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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Friday, 3rd June, 1966

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. L. WALCOTT, O.B.E.; Hon. C. E. TALMA, (*Minister of Health and Community Development*); Mr. J. W. CORBIN; Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, (*Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries*); 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*); and Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, (*Minister of Trade and Labour*).

ABSENCE OF CHAPLAIN

Mr. SPEAKER: I have been asked to inform hon. members that, so far as my information goes, the Chaplain was notified that there would be a meeting this afternoon. I will ask hon. members to join with me in saying the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer and the Grace was said.

EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I am in receipt of the Report of the Auditor General on the result of the examination of the Accounts of the Island for the year ending 31st March, 1965.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: I again have with deep regret to inform the House that there are yet no Minutes of this Chamber available for confirmation. It is a source of grave dissatisfaction to me that day after day I have to make a similar pronouncement.

PAPERS

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Premier, I am commanded to lay the Customs Duties (Trophies) Order, 1966.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Standing Orders Nos. 5, 14, 16, 18, 40 and 45 be suspended for the remainder of today's Sitting.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to second that.

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I believe that Your Honour will recall the circumstances in which the motion was made on Tuesday to adjourn the House until today. You will recall also that we had received a Message from the Other Place involving consideration of the Draft Constitution which had been before us.

Inasmuch as the Message did not indicate that the Other Place had altered the Resolution which this House passed, it was thought fit to refer the Message again for their convenience and consideration.

When therefore, I moved the adjournment, I was under the impression that the Senate was to meet yesterday in which case they would have proceeded with our Message in time to send the Resolution as amended back to us. They did not meet yesterday, and the main purpose for this adjournment therefore falls to the ground.

In addition to that, the Bills of which I gave notice last Tuesday were only circulated recently, and they are important enough to warrant members having the time to study them. In these circumstances, and in due of the fact that several Ministers of the Government will be involved in the Caribbean Heads Conference next Tuesday, I do not propose that the House should sit on Tuesday.

I am therefore moving the adjournment until next Friday because I understand that the Other Place will definitely meet on Thursday to consider the matter which we have referred back to them. I therefore beg to move that the House do now adjourn until Friday next, 10th June, at 2.30 p.m., and I wish to apologise to hon. members for any inadvertent inconvenience which I may have caused.

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

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.
3.00 p.m.