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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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

PRESENT

His Honour J. E. T. BRANCKER, Q.C., (Speaker); Mr. F. C. GODDARD; Hon. J. C. TUDOR, M.A., (Minister of Education); Mr. S. E. SEALEY; Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries); Mr. W. R. COWARD; Mr. R. St.C. WEEKES, J.P.; Mr. W. R. LOWE; His Honour E. L. CARMICHAEL, J.P., (Deputy Speaker); Hon. N. W. BOXILL, (Minister of Communications and Works).

Prayers were read.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I rise to speak to a question of privilege. We have to assume, Mr. Speaker, that everything which is done within the precincts of this Chamber, whether within or beyond the Bar is done with Your Honour's permission. Secondly, Sir, it is against the custom of members of this House to draw attention to anything or indeed to any person who stands outside the Bar of the House, but I notice while the House was at prayers that there was a gentleman errantly taking photographs of the proceedings of this House. If Your Honour was both cognisant of this and had given permission for it to be done, there the matter rests; but if Your Honour did not know of it and therefore could not have approved of it, I could think of no more serious assault made on the privileges of this House, and I should like formally now to draw that to Your Honour's attention.

Mr. HOLDER, Mr. WALCOTT, Mr. BATSON and Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS entered the Chamber and took their seats.

Mr. SPEAKER: For the information of the Hon. Leader and other hon. members of the House, I will state this: yesterday afternoon I was approached by a gentleman who assured me that he was of the "Sunday Times" of London, and desired permission to take a photograph of the House in session for that newspaper. I told this representative of that newspaper that the Clerk was then in the Chamber, to mention to Mr. Clerk what he desired to do, and inform Mr. Clerk that if he, (the Clerk) took a consensus of opinion of hon. members and there was no objection raised, that I personally would have no objection.

To my astonishment, Mr. Clerk has informed me that no approach of any kind whatsoever has been made to him. Accordingly he has not sought the opinion of hon. members of this Chamber or any of the Leaders of the Parties or any of the Independents. The position therefore as to the question of my sanctioning did not arise, because Mr. Clerk was never approached according to him, and therefore he never spoke to me about the matter. It is technically – there is no doubt about it in my mind – a breach of the privileges of this Chamber.

Does the Hon. Leader of the House desire that action should be taken?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Yes, indeed, Mr. Speaker. According to what you have just told the House, your directions to the gentleman were not complied with, and the House must interpret this lack of permission as a contempt of its privileges. I do not want to say very much more, Mr. Speaker, but as I said from the beginning, if we cannot assume that what is done within and beyond the Bar is done with Your Honour's knowledge and approval, anything done outside of your knowledge and approval is of course a contempt and breach of the privileges of this House, and I think that the person who has found himself in contempt ought to purge his contempt in a manner directed by Your Honour. This would certainly be the wish of the House.

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Speaker, just before we came into the House, I had a word with the gentleman concerned and he assured me in reply to a question put to him that he had your permission. He did have a word with you yesterday, and we on this side feel that matters of this sort can be dealt with by you as Speaker. We do not wish to be consulted in these matters if you say they can be done; we are prepared to say it is the wish of Your Honour; but there again it might have been a misunderstanding by the gentleman and not you, Mr. Speaker, and it might be your interpretation that you had sent him further to get the opinion of members of the House. That was yesterday, and in doing so, no members were around and it would have meant the Clerk having to seek the opinion of members five or ten minutes before they arrived here.

I am now speaking for the future, and I would like Your Honour to make a ruling or to say that you are responsible for the conduct in here, and we on this side will accept Your ruling on such matters.

Mr. SPEAKER: As I spoke in English to the gentleman of the "Sunday Times", and that is a newspaper which, so far as my knowledge goes, is always published in that language, there could have been no possible misunderstanding when I said that the Clerk was on the premises, he was then in his office, I pointed in the direction of the Office and said "as soon as you see him emerge, have a word with him, and then I could get from him the result of his discussing the matter or making inquiries of hon. members." I do not seek to give such approval although it is within my power, because at a critical time when a photograph is being taken, someone may rise to raise objection, and that photograph may be displayed all over the world which might not show this Chamber at its best, or as we are accustomed to having during its 327 years of existence. I never gave any permission whatsoever.

2.55 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I drew this matter to the attention of Your Honour, but it becomes more and more serious as it goes on. I think that every member of this House realises that the Chair is there not only for the protection of the individual members of the House, but for the preservation of the rights and privileges of this ancient Parliament.

The hon. junior member for Christ Church says that in a lot of these matters Your Honour can speak for the whole House; but my point is this: I said at the beginning that since we have to

assume that some things are done with your permission, we wanted to ascertain from you whether this particular thing was done with your permission. You have told the House unequivocally that the person who took photographs in the precincts of the House did it without securing your permission beforehand. He has therefore put himself in contempt of the privileges of this House. And that is the most serious thing that anyone could have done.

You cannot have a total stranger walking into this House and taking pictures of its members without permission. As Your Honour fully knows, even when permission is being sought by the Government to broadcast the proceedings of this House we have to acquaint you not only first, but in good time; and before any equipment is brought into this Chamber Your Honour's permission has to be sought.

If members of the House have themselves so carefully to seek Your Honour's permission before these devices are introduced, it stands to reason that persons who are not members and who can only visit on sufferance must take every possible care to see that Your Honour's permission is not only sought, but clearly given.

I contend — and I say this with no foolish rancour against the individual — I contend that this House has suffered a serious contempt of its privileges and I leave it to Your Honour to decide how he should discharge his contempt.

Mr. SPEAKER: Would the Leader of the House care to make a motion? As he is aware, Standing Order 68 (1) says: "A motion directly concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence of all other public business."

Section 68 (2) says: "If during the sitting of the House a matter suddenly arises which appears to involve the privileges of the House and which calls for the immediate intervention of the House, the proceedings may be interrupted, save during the progress of a division, by a motion based on such matter."

That is all our Standing Orders have to say on this matter of privilege.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the person using a camera to film proceedings of the House should sent a written apology to the House through Mr. Speaker and that the terms of the said apology be previously communicated to and approved by Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, before I can vote on that, I think I should point out that the Leader of the House made the point that Your Honour's approval or the approval of the House was not obtained; but this is not mentioned in the Resolution which the hon. member has just moved. If it is proved that the person had the approval of Your Honour, even if the approval of the House had not been sought, certainly we on this side would not attempt to let Your Honour down.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is the hon. member seeking to make an amendment?

Mr. MOTTLEY: I think that the Hon. Leader of the House made his motion on the spur of the moment. It does not convey what I think he wants it to convey. All that you would need to put in would be "without the permission of Mr. Speaker or the House" immediately after the words "the House" where they first appear in the motion.

I do not think that anyone would object to that. I understood before I came here that some gentleman representing the London Times intimated that he would be coming to take pictures. I gather that he had some sort of permission but if Your Honour says categorically that he did not get that permission I am bound to support Your Honour.
3.05 p.m.

In a discussion they said to me they would be coming to take pictures of the House, but I gathered from them then that they had some sort of permission from His Honour. His Honour now states that he did not give that permission. If Your Honour had given that permission I certainly would support it but I am not against members of the House sticking to their rights to be acquainted before permission is given, but about two hours before I came to the House I gathered that permission had been sought and obtained for the purpose of taking pictures of the House. However, Your Honour has categorically denied his permission and it is therefore my duty to support the Resolution tabled by the Honourable Leader of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: Does the Hon. Leader of the House accept the amendment.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, before the question is put I would like to say that I had the

privilege of meeting the parties concerned only yesterday and this morning we went into the question of Family Planning, of course he is here on that very basis of family planning and he may not have known the procedure. However, I am seeking the indulgence of the House here and now to grant that permission if our little island is to be known in big countries.

Mr. CORBIN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this kind of business I would not tolerate. We are losing precious time. We have come here today to do Government's Business. You have given your instructions to the gentleman who wants to take the picture of the Members of the House and he has failed to carry them out. I thought it would be your ruling that when he failed to comply with your rules that would be the alternative. I cannot understand coming here to sit down and tolerate such nonsense. I am very sorry, Sir, but I do not care who vote for it, I will not be voting for this because we are losing time.

Mr. DEPUTY CLERK: It has been moved and seconded that the person using a camera to film proceedings of the House, without the permission of Mr. Speaker or the House should send a written apology to the House through Mr. Speaker and that the terms of the said apology be previously communicated to and approved by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Speaker, after what I have heard I will definitely vote for the motion but I am sure that it is a misunderstanding. The gentleman concerned may be able to explain to Mr. Speaker how the misunderstanding arose but I would like to reiterate that it is within your power to say whether pictures can be taken in here or not. If members wish to object to that they may table a Resolution in here but it is ambiguous as I have stated before for you to have to send for the Clerk to determine the wishes of the House on such a matter. It should have been in your power to state there and then whether you will give your consent or not.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is not a question of sending for the Clerk to determine the wishes of the House but the natural official medium by the Chair to hon. members is by the Clerks of the Table, Mr. Clerk and Mr. Deputy Clerk.

The question is that this motion do now pass.

Mr. WALCOTT: On a point of order. Who is calling for a division? The Hon. Leader of the Opposition is calling for a division and I want to draw to Your Honour's attention that the Hon.

Leader of the Opposition said he was supporting the motion and he is now calling for a division. Is the Hon. Leader of the Opposition calling for a division?

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion has been put and a division has been mentioned. I was about, before the hon. senior member for St. Peter rose, to enquire of Mr. Deputy Clerk whether he heard any call for a division, after I said "Me thinks the 'Ayes' have it." (AFTER A PAUSE) I understand that after I said "Me thinks the 'Ayes' have it." there had been no call for a division, therefore I did not instruct the Clerk to take the individual vote of members. I declare that motion duly to be carried and I hereby instruct Mr. Clerk to take the necessary steps whereby the will of the House as expressed by this motion be duly conveyed to the offending person or persons.
3.15 p.m.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: I again with regret — as has become customary now — have to inform hon. members that there are no Minutes available for confirmation.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. speaker, on behalf of the Hon. and Learned Premier and Minister of Finance, I am commanded to lay the following:—

Statement showing Net Customs and Exercise Receipts for four months ended 31st July, 1966.

Barbados Statistical Service Quarterly Digest of Statistics No. 37, March 1966.

Barbados Statistical Service — selected Monthly Indicators, March — April, 1966;

PETITION

Mr. SEALEY: Mr. Speaker, I should like to present the Petition of Gordon Vivian Elton Hazelwood, Rector of the Parish of Saint Michael in the Island of Barbados to assign transfer grant and/or convey to The Diocesan Synod of Barbados the lands on which the former "Church House" at Saint Michael's Row stood.

The Petition is respectfully worded, and I beg that it be taken as read.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

A Resolution to place the sum of \$12,488 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates, 1966–67, Part I, Current, as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1966–67, No. 20 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

A Resolution to approve the guarantee by the Cabinet of the payment of a principal sum, not exceeding \$500,000 and the interest thereon; the said principal sum to be borrowed by the Barbados Development Board from Barclays Bank DCO for the purpose of meeting its obligations and discharging its functions.

A Resolution to approve of the compulsory acquisition by the Crown of a parcel of land together with the buildings and erections thereon situated at Coleridge Street in the parish of Saint Michael.

A Bill to amend the law relating to Wills.

I beg also to give notice of my intention, with respect to the first Resolution, to move the House into Committee of Supply at its next meeting, to consider that money Resolution of which notice has just been given.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice that Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 115, asked by the hon. junior member for St. John is now ready.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES

Mr. SEALEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of a Bill entitled an Act to authorise the Rector of the parish of Saint Michael to assign transfer grant and/or convey to The Diocesan Synod of Barbados the lands on which the former "Church House" at Saint Michael's Row stood.

QUESTIONS

Mr. COWARD: Mr Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Questions:—

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Will the Minister in view of recent Circulars issued to Fishermen and boat owners explain why permission to moor boats in the Carenage will not be allowed after 30th September, 1966?

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Is the Government aware that the loose earth around the new St. Elizabeth School is fast washing

away thereby causing 2 evils (1) weakening the walls and (2) damaging the surrounding roads.

Will Government consider the advisability of providing proper drainage around all taps at the said school to take away waste water?

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Will Government consider the possibility of setting up a branch of the Housecraft Centre at the new St. Elizabeth School to provide training for the females of the surrounding areas?

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Will Government declare a policy on the Bathsheba Social Centre which has been out of use since 1962 because of its condition?

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Is Government aware of the poor condition of the public road between Foster Hall Yard and Beachmount Corner?

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Will Government give consideration of affixing lights to the Government Tractors stationed at Bathsheba so that in case of emergency by night it could be used?

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Will Government consider the possibility of negotiating with the owner/owners of suitable land in the Branchbury/Coffee Gully area for the purpose of providing toilet and bath in the said area?

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Will Government provide a bath in its own landing scheme at "Newton Crescent" in the parish of Saint Joseph?
3.25 p.m.

Mr. BATSON: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:—

Is Government aware that quite a few people living in Redman's Village in the parish of St. Thomas are very annoyed over the quantity of water that flows under their homes after a rainfall?

Will the Minister go into the matter with a view to having the situation remedied by seeing that gutters are constructed on both sides of the road to deflect the flow of water in the said area?

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:—

Is Government aware that people living in Porey Spring in the parish of St. Thomas are becoming very uneasy over the delay in having a bath constructed in the said district?

Will the Minister give consideration to the said grievance in order to effect some satisfaction to the aggrieved persons?

Mr. WEEKES: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:—

Is the Minister aware that the parents and guardians of children in the parish of St. Philip are eager and willing to have the School Meals Service extended to this parish?

Will the Minister consider the possibility of doing so during the next school term?

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:—

Will the Minister state if steps are being taken to find employment for the women who were formerly employed by the Highways Department of the Southern District Council?

If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Honourable Minister inform the Honourable House of his plans?

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that a Bill to amend the law relating to wills be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. SEALEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that a Bill to authorise the Rector of St. Michael to transfer the "Church House" to the Diocesan Synod be read a first time.

Mr. GODDARD: I beg to second that.

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

On motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, standing Orders Nos. 5, 14,

16, 18, 40 and 45 were suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting.

QUESTION TIME

On the motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, Question Time was taken.

Mr. Speaker, I am advised that the answer to Question No. 115 which is to be found on page 5 right hand column and which stands in the name of the hon. junior member for St. John is now ready.

Mr. LOWE: Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the appropriate Minister:—

Is Government aware that several peasants throughout the parish of St. John have paid for the use of the Government tractors to plough their fields since the month of March this year, and to date the use of the said tractors has not been made available?

2. Will Government look into the entire matter and use all available means to ensure that the said tractors be made available?
3. If there are not enough tractors available for the use of peasant farming, will Government see to it that enough tractors are made available for the ploughing of peasants' fields in this island?

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, the Reply is as follows:—

1. The Government is aware that all the requests made by peasants in the parish of St. John for the use of tractors to plough their fields have not been fulfilled.
2. The ploughing of land generally commences in the month of March after canes have been reaped. This year due to continuous rains especially during the last 12 weeks, ploughing has been severely handicapped. The work will be completed as soon as conditions permit.
3. It is considered that the present number of tractors is adequate for the task under normal ploughing conditions.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Private Members' Business be now taken.

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

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

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I am asking leave to deal with Order No. 2 as the first Order of the Day.

There being no objection leave was granted.
3.35 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: There being no objection, leave is granted the hon. senior member for Bridgetown to deal with Order No. 2 under Private Members' Business which is to resume debate on the second reading of a Bill to repeal the West Indies Hospital Fund Limited Act, 1964. When this matter was last dealt with before this Chamber the hon. and learned senior member for St. John rose on a point of order and I reserved my ruling on the point raised. I subsequently gave that Ruling on 26th April of this year. On the 15th March, 1966 the hon. mover of the motion moved, seconded by the hon. junior member for Christ Church that this Bill be now read a second time. The hon. junior member for St. Joseph spoke on that motion. According to my information from the Clerk's table no other hon. member has spoken other than the hon. and learned member for St. John who spoke on a point of order.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I think, Mr. Speaker, you have set out the position quite correctly. I now beg to move, Sir, that further consideration of this matter be postponed.

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

Mr. MOTTLEY: I do not quite understand the situation, Mr. Speaker. The Hon. Leader of the House said that you have set out the situation quite clearly, but if I recall correctly, Sir, after I moved the second reading of this Bill I spoke and the Hon. Leader of the House moved the postponement then so as he said to allow the Hon. and Learned Premier to be able to speak on this Bill today. I think the Hon. Leader of the House will recall that these are the facts as they were and as they are.

Mr. SPEAKER: If the Hon. Leader of the Opposition persists on this point as to his recollection which is outside the recollection of the Clerks at the Table, and I am advised by them there is no record of such but I can have a check made. It may take a short while but I can have and will have a check made if it is so desired.

Mr. MOTTLEY: There are times, Sir, when you can appeal to hon. members. I am absolutely certain that the Hon. Leader of the House cannot deny that what I have said is not what really took place in this House. I regret very much to say, Sir, that if there is no record of this I am very sorry. I made my contribution to this Bill and that came after Your Ruling.

Mr. SPEAKER: That definitely is not correct. It was after the second reading had been duly moved and seconded and after the hon. junior member for St. Joseph had spoken that the hon. and learned member for St. John rose on his point of order.

Mr. MOTTLEY: And may I respectfully submit Sir, that I spoke and made my contribution on the second reading of the Bill and it is then that the Hon. Leader of the House said that he moved the postponement on the grounds that the Hon. Premier would be here to speak on this Bill. It is not my intention to make any further contribution here but to wait for other hon. members to make their contribution. However embarrassing it might be it is my duty and I am going to perform it. What I said is what actually happened in the House. I am not challenging Your Ruling.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is not a question of the Ruling. A check is being made of the record. What happened so far as the Chair is concerned is the actual records as distinct from the recollection of hon. members. My Clerk is now making a check of the records. Again, I have to inform hon. members, with regret that there are no Minutes ready for confirmation. The matter would be such a simple one now for the Hon. Leader of the Opposition to refer to the Minutes when this took place and if these Minutes had been confirmed I would have no hesitation in following them.

Mr. MOTTLEY: It seems to me that it is not a matter as to the accuracy of what happened before but the present situation as it is now. The Bill has been given notice of and it has been given a Second Reading but the Government wants to have it postponed for further consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: That is the motion we are on now.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I am wondering whether the Government is right to prolong the postponement of this Bill to this extent when this business is doing Barbados a tremendous lot of harm, and I would not be able to vote for the

postponement, therefore, I am not making any further contribution on it today but as far as the postponement is concerned I am not voting for it, because the debate on this matter has been published in the Press all over the world pointing to the very questionable activity of this concern and the good name of Barbados is being challenged therefore I am not voting for any further postponement.
3.45 p.m.

I am therefore sorry that I cannot vote for any further postponement, and if the Government with its numbers wants to have it postponed, it is entirely up to them. You cannot postpone it *ad infinitum*.

Mr. SPEAKER: Before the Hon. Leader of the House exercises the right of final reply on his motion that further consideration be now postponed, is there any other hon. member who desires to speak?

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Speaker, I am speaking now on the motion for further postponement of this Bill. This Bill was introduced on 5th October, 1965. Since then, the name of Barbados has been damaged as a result of the actions of the West Indies Hospital Sweepstake tickets which have been offered for sale overseas in big countries and in Barbados. It is embarrassing for the Government and for us when we go abroad to be confronted with this, and even up to today.....

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member says that he is speaking on the formal motion for further postponement, whereas in fact what he is trying to do is to repeat the speech which he has already made in seconding the motion for the second reading.

The point is this, Mr. Speaker: I have made a motion for further postponement because I had no intimation from the Mover of this motion that he wished to proceed with this today, and I cannot understand how it is that members of the Opposition can want to extract and exact courtesies from this side of the House which they are not prepared to extend when we ask for them. How do they expect me to deal with this matter without files and without having briefed myself with the issues at stake? If I ask formally that further consideration of the matter be postponed, it is not because I have any ulterior motive, it is because we are not ready, and if they ask us to extend courtesies to them we have equal right to expect parliamentary courtesies to be extended to us.

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Speaker, I am giving my reasons why I will oppose further postponement, because to begin with, the last speaker did not state why he was asking for further postponement. This matter has been on the Order Paper for a long time, and it has given Government time enough to consider it. Much damage is being done, and up to today we saw articles appearing in our papers, transcripts from Canadian papers, and the Mayor in his capacity has received many letters from overseas asking....

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, the hon. member must have a sense of fairness. The Government is not asking for any concession, but I could not possibly answer the hon. member on the points he is raising now, because I have no means of knowing whether what he is presenting to the House is based on fact or fancy or what; but he is insisting on debating the issue when the Government cannot reply at this moment. If he or the hon. member who has sponsored the Bill gives notice that he wishes to dispose of it next week, we will do our best to meet him, but they cannot expect to continue to debate the issue now when we are not in a position to meet them point for point on it. I have no doubt that anything they raise can be demolished, but this is not fair.

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Speaker, I am not the one trying to damage the name of Barbados, and until now I have a reputation for being fair. If the Government will give us the undertaking that they will bring their files and be prepared to deal with this next week, I will say no more; but I would like that assurance because this is something you cannot permit to go on.

The Leader of the House intimated that with notice from this side, he is prepared to deal with it; so on behalf of the Introducer of this Bill, I am giving notice now that it will be our intention to go on with this Bill next Tuesday when this House meets.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, speaking on the motion for the postponement, I heard as I entered the Chamber Mr. Speaker, replying to remarks made by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition relative to a point on which he was speaking, dealing with some matter of irregularity and more on the absence of certain Minutes. Now, Sir, whatever Minutes are not before us, whatever Minutes have not yet been confirmed, whether the Minutes of the last 110,000 meetings of this Honourable House have not come before us, we take it as far as the responsibility of the Table goes, that the Order Paper must be correct. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I

think you would naturally have been apprised of those who spoke and those who did not speak as far as the Order Paper is concerned.

Mr. SPEAKER: May I just interpose here that an Order Paper is not the validity or the official authenticity of confirming Minutes?

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, the Order Paper is a summons from the House and a guide to hon. members who have been at a previous meeting and those who did not attend the previous meeting of this Chamber. When an hon. member comes into this place, and reads the Order Paper, he must be apprised, as far as the Order Paper is concerned, of what motions have been before the House and what motions before the House have not been disposed of, and also what motions are presently before the House and are expected to be disposed of. The Order Paper also tells us that the hon. member for this constituency and that constituency have spoken. That has always been the case before you had the honour to be a member of this Chamber, during the time you have had the honour to be a member of this Chamber. and I hope it will be long after you cease to be a member of this Chamber.

Now, Sir, as far as a postponement is concerned, if I read carefully — and I hope the Order Paper is still a guide....

Mr. SPEAKER: It is a useful guide.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, I think it is an official guide and not just a useful guide, and I would not like ever to be a member of this Chamber and learn that the Order Paper as presented to hon. members is not an official guide. I see the Order in the name of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, and it reads "to resume debate on the second reading of a Bill to repeal the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited Act, 1964", and I also see here that notice of this Bill was given on and it was read a first time the 5th October, 1965. It is a long time now, Sir. It would not be very long now if this motion is not acted upon that you, by virtue of the powers conferred upon you, will have this Bill erased from the Order Paper.

3.55 p.m

You see, Sir, there are reasons why members on this side are pressing against the postponement. There is a limit as far as giving notice of a motion and proceeding with it is concerned. This motion cannot remain indefinitely. If it is not discussed and disposed of within a certain time it will automatically be erased from the Order Paper of this Chamber.

The last thing that I was trying to bring to the attention of members of the Government was that this Bill was given notice of on the 8th October, 1965. I think that every member, including the backbenchers, knows how long it can remain on the Order Paper without being acted on. I think that the hon. member for Christ Church wanted the assurance that it would be dealt with this day week.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: On a point of order —

Mr. HUSBANDS: How can he get up?

Mr. SPEAKER: From what I have heard, the Hon. Leader of the House rose on a point order.

Mr. HUSBANDS: I am still asking how can he rise now. I think that the hon. member used to be a schoolmaster at one time.

Mr. SPEAKER: He rose on a point of order. Let the hon. member make his point of order.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: The point that I want to make, Mr. Speaker, is that it was improper to ask me for an undertaking to deal with an Item arising out of Private Members' Business. I can only give an undertaking in respect of Government Business. All that they have to do is to inform me what item of Private Members' Business they want to deal with and when they want to deal with it.

Mr. SPEAKER: Lest there be any further disagreement, I will remind hon. members of Standing Order 24 which deals with the withdrawal of Motions and amendments to Bills. Order 24 (3) says:

"If an interval of three calendar months has elapsed after notice of a motion has been given without further action having been taken on the motion, the motion shall be deemed to have been withdrawn unless the House otherwise orders."

The operative words appeared to me to be "further action".

This matter remains indefinitely on the Order Paper unless and until it is finalised.

Mr. HUSBANDS: The Hon. Leader of the House rose on a point of order before I could get to the most operative word of the sentence. I think that what he was permitted to make was a point of explanation. The Leader of the House was earlier giving the impression that the Government had to get the relevant information and consult its files before this Bill could be

acted on. Now he has turned tail and saying that it is a matter for the Leader of the Opposition.

It remains in the hands of the hon. mover of the motion to proceed with it in accordance with the rules of procedure in this House. There is nothing against him proceeding. A lot of time has been wasted, and the Leader of the House is the first person to be blamed on this account.

Now the Hon. Leader of the Opposition knows that on this day week he can proceed unless there is any objection. I hope there will be no objection. I do not think that any member of the Government Party could object because they are forestalled by the Leader of the House.
4.05 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member who just sat down has been a former Speaker in this House. As such, he is expected, and I say expected, to be familiar with all the procedures, not only of this House, but generally of Parliament. He should know what procedures obtain with respect to Government business, and what with respect to Private Members' business. I have not said anything that was inconsistent or illogical; this debate is on a motion for further consideration of this matter to be postponed. I challenged the hon. junior member for Christ Church because while ostensibly speaking on the motion he started to make the kind of speech which he had already made when the debate for the second reading was on. I subsequently said that I could not be expected to reply on behalf of the Government without the benefit of information which I must have if this case is to be properly put. On this side we have to act and react duly from members opposite any accusation brought against the Government, but for the Government to be put and to answer charges against its integrity, its good faith, honour and common sense, it must rely on fact, and I was not prepared to encourage so far as I can prevent it, debate on a matter in which the Government's case could not be fairly argued. Then I was asked to give an assurance that I personally would see that the Government would deal with the matter when next we meet. I cannot give such assurance because this would mean that I would give assurance on a matter of Private Members' business, and it would be improper for me as a person dealing with Government business to deal with Private Members' business. If, however, the person sponsoring the Bill chooses to intimate to the House that they wish to proceed with it on the next, or at any particular occasion, I, as Leader of the House have got to see that the Government's case is well prepared and ready for that eventuality, but it is not for me to assure

the House that the Government will deal with the matter, because it is an item under Private Members' business, and not under Government business. I have taken note of the information given by the junior member for Christ Church that they would like this matter disposed of now, for that has been said on the floor of this House, and note has been taken of it by me. I will see that whenever they choose to continue debate on the matter the Government will be ready to answer any case that has been put. That is as far as I can go, so there is nothing illogical about my attitude. Hon. members had better curb this tendency of asking the Government to deal with a matter under Private Members' business, because by putting the point in just that way you are really surrendering the rights of Private Members. Private Members, if they have matters which they feel they can dispose of, they can intimate the motion to the Chairman that they would like No. 1 or No. 2 given priority at the next sitting, but to ask the Government to deal with it is to surrender Private Members' right, and I am sure that hon. members on the other side cannot mean that they wish to surrender this right, and they should be very careful to emphasise in the clearest possible language what it is they mean when they make proposals of legislation for which as private members they happen to be responsible. I am not prepared at all at this junction to deal with the merits or demerits of the motion before us, so I would like it to be clearly noted that despite the things said on the other side of the House, we have made no replies because on a matter of principle we were not ready to deal with it this afternoon because no prior notification came to us that the hon. member wanted to proceed. If on a subsequent occasion we claim unreadiness, the fault would be ours. The last point I would like to make, Mr. Speaker, is this. I want to draw the attention of the House to the fair manner, if I say this for myself, in which I deal with members opposite and which is seldom reciprocated. On every single occasion when I move the suspension of certain Standing Orders which would have the effect of ruling private members' business out, I invariably make a motion providing for question time, and after that I move a motion providing for private members' time. We are now in private members' time because the Standing Orders of the House have been suspended. The person leading Government business cannot act more fairly, and if we do this we expect — we do not ask for any concessions — this is a political assembly, and we are divided on principle, and there are certain parliamentary courtesies which are extended by the Government to the Opposition and the Opposition should reciprocate. This is all I have to say on the matter, Mr. Speaker, I have given the

reasons why the postponement had been moved by me. For these reasons I reiterate that we have to have further consideration postponed now because Government is not here and now ready to answer the case which the hon. members of the other side has put.

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

Mr. SPEAKER: Accordingly, further consideration of this matter has been postponed.
4.15 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the hon. junior member for Christ Church who is not in his place.

RESOLUTION RE WEST INDIES CRICKET TEAM

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the day stands in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Peter who is in his place, and it is to move the passing of a Resolution relating to the success and achievements of the West Indies Cricket Team now on tour of England.

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that at this stage the Chamber will have an opportunity of discussing something a little more refreshing and enlightening than what we were inflicted with for the last hour, and I hope that that would not in any way sour our minds to the Resolution which I propose to introduce. I feel sure that it is a Resolution that would have the stamp of approval of all hon. members of this Chamber, because it is in consonance with the wishes of the people of this Island and I would say the wishes of people throughout the sports-loving world. The Resolution reads as follows:—

Whereas this House is aware of the success and outstanding achievements of the West Indies Cricket Team now on tour of England;

And Whereas this House wishes to place on record its profound appreciation and admiration of the conspicuous contribution which Mr. Garfield Sobers, the outstanding Barbadian Captain of the West Indies Cricket Team and his fellow players are making to the furtherance of West Indian peoples and to enhancing the international goodwill of the several countries and islands of the West Indies;

Be it Resolved that this House request Government to appoint a committee to prepare

and sponsor a civic reception in Barbados for the entire cricket team on its return to the West Indies;

And be it Further Resolved that this Government be asked to institute a scheme, fund or some kind of award, having for its objects —

- (a) a tangible appreciation to Mr. Sobers in person, to recall the esteem in which he is held by his fellow countrymen; and
- (b) perpetuating his name and total contribution to cricket and international goodwill, by monument or otherwise, for the benefit and inspiration of Barbadians to come.

I propose, Mr. Speaker, to ask leave to amend this Resolution in the third paragraph which reads "BE IT RESOLVED that this House request Government....." I do not like the word "Government" to be left in that bald way, and I would prefer to have the word "the" inserted after the word "request". Also in the second line of the same paragraph, instead of the word "civic", I should like to substitute the word "national", which would be in keeping with the nation as a whole, and not just "civic" which might give a parochial connotation. Those therefore are the two amendments.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I do not think this Resolution needs any more than to say that a national Assembly like ours has a duty to recognize our national figures such as a person of Mr. Garfield Sobers outstanding genius. People of this genius do not come along every century. Some of us living today may never live long enough to see another cricketer of his outstanding genius. Many countries throughout the world have honoured their outstanding athletes and figures in any field, whether it be a soldier, politician, or sportsman, and only recently the staid and conservative England was so elated about their victory in the World Football Cup that they decided on a stamp to commemorate the winning of that game.

I think, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that we in a small community like Barbados, having the honour to produce a cricketer of this outstanding ability, can do no less than to honour him in a conspicuous manner, and I would say that the Legislature in doing it gives the seal of recognition and approval in a manner different from an organisation can. While I do not pay too

much attention to columnists and people who have a knack for writing, people who regard a politician as something apart from the community, I am one of those politicians who believe that the community has the most lathes, and I would say to anybody making the vulgar phrase that politicians should stick to their lathes that my lathes are in the community. Whatever there is in the community is my business, and I do not think there are any boundaries outside. That is why I am pleased to move this Resolution, because West Indies Cricket has a long history, started by people in the United Kingdom from the beginning of this Century and today it has been crowned in glory by a Barbadian who is the Captain of the West Indies Team that is symbolic of the people of the West Indies.

I feel that without stating precisely what should be done, that it would be in the best interest of this Chamber to set up a Committee, and I am going to call upon the Government to do so, because it would give people of different thinking a better opportunity to put their minds together. Moreover in view of the fact that we are going to celebrate our national independence this year, what is a more fitting coincidence than to have what is taking place in England. The only part of it that is not as good as we would have liked is that we could not have crowned it all with four wins instead of having to have a minus sign in our victory cap; but that is part of the game and we accept that.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, this young man has been acclaimed throughout the world as a cricketing genius. We here knew that. Unfortunately our newspaper writers are not as prolific and fulsome in their praise, and what they write cannot cover as wide a field as other newspapers throughout the world, and it has taken the ones in the United Kingdom to acclaim this son of our soil in this high way.

4.25 p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I believe that I am one of the members of this House more involved in these games than many other members. I have seen, by being close to the field of play, this young man come on as a youngster and see him rise to this position as a cricket champion throughout the world.

I know that this Resolution will echo throughout the cricketing world as something that people are in favour of, and coming from our Parliament it adds lustre to his name. It is not like coming from the Cricket Association or some other group but from Parliament, and it is

adding lustre to his notable career. I feel it is right that we should pay him tribute in the same manner as Brazil paid Pele tribute. Unfortunately the same tribute was not paid to Eusebio because they do not treat people from Mosambique in that way. It is easy for them to find a man from Mosambique. Perhaps fate finds its own ways.

I am satisfied about this Resolution. I hope it will not be long before we can do the appropriate thing in a manner such as this and not utilise our time in wasteful pursuits.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Deputy Speaker, although I have passed the age of being an active cricket enthusiast I must confess that in seconding the passing of this Resolution I am absolutely certain that to every Barbadian boy and girl this Resolution means something.

I agree with the last hon. member that this young man has done Barbados in the world of cricket what we could not have voted \$40 million to do. He has advertised Barbados. I recall listening to the commentator who made reference to the fact that he was the greatest of the great.

In supporting this Resolution I think we all know that whether it is in the Army or in sport men of ability have been recognised more and more. In recent years sportsmen have been given much recognition by the Queen. We ourselves realise that in the House of Commons the Prime Minister of Great Britain would have made recommendations for him to achieve certain honours.

I feel that not only should there be a National celebration but some other means by showing our appreciation. Indeed, in the second test match we all felt at some time that the West Indies were going to be let down; but the genius of Sobers was brought out. The least we can do in Parliament is to support this Resolution and see that a committee is set up to give these boys a deserving welcome when they come back to Barbados.

I cannot help making reference to one individual in this country to whom cricket in the West Indies and in Barbados owes a lot. There was a time when people were not attracted to cricket clubs because of ability but because of social standard. I refer to Mr. James Mitchinson Hewitt who founded the organisation known as the Barbados Cricket League. We cannot do better than include his name on this occasion.

I support the Resolution and I am sure that it will meet with the unanimous approval of the

House. Cricket to some Barbadians is a second religion. To some it is then only religion. I heartily support the Resolution.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, the Government endorses and will immediately implement this Resolution presented in the terms in which it had been presented by the hon. senior member for St. Peter. Indeed, the Government could not do otherwise.

I may inform the House that steps have already been taken by the Government to give special honour and recognition to Mr. Sobers at an appropriate time. Those steps which we have taken will be announced in due course, but do not at all exclude this wider mark of appreciation which the House is now being asked to endorse.

The Government had already made a decision on honouring Mr. Sobers in some dramatic and appropriate way and what was envisaged was something of which the entire nation will be proud. The suggestions embodied in this Resolution give us a wider scope for participation and for executing this grand design.
4.35 p.m.

I read in a newspaper a few days ago something which demonstrated to me what a tremendous misconception there is about the achievements of the West Indian team now touring England in general, and Mr. Sobers in particular. This correspondent in one of the daily newspapers suggested that it would be more proper for lovers of cricket to plan and prepare a tremendous welcome to Mr. Sobers, and his colleagues, and leave, as he put it, the politicians to their Premier's leaders. This was a tremendous misconception because it means that there is a division between those who like politics and those who like cricket. What the writer apparently forgot was that both as cricket lovers and as citizens, all the people of this island, and indeed all the West Indians share this love of cricket; therefore it is not a question now of saying that only lovers of cricket and appreciators of the game and personal friends of the cricketers are alone competent to plan the kind of welcome these young men deserve, because if a survey is carried out among the population of all the territories in the West Indies, you would find the same sort of people being enthusiastic about their political views, and have just as much enthusiasm about Mr. Sobers and if anybody has a difference, it would probably be that they are slightly more enthusiastic about Mr. Sobers. I think it is in cricket and in cricket alone so far that the West Indian peoples have come to maturity. In every other walk of life we have been pushed around,

and in most cases pushed down, but in this field of activity alone we have taken over something which was not properly our own, which even now in England, the country which has given it its birth, it is not properly the recreation of the masters, because sociologically speaking, the game which Englishmen find most popular is cricket. It is not yet even in England the pastime of the masters, and this is quite simple to understand; in England cricket came down as a deflection of the ruling classes who had enough wealth and leisure to play it any day of the week, for instance, so long as it was a warm day, and who could meet the financial obligations which this kind of game requires, and because it has spread all over the world and is now played by people of all walks of life. We must not forget that sociologically and historically cricket began, and to some extent still is, the pastime of the better part of the people; now the contribution which West Indians in general and now Mr. Sobers in particular made is just here; that will all out disadvantages, with all the things we have in this part of the world, in these smaller islands, despite the fact that the masses have never really owned the land, and therefore never had playing fields at their disposal until in very recent years, despite the fact that the masses never enjoyed the wealth to make it an enjoyment, a game of pleasure, despite the fact that they never had the opportunities to take themselves in anything looking like large numbers to other countries where the game was played and enjoyed at its best, despite all that, here in the West Indies and particularly here in Barbados we have thrown out from among the people young men of genius who have taken over this game from the people who originated it and have made something of it by giving it the admonitions which even the people who originated it have not yet managed to give to it. Mr. Sobers' triumph is therefore, in addition to being a personal success, a very bright and brilliant cricketer, in addition to being this — and we would not wish to take away anything that rightfully belongs to him — it is a triumph of the people. Therefore, it is fitting that the recognition paid Garfield Sobers and the West Indian team should be national in the broadest and best sense, that there should be on behalf of the entire people a recognition for the West Indian peoples who with determination and even under unfair conditions, and even under opportunities which are not to be faced equally, and master the game which is not their own which they have made their own by the admonitions which they have given to it. What I want to suggest, Mr. Deputy Speaker, is this; that we will not be able to enjoy the full significance of Mr. Sobers' distinction. Mr. Sobers' distinction is the answer to the will, it is the answer to the

cramped conditions under which all our people in the West Indies survive, and in Barbados in particular.

4.45 p.m

This would not detract from their merit, but it would explain a lot of things about them. No such qualification can be put against Mr. Sobers' merit. This is a person who purely and simply, without any outside help, without the formative influences of the cricketing world outside his own country, nourished and produced genius of a rare quality which has illuminated not only the game which he and his contemporaries play, but has given a new aspect to cricket all over the world. This is an example, I think, of pure, unadulterated genius. It belongs to us perhaps even more so than it belongs to Mr. Sobers himself, because he is but a reflection of our people at their level of best achievement, and that is why I think that the hon. senior member for St. Peter is quite probably suggesting to us that any welcome we plan and any recognition we give Mr. Sobers and the West Indies team has to be set within the context of the effort of a whole people, because it is the entire game which has been raised, dignified and expanded by this tremendous exercise which Mr. Sobers has put on, and which has been crowned by such vast and overwhelming victory and success.

Mr. BATSON: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I rise to support the passing of this Resolution. In doing so, I would like to endorse the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers. I, like some other hon. members of this Chamber, have had the privilege of seeing the present West Indies Team in England in action, and I was amazed at the standard of play and the esteem in which the team is held, to say nothing of the Captain Garfield Sobers in particular. I remember sitting at the Oval one afternoon and hearing some English commentator remark that when you are playing against a team with Garfield Sobers, you are playing against fifteen men, since he is five cricketers in one. That is an unusual expression to hear said, especially when there are people to hear it for themselves, and I would say, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that the Government would be lacking in its responsibilities of recognition if they allowed such an opportune moment to pass without expressing an appreciation of the ability of the Captain, Garfield Sobers and the Team in general.

When I was in England, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I was told that there was a Committee trying to raise funds to purchase a bust of Garfield Sobers to present to him at the end of the series. I would like to suggest to Government, Mr. Deputy

Speaker, that the Committee set up be instructed to enter immediately into correspondence with Garfield Sobers to get his permission to have a bust of himself erected either at the entrance to the Kensington Cricket Ground, or at some strategic point when the present Sports Stadium is constructed at Weymouth, so that all those people in Barbados and those who frequent such areas would be able to see esteem in which the people of Barbados hold this genius.

With those few remarks, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have much pleasure in associating myself with all the remarks expressed by the previous speakers.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I too would like to join in support of this Resolution. Mr. Garfield Sobers, the present Captain of the West Indies Team in England is a national hero of Barbados. As a matter of fact, anything we attempt to do here must appear like painting the lily, because his ability is known all over the cricketing world.

There is one thing where cricket is concerned, and it is this: times have changed. Mr. Sobers I think began his cricket as a member of the Police Boys' Club, and that Club played cricket for the Barbados Cricket League. Today we have got to remember Mr. J. C. Hewitt who I think is the Founder of the Barbados Cricket League. There was a time, Mr. Deputy Speaker, when Sobers could have been born and could have displayed all the genius of which he could have been capable and made no note in the world of cricket. Now it is different. From the time village cricket had been organised and the potential boys in the suburban and country districts could be shown and displayed on Saturday afternoons, that meant that West Indian cricket was now expanding; it meant that a wider reservoir could be drawn from, not just from those clubs that were under the sponsorship of the Barbados Cricket Association — clubs like Wanderers, Pickwick, Spartan, Empire, Harrison College and Lodge School; hence the arrival of Garfield Sobers, Everton Weekes and such. This is what we have got to appreciate. Had not for that, we would not have heard of this same genius. I knew a time when people of great cricketing ability in this country could not play cricket of that standard.

4.55 p.m.

Now, I hail Mr. Garfield Sobers as Captain of the West Indies Cricket Team presently touring England. Mr. Sobers is a man of great talent and ability and it is said that he is worth more than four cricketers in one.

The people of this country proclaimed Mr. John Goddard and his touring team which were given a civic reception and on this occasion when this glorious cricket team led by Mr. Garfield Sobers returns, we should give it no less a civic reception than that which was given to Mr. John Goddard's team.

I know and I remember when we in the West Indies were given test match status. I was in England on one occasion — I think it was in 1949 or 1960 — when the New Zealand cricket team was touring that country. I was watching the performance of the two sides at Lords. It was then I told some of my English friends that we of the West Indies were going to beat England the next year — and so we did.

Well, Sir, the details of this reception as have been proposed by the mover of this Resolution would have to be worked out by a committee. I am reminded, and I must remind other hon. members, that had it not been for the opening of such avenues as the Barbados Cricket League to our boys who never had the privilege to join the clubs affiliated to the Barbados Cricket Association our cricketing standard would never have risen to such a great height as it is now. It is as a result of such avenues made possible for our youth that we are in such a fortunate position today. It is from those sources that we got Mr. Garfield Sobers, captain of the West Indies Team. I remember the days when the late Sir Harold Austin was captain of the West Indies Cricket Team. The picture today is different altogether. At that time when professionals played against local cricket clubs, they could not make more than fifty runs. When a professional was reaching fifty runs he had to get out otherwise he had no job the next week.

I do not like blowing my own trumpet but, Sir, I as a lover of sports am one who has sponsored a lot of cricket in the Northern parishes of the Island. No one can gainsay that.

Sir, I am supporting this Resolution. I am not speaking against it, but in doing so, I am doing a lot more than lauding Mr. "Gary" Sobers and his victorious team; I am also saying that without the memories of people like Mr. M. Hewitt and what they did for cricket, this Island would never have reached the cricketing standard which it enjoys now.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, probably, enough has been said on this matter on this occasion and I do not think it is necessary for me to say much. However, I hope that these few words would be taken in the spirit in which

they have been said. The mover of this Resolution has always been very much knowledgeable when it comes to sport and has always exhibited great interest in cricket, so it was not suprising that he would take the lead in bringing this Resolution to the House.

The Honourable Leader of the House has already made his point as far as the Government is concerned. I would just like to say this. We feel that Mr. Garfield Sobers is one who has made a great contribution by his unsurpassed cricketing ability not only to this Island but to the whole Caribbean area. His name would ever be listed in the annals of cricket among the greats and remembered by all and I would like to see something substantially done for him more than just creating a monument to him.

Let us see that we do something for Mr. Garfield Sobers personally not only just according his team and he a civic reception which would mean nothing. Let us give him a proper job, a proper home and a proper pension. Let us see that his family benefit from his resounding success. I feel that Mr. Sobers should be given a proper job and I would be willing to receive him as a manager or secretary of Community Development. We should give him a proper job, a proper home and a proper pension so that his people should not feel ashamed of his position in life. Let us see that his family benefit from his predominant success.

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

5.05 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that Government business be now taken.

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

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

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Under Government business the first Order is in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House.

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

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

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

A Resolution to place the sum of \$1,950 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates, 1966-67, Part 1 - Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1966-67 No. 17, which forms the schedule to the Resolution.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, this Resolution supplements Head 1, Item 11 and is required to settle outstanding arrears due to the Waterworks Department in respect of the financial years 1961-62 and 1965-66, and to meet the estimated additional expenditure for water used at Government House during the current financial year. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

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

A Resolution to place the sum of \$13,831 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates, 1966-67, Part 11 - Capital as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1966-67, No. 18, which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, this amount is required to settle outstanding accounts due to certain firms by the Public Works Department, payment of which was not effected during the last financial year, and is a re-vote of sums which lapsed. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that you do now report the passing of two Resolutions in Committee of Supply.

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER: The Chairman has reported to me the passage of two Resolutions in Committee of Supply.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that these Resolutions be now read a first time.

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

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that these Resolutions be now read a second time.

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

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that these Resolutions be now agreed to.

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER: Accordingly I declare those Resolutions to be duly agreed to.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, this concludes Government business for today's sitting, and I beg to move that Committee of Supply be the first item under Government business at the next sitting. I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, next, 30th, at 2.30 p.m.

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER: Accordingly this House now stands adjourned until this day week at 2.30 p.m.
5.15 p.m.