted, (After a pause) There being no objection, leave is granted. The hon. member may proceed, 1.25 p.m.

Mr. BOXILL:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, this Bill, I would say, is noncontroversial. The Bill seeks to amend the Electricity Act, 1936, 1936-2, in order to provide for -

(a) the repeal of the definition of \"Inspector\" and the construction of references to the Inspectors as references to the Electrical Engineer:

(b)

(c) uniform use of the expression \"electrical installation\" instead of the prevailing use of the expressions \"electric installation\" and \"electrical installation \"; and the use of the expression \"electrical fittings and apparatus\" instead of the expression \"electric fittings and apparatus\"; and

(d)

(e) replacement of the Schedule of fees by a new Schedule,

(f)

The Objects and Reasons have been clearly set out for hon. members who, I am sure, have read them, and there is no need for me to elaborate on them.

I therefore beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time,

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

On the motion of Mr. BOXILL, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went in to Committee, Mr. BATSON in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 6 inclusive were called and passed.

On the motion of Mr. BOXILL, seconded by Hon. G. C. FERCUSSON, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee, and Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motions of Mr. BOXILL, seconded in each case by Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE BARBADOS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, 1965

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that Order No. 11 be the next order of the day.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:

I beg to second that.

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

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, there are a few amendments to this Bill which I should like to draw to the attention of the House when the time comes.

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

Mr. Speaker, this Bill provided for the establishment of a body to be called \"The Barbados Agricultural Development Corporation, the functions of which would be -

(a) to stimulate, facilitate and undertake the development of agriculture in the Island and to carry out, operate and participate in such agricultural projects as the Cabinet may approve; and

(b)

(c) to develop and manage, on a commercial basis, such plantations and other agricultural land as may from time to time be vested in it along the

(d)

lines of the Government's agricultural policy and so as to stimulate and encourage the private sector.

I beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time. Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: I beg to second that.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Minister rightly said this Bill has been in our hands for a week. It was introduced on 23rd February. It is not a small Bill though it is not over voluminous, and I think that the Hon. Minister and the Government would be gracious enough to grant us a postponement until the next

meeting when we would have had time enough to be able to go through it more thoroughly. As you will notice the Hon. Minister only referred to paragraphs (a) and (b), but he has not gone through the entire Bill. Without scanning the Bill, we observed that it provides for the establishment of a Development Corporation to stimulate, facilitate and undertake the development of agriculture, and to develop and manage on a commercial basis such plantations and other agricultural land along the lines of the Government's agricultural policy, so as to stimulate and encourage the private sector, and for matters incidental thereto and connected therewith.

I have no reason to offer objections to the second reading of the Bill, and while my Party would agree to the question of policy and the second reading of the Bill, I should like to ask that the Bill instead of going to Committee, be postponed after the Second Reading. 1.35 p.m.

As I have said, Sir, it is just only the 23rd February, last, which is just a week ago that this Bill was given notice of and if you would take it and look at it, it has ten pages, I do not want you to accuse hon. members of not doing their homework but, as a matter of fact, you will agree with me that we are not all experts on agriculture, and therefore we feel, while the Ministry would have at their fingertips the advice of the Agricultural Officers and those experienced agriculturalists on the actual drafting, we are asking you to give us the opportunity of having consultation on this Bill. Sugar is the backbone of the economy of this colony; and while we are not offering opposition to the Bill, we feel because it was given notice of on the 23rd February and because we want a little consultation on it that the Government should not proceed with it in all its stages today. I am sure the Government would not want to rush through a Bill like this without giving us the opportunity to have a little consultation.

Sir, you will agree with me when I say that we only had this Bill in our hands on Saturday evening, and I know the Government would not want to deny us the opportunity of making our contribution towards it. In view of not having consultations with the agriculturalists and experts on this matter, I am now begging that this Bill be postponed for further consideration. I am making it quite clear that we are not offering opposition to the second reading of the Bill, but on the face of it, it seems that we must have some consultation.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that further consideration of the Bill be now postponed. I have made my appeal to the Government on what I consider to be reasonable, fair and sound grounds. It is not a Bill on which we are experienced; we would like to have a little consultation.

Mr. GODDARD:

I beg to second that.

Mr. WALCOTT:

So far as the size of this Bill is concerned, it is not so much the length of it; it is a matter on which you either agree in principle or you do not. This Bill is not any different from the other structures which you have dealing with similar development matters. This is a matter of how you would say that it should be managed and how it should be controlled and what should take place.

My only objection to this Bill is that it does not broadly say what is Government's policy as regards this Agricultural Development Corporation, Do you intend to give this Corporation certain independent powers? How are you going to finance this Corporation? How are you going to appoint members and so

forth?

What I would say and I would give you an example is this: I have been in the Scotland District, and I believe the Government has made a fundamental error when they bought over the Scotland area. I had to deal with the giving of severance pay to people when the people who own certain estates in that district went out of operation.

This is the question which I want to make. What is Government's policy in this matter? What policy are you going to carry out in this matter? Do you intend to run it like the present plantation system or do you intend to have a more co-operative system where the workers will have a better participation in the economy of the country than the plantation system in which they are just working for wages?

The other thing which I do not like in the Bill is this: Why should a member of the House of Assembly not be able to be a member of the Corporation? The Senate is just as political as the House of Assembly and, therefore, I do not subscribe to the view that members of the Senate can be members of something and members of the House of Assembly cannot be? Let it rule out everybody. I want to know why I should be left out. I am General Secretary of the Barbados Workers' Trade Union and Mr. Robinson is a member of the Other Place. I am not eligible; yet he may be eligible. This is a question of its affecting members of the House of Assembly. I have brought along books on political science, and they do not come down one way or the other on members. I do not see any reason why a line of demarcation should be drawn on a member of the House when he is not an executive, and he is only sitting down in the House sometimes; therefore there is no conflict of interest. The whole trouble is that where there is no Cabinet system every member of the House will come in and work as he pleases. If you are going to wipe out one side of the Legislature, you should wipe out right through and through.

I think that you should say what are the conflicts. The reason why I say that is that I do not think membership of the House of Assembly is a disqualification for serving the community other than in the House. Other than that, I have no objection to the Bill. I have read it and it is giving similar opportunities to the formation of this Corporation as you have given to the other Corporation for development which you have implemented. 1.45 p.m.

What I would like to know is the Government's policy with regard to its agricultural development—That is what should be enunciated by the Hon. Minister in his introduction of this Bill. If you put up a proposition, you should know what is your policy towards agricultural development. The Government has agreed to the setting of a tripartite Committee dealing with certain things in the sugar industry. I do not know to what extent that tripartite Committee will go in regularising the position, and if that is so, this does not give any particular worry unless the Government is prepared to modify it in the light of what we have seen, I have no objection to the setting up of an Agricultural Development Corporation, I think that this is a sound policy for this island. We have to face different projects of agricultural development. In my own mind, I have what I consider to be a good sound, agricultural policy, but I am not the Government. The Government should say what they propose to do.

As I said repeatedly, the plantation system, as at present organised, is not conducive to the maximum result for the people who are in the sugar industry. The only thing I regret is that we do not have some of that money which we had in 1963, but the workers themselves should be active participants in this agricultural development, that is to say, that the workers themselves should put in some money. If we do

not encourage the workers to put money in what can be regarded as absolutely basic economic undertakings, then our talking about improving the standard of life of the workers when we are on political platforms, will merely be empty terms, because the workers will not be involved in the development which is about to take place. I hope that this Agricultural Development Corporation will be broad enough in its scope, and that the Government's policy will be broad enough to make the workers feel that this is a new undertaking and they can enter in it. We want to get people on the Boards; we want to encourage them and draw to people's attention that they are now involved in something in which they are not only wage earners but also participants, so that you will be able to get the maximum efforts from the workers. If we do not have an entirely different approach in this matter, then we will have the same approach where private industry takes out so much for profit and we have no surplus with which to cushion things. We want to have people motivated with the idea that this is something which is worthwhile doing. I feel that a Board like this - well, in any case I hope the Government will retain its policy with workers who, through their representatives, must find a place in all of these new endeavours because the workers will be in the majority of people who will make these things a success, I have no objection to this Bill, but, as I say, there should be a full pronouncement of the Government's policy as to the inclusion of members of the House as distinct from members of the Senate,

The question that further consideration of this Bill be postponed was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

QUESTION TIME

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

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

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:

I beg to second that,

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

Mr. SPEAKER:

It is now Question Time. I have been instructed that the Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 22/1964, standing in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Michael, is now ready.

TENANTS AT BURKE'S TENANTRY GIVEN NOTICES TO QUIT

Mr. SEALEY:

Mr. Speaker, To enquire of the Appropriate Minister-

I, Is Government aware that the respective tenants of the lands known as Burke's Tenantry situate at Burke's

Road, Brittons Hill, St. Michael, (who are unable to purchase the lot occupied by each such tenant), have been given notice to quit and deliver up possession of the lots occupied by each such tenant?

2. Is Government also aware that the majority of the said tenants are unable to find suitable sites to which to remove their respective houses?

3.

4. Will Government consider purchasing the said area of land with a view to:

5.

(a) selling same in lots to the said respective tenants thereof on reasonable terms, and/or

(b)

(c) letting the same in lots to the said respective tenants.

(d)

Hon. E. W. BARROW:

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

The Government has under consideration the land tenure system as a whole in the Island and proposals in relation to the problems of tenancies will shortly be presented to the Legislature.

INSTALLATION OF TELEVISION SETS AT SOCIAL CENTRES

Mr. SPEAKER:

Question No. 29 standing in the name of the hon. junior member for St. John,

Mr. YEARWOOD:

Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the Appropriate Minister-

Will Government explore the possibility of installing television sets at the various Social Centres in the Island for the benefit of the general public? 1.45 p.m.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:

Mr. Speaker, the Reply is as follows

"Yes, Sir. Arrangements have already been made for the installation of television in community centres."

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Speaker, we still have some more minutes. The hon. senior member for St, Michael intimated that he wanted to deal with a Bill standing in his name, and in order to facilitate that, I beg to move that Private Members' Business be now taken,

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

I beg to second that.

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

Mr. SPEAKER:

The first Order of the Day under Private Members' Business stands in the name of the hon, junior member for Christ Church,

Mr. GODDARD:

Mr. Speaker, I am not quite ready to deal with Order No. 1, but I am ready with Order No. 3,

I beg to move that Order No. 3 under Private Members' Business be the first Order of the Day.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

I second that.

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

THE ST. LAWRENCE HOTEL CO. LIMITED (CONSTRUCTION OF GROUYNE) ACT. 1964,

Mr. GODDARD:

Mr. Speaker, this Bill seeks to authorise the St. Lawrence Hotel Company Ltd. to construct a groyne with or without seawalls so as to improve the bathing facilities for the residents of that hotel. This amenity when developed would increase tremendously the potential of the

industry for which we are all wishing. It has all the safeguards necessary that Government should want, and if at any time it should prove a hazard or against the policy of the Government, it has the right to call on the owners to remove the groyne, I do not foresee that at all; and these Bill would be coming to the House from time to time for the development of bathing facilities throughout the Island,

I beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time. Mr. MOTTLEY: I beg to second that,

Mr. LOWE:

Mr. Speaker, I quite agree in certain respects to erecting groynes in the island to facilitate bathing and to build up the industry, but I am looking forward to what would happen if we allow these groynes to be erected to facilitate only a certain type of people to bathe. Now you must realise that in Barbados from the moment these groynes are set up, it becomes prohibitive property, and I would like it to be stated here now that regardless of whether or not one of these groynes is set up, the general bathing public will not be debarred,

I remember some years ago when the Aquatic Club first came about and you went to take a bathe and swam as far as the Aquatic Club, if you decided to rest your hands on the Club pillars, you received a blow across them and you had to leave. I would therefore like to hear that the bathing public would not be disallowed from having the freedom of bathing on the beaches of Barbados. As much as I would like the tourist industry to go to its highest peak, I would never for one moment condescend to vote to erect a groyne which would create segregation for the people of Barbados.

It is my intention, Mr. Speaker, to support the erection of this groyne in this instance, but I should like either the Government or the Mover of this Bill to include some Clause whereby every inhabitant of this island will have free access to the same bathing facilities as before the groyne was erected,

Mr. CORBIN:

Mr. Speaker, in connection with the groynes which are being erected on the seashores around this island, I think it is time that this Government should look into the matter very carefully. As far as I can see, all the beauty spots around this island are being taken up by foreigners, and soon and very soon there will be nowhere for the inhabitants of Barbados to go and bathe or have free access, I am asking the Government to appoint a Committee to go around and investigate the matter, and see where beauty spots can be purchased for the inhabitants of Barbados which would protect our people. There is the practice of segregation on the western coast of this island. People come from abroad and are buying the best beaches for themselves, and they do not like to see a coloured man walk on the beach. Some time ago a fisherman was walking on the beach and there was a dog belonging to a foreigner which was threatening the man. He had to run into the sea while the man sat in his chair watching. Another fisherman passed by and tried to defend himself by throwing a stone, and the man got up to protect his dog. It seems to me that some people like their dogs more than humans, but that cannot take place in Barbados as long as we live. 2.05 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, I draw this illustration to the Government today. There was some time ago in an eastern country an Arab who lived in a tent when he travelled. One night his camel asked him to allow it to put his head inside the tent as the night was cold and the Arab allowed it. Later, the camel asked him to allow it to put in his body and he allowed it. The camel took up all the space in the tent and the Arab was forced to go outside in the dew until morning came.

If we allow these people to purchase all our beauty spots, where would we go?

I trust that this Government take strong action and provide some beauty spots for the inhabitants of Barbados. I am not criticising this Bill but I am only giving an explanation and a warning to this Government because I have a fore glance of the future. I am sure if we do not take ac-

tion at this time, we would not be able to take action in the future,

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Speaker, -

Mr. SPEAKER:

When the hon. member seconded the motion, he did not give any intimation that he would speak on this motion. The record bears out my statement that the matter was seconded by the Hon. Leader of the

Opposition.

Hon. E. W. BARROW:

What hon. member have spoken about is access to beaches, but this Bill deals with the protection of beaches rather than the protection of access to beaches of this Island. They are two separate and distinct things, and I do not like to be reported in this debate the matter to which all hon. members who were interested had the opportunity to give discussion to their feelings as regards their acceptance and their prejudices just a few weeks ago,

As far as the position which Government is concerned in this matter, we support the construction of groynes all over the Island wherever the protection of beaches would call for them. The Government was engaged in the construction of three groynes at Needham's Point, and these groynes have done a considerable amount of good and a considerable amount will accrue to the beaches of the Island by the construction of groynes where necessary. The groynes which the Government has erected are for the protection of the beach which is part of the Hilton site. That still remains the Government site.

Where the Government permits the construction of a groyne, there may have been no beach at all; but Government still reserves for the public all of the land above high water mark. There has been a groyne constructed in the St. Lawrence district, and a considerable area of sand has been deposited as a result of this groyne not far from this site on which it is proposed to construct a groyne in this Resolution.

The hon. senior member for St. Andrew said that the Government should go into the matter carefully. There is no aspect of the economy of the Island which the Government has not examined in the greatest detail. The Government has given consideration to a new Development Plan which is soon to be placed before the House. At the same time, we have carried out a comprehensive survey of the coastline, and Mr. Makepeace Wood who was responsible for constructing part of Montego Bay in Jamaica and who has considerable knowledge in this matter and who is considered to be one of the greatest experts in that Island on the construction of groynes although he has attained the customary Biblical quotation of three score years and ten visited this Island and this is what he said about St. Lawrence:-

"The shore front east of St. Lawrence, for a considerable percentage of its length, is composed of limestone rock which is slowly, but steadily being eroded by the sea. In places the wearing away is such that the rock is in the form of great over-hanging projections that become so undermined that huge masses break off and fall into the sea, thus making way for further erosion,

I believe the careful examination just completed warrants the assertion that there is no sizable frontage along this entire south-west coast that is not subject to beach creation at moderate cost. There would be some difficulty of approach with materials and machinery in places where the height of the cliff is, say, 20 feet or more or where houses interfere, but in the major part of the cases there is no serious problem in performance of construction of beach creative groynes".

Specifically, the Acting Director of Highways and Transport, under whose guidance the groynes are erected and constructed commented as follows:-

"The proposal that Mr. Morgan is making for St. Lawrence Hotel I would say is excellent, and though Government will not gain directly from any increase of land unless the law is rapidly changed, I would

say that the amenity value would undoubtedly be of great benefit, and I can see no reason why Mr. Morgan should not go ahead, as the adjacent properties are already on outcropping rock, and there is no danger in my opinion that his works will cause any aggravation to anyone else. The details shown in the accompany-

ing sketches show a rather flimsy anchorage into the rock bed. I pointed this out to him explaining that a far stronger anchorage will have to be erected, but this is only a detail and does not invalidate the scheme at all\".

Therefore, what the Government has to consider on this matter is whether the beachline has been eroded, and, secondly, if the construction of such a sea defence would cause damage to anybody else's property. We have gone into this matter carefully and are satisfied that in this case there is no such danger and more valuable property would be saved and not only the residents but the public as well would gain.

In conclusion, I should make it clear according to the Act there is a savings clause to the Bill and in any legislation like this, the Legislature quite invariably makes provision for the rights of the general public. Even if they were not inserted in the Bill, the Interpretation Act of 1949 makes sure of this. Therefore whether a groyne is erected or not, no person can attempt or succeed in affecting the rights of free access to beaches from the public. Even if by such action additional land is gained, the further the land goes, the better it would be for Barbados, 2.15 p.m.

Mr. GODDARD:

Mr. Speaker, all of what I was going to say has already been covered by the Hon. Premier, so that there is nothing that could come out of the erection of this groyne. What I have just said has been proved by the establishment of other groynes in that area. If some people come here to this Island and they think that they can do anything which is detrimental to the people here, they are only fooling themselves, I think that we have got on very well up to now where the beaches are concerned. Everyone is aware of what his rights are and there is no reason why the erection of this groyne should not be undertaken. We will have people coming to this island, but every Barbadian knows what his rights are as regards the beaches and Barbadians will continue to exercise those rights. Matters will have to be put right from time to time, but there is no reason for putting things out of their context and thereby trying to scare people away from this island, I am confident that, in this case, the establishment of this groyne will meet with the approval of everyone.

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

Mr. GODDARD:

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this Bill be now referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

I beg to second that,

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

Mr. SPEAKER:

In accordance with the passing of that motion, I am asking the following hon. members to serve on that Committee -

The hon. junior member for Christ Church (Mr. Goddard); the hon. junior member for the City (Mr. Lynch); the hon. junior member for St. Thomas (Mr. Boxill); the hon. senior member for Christ Church (Mr. Talma) and the hon. senior member for St. George (Mr. Lowe).

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this sitting be now suspended until 3 p.m. of the clock.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:

I beg to second that.

The question that this sitting be now suspended until 3 P.m. of the clock was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER suspended the sitting accordingly.

On re-assembling.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

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

On the bell being rung, a quorum was obtained. ST. STEPHEN'S (VICAR'S RESIDENCE) BILL

Mr. SEALEY:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that Order No. 2 under Private Members' Business be taken as the next Order of the Day.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The hon. member is asking leave to take Order No. 2 standing in his name under Private Members' Business as the next Order of the Day, and unless there be any objection, leave will be granted. (After a Pause}. There being no objection, leave is granted.

The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Michael:- To move the third reading of a Bill to authorise the Lord Bishop et al to sell land at St. Stephen's, St. Michael. On the last occasion when this Bill was being considered, it was referred to a Select Committee. The hon. member may proceed;

Mr. SEALEY; Mr. Speaker, the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider and report on this Bill is as follows:-

1, The Committee met on one occasion,

2.The Committee recommend the passing of the Bill with the following amendments:-

(a)Clause 4

Delete the word \"is\" where it appears in the second line of the Clause and substitute therefor the word \"are\",

Delete the words \"in any of the modes of the investment for the time being authorised by the laws of Barbados for the investment of trust funds and to apply the income thereof\" where they appear in the said Clause.

(b)Delete Clause 6 and substitute the following there- for:-

\"6, Nothing in this Act declared or expressed shall affect the rights of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, or any persons, bodies politic or corporate except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from or under them.\"

I beg to move that the Report of the Select Committee be adopted.

Mr. LOWE:

I beg to second that.

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

Mr. SEALEY:

I beg to move that this Bill as amended be now read a third time.

Mr. LOWE:

I beg to second that,

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

On the motions of Mr. SEALEY seconded by Mr. LOWE, the Bill as amended was passed. 3,05 p.m.

HOUSE REVERTS TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD; Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that Government Business be now reverted to.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDSs I beg to second that.

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

THE PETROLEUM (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1965

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that Order No, 5 be the next Order of the Day.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS:

I beg to second that,

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

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, this Order and the subsequent Orders Nos, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are all more or less consequential on the decision of the Government to enter into agreement with the Barbados Union Oil Company Limited for the refining locally of the greater part of the petroleum products used in the island. This Bill and the others to which I have just referred are in order to implement the agreement between the Company and the Government,

I think, Sir, that events which have transpired subsequent to the sanction by the Legislature of this Agreement have demonstrated how advantageous and sensible it was for the Government to have undertaken this Agreement. As a matter of fact, even those who opposed it at the time when it was made, would have been, I am sure, now be among the foremost critics of the Government if we had failed to take proper advantage of the fact that there was existing in this island already a sort of oil refining operation even on a small scale. The hon. senior member for St. Michael, for instance, was one of the opponents of this Agreement, and we are interested to hear him today admit that he must have been ill-advised. How could we sit here and refuse to have taken this step when other islands in the British West Indies today, without any semblance of oil refining at all are embarking upon it? Antigua, with a population of less than one-third that of Barbados is now in the process of establishing a refinery to turn out 10,000 barrels a day for which it proposes to seek a market in the British West Indies, the Dutch West Indies and the French West Indies, and it is well known that the French Government has given instructions through the administration of its Departments in Martinique and Guadeloupe that steps should be taken to establish a refining operation in one of them at the earliest possible date, Moreover, we can expect that when the Antigua refinery starts to operate, we shall have competition with the bunkering facilities which have been established at the Deep Water Harbour,

Any Government of this country at this period that had failed to take this step, Mr. Deputy Speaker, would have been unworthy of the confidence of the electors. It was a natural development. Our petroleum requirements to the tune of \$4 million a year come normally from Trinidad, and it is not to say that Trinidad was supplying our petroleum requirements from indigenous crude. It was proved that they were themselves importing from Venezuela and from the Middle East; so the Government is amply justified in the interest of expanding the economy of the country and for other reasons in endeavouring to expand the local refining operations to the point at which the greater part, if not all, of our requirements, could be locally produced. what we were faced with the position in which, had remined to ao so, the operation would have broken down. It was employing close on 100 people, and up to now they are not working continuously every week, although the company has kept faith with the Union by continuing to pay their full salaries weekly whether or not the operation goes on continuously, and at times the operations cease for more than a week at a time. It would have meant, therefore, that if we had failed to take this step, the company which is at present losing to the tune of \$60,000 a year could not

have continued to maintain its present employment level, and it is unlikely to have continued at all;

so that its closing down would mean that an appreciable number of workers would have been put out of employment in the first instance, and in the second the pressure on the country which springs from the closing down of substantial operations would have been felt.

There were other reasons, Mr. Deputy Speaker, why Government should have taken this step. For another reason, the profits now made on the refining of our petroleum requirements externally naturally accrue at the point at which the refining is done. When the refining is transferred to a local location it means that the profits tax from the operations accrue to our Government, and in this connection I easily recall that at the time we were discussing the Agreement the Company estimated that the annual income tax which would accrue to the Island if they were given protection to refine our requirements would have been somewhere in the vicinity of \$100,000 a year, to say nothing of the income tax paid by the hundred employees who would no longer be working had the position been different, and to say nothing of the value of their wages being spent in the community every week,

In general, the economic benefits from an operation like this were so obvious as would have necessarily condemned as backward, incapable, and indifferent to the welfare of the country, any Government that refused to take advantage of the opportunity of expanding this operation along the lines which we agreed would have been in the best interest of the community, 3.15 p.m.

That is why after this delay, in certain circumstances over which we had no control, the Government now seeks legislative approval of this Bill in order to implement the different parts of the Agreement in which the Legislature concurred over a year ago. We did hope to be able to come with this consequential agreement to hon. members before, but the impressions which I got were mainly in drafting the Bill there was the question of the work in that Department involved, and in this operation it was of much importance.

I do not think I need expand much more on the value of this Agreement to the Island of Barbados, the economic benefits accruing and the advantageous effect to the balance of payments. It was estimated that the expenditure on refined petroleum products which the Company would now supply the colony would be to the tune of \$3 1/2 million a year, whereas the expenditure to be imported in this operation would be less than \$2 1/2 million; therefore we have a differential of over \$1 million in the balance of payments,

I could, if I had wanted, go into the aspects of the operation which would redound to the credit of the country, but that was gone into extensively at the time when we sought legislation for the approval of the Agreement, and I am sure the hon. member who opposed it, with the passing of time and with calm reflection and having given more matured consideration in the matter, has now come to the conclusion that we were right and that this Agreement, when it starts to operate, would provide considerable all round benefits to the island and would be a move in the right direction which any Government should take.

This Bill is an amendment to the Petroleum Act of 1882. Section 26 of principal Act is amended in connection with giving effect to the road tax payable and by the accompanying Bill, as I pointed out, it merely seeks to implement the principle which was passed by this House, and therefore, having accepted

the principle of the Agreement, acceptance is automatic for the consequential legislation which flows from that Agreement.

I therefore beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

I beg to second that.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

As I was saying, Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is expected that as soon as you become elected as a mem-

ber of the Legislature - or should I say to the House of Assembly - that you must be an authority on almost everything. I began by saying that few of us, if any and I make no apology about words -can really say where oil companies begin and where they end. When this matter first came in this House of Assembly, I was hearing about it long before, even before this Government came into power, that there were no negotiations going on in this respect, as well as I did hear some funny and fantastic rumours at the time. But funnily enough I am among those who hate to spread rumour and go along with what may turn out to be a lying jade; therefore I kept silent on the matter. At the time when I was a small chap, I remember that the B.U.O.C. began to operate in this country.

Well, Sir, what I am concerned about and what most interests me in any such question of any Oil Company by any trade name is the question as to the economic conditions which would accrue to Barbados and that goes for all of us of the Official Opposition; therefore, we must accept that the Hon. Minister of Trade has got a certain amount of information on this matter. I can only go by those persons who have given you their expert knowledge because when we are dealing with matters of this nature we have to go by what has been told us by the trained experts in the line of business,

I once heard that this Company which has been granted this concession could not produce the type of high octane gasoline which would be necessary for these high powered and high speed vehicles which are being made by the motor companies today. While I heard that on the one hand, on making enquiries with those who should know, I was told that this Company has equipped machinery and has installed machinery for the purpose of producing this high octane gas. That primarily would be the only interest which I would have as Leader of the Opposition in the circumstances, and, as the Hon. Leader of the House has said, the advice which he had got is, to his knowledge, expert advice and from the facts produced and from the financial statement, I would say that we in Barbados would stand to gain something like \$100,000 in one respect, besides the fact that the persons employed in this respect would be paying income tax. Because of that, we cannot very well offer opposition to the bringing in of this Bill, The additional revenue which is guaranteed by this Agreement would be able to carry out some of our social and economic schemes in this country. As I have said, we can fully accept, in the absence of any expert advice to the contrary, the Government Department dealing with the economics of the country when it says that the amount of revenue which this Agreement expects to bring in normally would not come into Barbados otherwise. If that is so, we would be bound to say that we agree to the second reading of the Bill for the simple reason that if you are getting additional revenue and benefits which are not to the detriment of the workers or the general public and are a benefit to the working population as a whole, we will be bound to give it our support, 3.25 p.m.

As long as you can see that you are getting the economic benefit, and that nothing is being done to the detriment of the motoring public or the general public on the whole, or the working population as a whole, we are bound to give this Bill the necessary support. It is left to people like the hon. senior member for St. Peter, in dealing with this matter, to say that although you are making, say, \$100,000, and you are going to have people in jobs, people who would be able to pay income tax at a certain amount it is for the hon. member to see whether this Company is going to work here because they are getting the labour cheaper than they would get it in Trinidad where oil companies are being worked. I am not an authority on this matter and I have no data on it; but, in the circumstances, as I said, it is not because you are a member of the House that people expect that you are supposed to be an authority on every possible subject which comes before the House. Not even the Ministers who are in charge of portfolios are any authority on all matters; they must have their advisers who are people of authority.

In the absence, therefore, of any authority on this matter, I accept the Minister's word in good faith and honour

that this Bill will bring in revenue to this colony, the revenue which we would not normally receive, As the Hon. Minister has said, this business will bring in persons who would not normally be employed here. In the circumstances, in a matter which would redound to the industry and prosperity of this country, I would give the Bill my support in the hope that the explanation and the introductory remarks made by the Hon. Minister during the second reading of this Bill will prove to be correct. If things prove to be wrong, then we will have erred in good faith and we would not have made a mistake which would be to the detriment of this island. We accept the Hon. Minister's remarks in good faith and we support the Bill as it stands.

Mr. WALCOTT:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, you will remember that when the Agreement was drawn up with this Company, I made certain statements and I also had certain reservations. The reservations which I had at the time I still maintain. Those reservations were in connection with the text of the Agreement, the authority giving the Company certain rights to initiate and do things which we felt could lead to abuses. However, those reservations would not in any way interfere with the principle of this Bill which seeks to allow this Company to operate as it is. I am very pleased to see that this Bill has now come down to this House because I happen to know, from negotiating with this Company, that the delay which the Company was enduring with the Government was to its detriment. This Company has been carrying certain expenses pending certain things, and it was a question as to how long you could expect the Company to continue in this way. I am very glad to see that this Bill has come down to this House. From our negotiations with this Company, I will say that this Company is a good one; it is quite willing to negotiate for fair wages for its employees, I am satisfied that with higher production costs and higher profitabilities given, we will be able to share with the workers concerned.

There is another Company of which I would say exactly the opposite to what I am saying now. I am glad that the Government has reached such a stage that this Bill has come down to us, and we hope to give the Company the green light and allow them to proceed. There were certain interests which I have heard working against the full implementation of this matter. There is a local section of interests in Barbados which is so pigheaded and so strongwilled that it could even push the Government around and utilise forces in its own interest. However, Sir, this Company is one which has good connections in the United States of America and I feel that we can do something for it: I feel that it would be good for this

island as a whole to do it. This will do the country no harm. All we have to do is to teach Barbadians that they must make things viable. If you can prove that this place is worse than anywhere else, then people will say that it is not as good as outside.

One change which the Barbadian does not feel inclined to make is to buy things from inside, not from outside, and make ourselves strong. I hope that we will have all the publicity and the propaganda which is necessary to make people understand that they should buy local products. The Company must not put anything inferior on the market and ask us to buy it and, in that way, we will ask Barbadians to subscribe to this Company,

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Speaker, the hon. senior member for the City has said that before we came into office, the previous Government had either been considering this matter or had commenced negotiations with this Company for the

Mr. MOTTLEY:

On a point of order. What I said was that they made a request to consider it and I heard the actual rumours to which I did not pay any attention, I am glad that I did not pay any attention to them. I repeat I said that I heard that the Company had made certain requests,

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Actually, Sir, I have never heard anything like that, but I cannot deny that the hon. member has heard it. 3.45 p.m.

I thought that if you are thinking in terms of industrial development and you are consuming over \$4 million in petroleum products, if you did not have a refinery, you should have one. The consumption of petroleum products in Surinam is less than what it is in Barbados, and they have been trying to get a refinery there. Five or six years ago a big controversy arose between Jamaica and Trinidad because Jamaica wanted its own refinery. It seemed logical that if we had a refinery here and we were importing our petroleum products and refining it, the logical thing to do was to have a refinery here, and therefore, Sir, we approached the local refinery people to find out why they were not willing to expand the company to the point of supplying our requirements. We found out that they were not willing unless the Government would protect them, I am just replying to the implication by the hon. senior member for Bridgetown that the company had already approached the old Government, and the implication that they had approached us too, I am saying that we did not sit down and ask them to approach us; we approached them first.

As I said just now, subsequent events in the area have demonstrated the soundness of this step. With regard to the point made by the hon. senior member for St. Peter with regard to standards, in the Agreement, Sir, provision has been made to ensure that the standards of the products refined in Barbados conform to products available to us elsewhere in the area. The consumers are protected in the quality of the products, because in the Agreement provision is made that the company shall manufacture products comparable to acceptable industrial standards, and the Government has a right to take samples for analysis as and when desired. Under the Agreement we can go into the company any time, take samples and send them anywhere in the world for analysis to ensure that the standard of the gasoline and the kerosene and what not which we are buying from the local company is nowhere inferior to

standards provided by other Governments,

I want to say that in spite of what the hon. senior member for the City has said, the local company, Mobil Oil, is in no better position in this agreement than a single company operating in any country in which that company alone can supply the country's requirements. In other words, this Agreement conforms in general outline to the agreement which Mobil Oil itself would have had to work under if it were operating in a country supplied by a single refinery in which they had no interest. That is to say, in Trinidad for instance, Mobil Oil has to buy its products from a refinery more or less on the same basis at which Shell or Regent or any of these other companies operating here would have to buy their products from Mobil in Barbados, and with regard to prices, they are fixed on the basis of what is known as Platts Oilgram which publish weekly the prices obtaining elsewhere in the area. Therefore, none of the companies operating here would have to pay any more than the normal price for the product at which they were allowed to bring it in. The Government is more than gratified to note that the spokesman for the Union in the House of Assembly regards the company as in the confidence of the Government, is satisfied with its labour relations policy, and appreciates the fact that the putting into operation of this Agreement will place the company in a sounder financial position, rather than operating at a loss, and the resultant increase in wages which the hon. member for St. Peter expects will follow from the implementation of the Agreement.

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. W. A. CRAWFORD seconded by Mr. BOXILL, Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee on the Bill Mr. BATSON in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed. On the motion of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee and Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motions of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD seconded in each case by Mr. BOXILL, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

**THE BARBADOS UNION OIL COMPANY
REFINERY (LEVY ON PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS) ACT, 1965**

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House, and it is the second reading of a Bill to impose certain duties of excise in respect of petroleum products withdrawn or supplied from the refinery to be operated by the Barbados Union Oil Company Limited. 3.45 p.m.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, this Bill also follows in consequence, as I have said, to the Agreement, and it merely seeks to provide Government with the revenue which it formerly got from customs duties, package tax, and so on, in respect of imported petroleum. The amendment by the Bin is by the way of imposition of certain duties of excise in respect of petroleum products withdrawn or supplied from the

refinery to be operated by the Barbados Union Oil Company Limited. In other words, Sir, the operation of the Agreement is not in itself to be allowed to inflict any loss by way of revenue accruing to the Government. We received considerable sums of revenue in this direction and this is a method which we have brought down to offset that loss.

I beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time. Mr. BOXILL: I beg to second that.

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

On motion of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, seconded by Mr. BOXILL, Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee on the Bill, Mr. BATSON in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 10 inclusive were called separately and passed.

On motion of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, seconded by Mr. BOXILL, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On separate motions of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, seconded by Mr. BOXILL in each case, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE PACKAGE TAX BILL, 1965

Mr. SPEAKER:

The next Order of the Day is Order No. 7 which stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House Second reading of a Bill to amend the Package Tax, 1941,

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of the Package Tax Act of 1941, certain amendments had to be made to bring it into alignment with the provisions of this Agreement. The provisions of the Agreement between the B.U.O.C. and the Government would enable the company to exempt certain items from package tax. The machinery and apparatus for refining oil or petroleum in the Agreement would be free of customs duties; therefore in order to prevent these items from being taxed, we have to bring in an amendment under the Package Tax Act.

I beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time- Mr. BOXILL: I beg to second that.

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

On motion of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, seconded by Mr. BOXILL, Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee on the Bill, Mr. BATSON in the Chair.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 were called separately and passed.

On motion of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, seconded by Mr. BOXILL, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee,

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly. 3.55 p.m.

On motions of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, seconded by Mr. BOXILL in each case, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

BRITISH UNION OIL COMPANY OIL STATION (REPEAL) BILL

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD; Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Order No, 8 be taken as the next Order of the Day,

Mr. SPEAKER:

Automatically Order No. 8 becomes the next Order of the Day. That also stands in the name of the Ron, Leader of the House- To move the Second Reading of a Bill to repeal the British Union Oil Company Oil Station Act, 1919.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD; Naturally, Sir, with this Agreement with its extensive and far-reaching provisions, the relationship between the Government and the Company has to be on an entirely different basis. It is therefore sought to repeal the whole enactment which provided the basis for the former Agreement, This Bill seeks to repeal the British Union Oil Company Oil Station Act, 1919, in order that the provisions which exist under this Act will no longer be legally binding, I beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time

Mr. BOXILL:

I beg to second that

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

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

I beg to move, Mr. Speaker, that you do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee on this Bill,

Mr. BOXILL:

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 on the Bill, Mr. BATSON in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 inclusive were called and passed.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD- I beg to move, Mr. Chairman, that you do now report the passing of this Bill in Committee,

Mr. BOXILL:

I beg to second that.

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

The CHAIRMAN reported, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On motions of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, seconded by Mr. BOXILL in each case, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

CONSUMPTION TAX (AMENDMENT) BELL

Mr. SPEAKER:

The next Order of the day also stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House- To move the second reading of a Bill to amend the Consumption Tax Act, 1962,

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Speaker, this is the final recent legislation in the series designed to bring the Agreement between the Barbados Union Oil Company and the Government completely into operation. It relates, Sir, to the collection of consumption tax. As you will note, Sir, it gives the Cabinet the power to discharge any liability for this particular tax under the provisions of the Consumption Tax Act, 1962. Sir, the Agreement cannot be effective unless we have taken this step. This is expressly provided for in the Agreement and I therefore beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. BOXILL:

I beg to second that.

The question that this Bill be now read a second time was put and resolved in the affirmative without division. 4.15 p.m.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD; Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Your Honour do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee on this Bill.

Mr. BOXILL:

I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee on the Bill, Mr. BAT SON in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 inclusive were called and passed.

On motion of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, seconded by Mr. BOXILL, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motions of Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD, seconded in each case by Mr. BOXILL, the Bill was read a third time and passed.\"

Mr. SPEAKER:

In view of the suspension of the Standing Orders at this Day's Sitting, would the Hon. Leader of the House care to intimate what he proposes next to deal with?

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Speaker, we do not propose to do anything further.

I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until next Tuesday, 9th March, 1965, at 2,30 p.m.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON:

I beg to second that,

Mr. SPEAKER:

Before I adjourn this Sitting, may I mention that having regard to the matter which was brought to my attention by the Hon. and Learned member for St. John, the Hon. Premier, two or three meetings ago in connection with a possible Breach of Privilege of Parliament, that I have done considerable research, and I will give my ruling on this matter at the next meeting of the House? May I say that, only the week-end before last, I was in receipt of a copy, which had long been on order, of the Seventeenth (1964) Edition of Sir Erskine May's \"Parliamentary Procedure\" which I have had the opportunity of consulting,

The question that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, 9th March, 1965, at 2.30 p.m. was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr.

SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.

4.15 p.m.