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

PRESENT

His Honour J. E. T. BRANCKER, Q.C., (*Speaker*); Mr. L. E. SMITH, J.P.; Hon. C. E. TALMA, (*Minister of Health and Community Development*); Hon. J. C. TUDOR, M.A., (*Minister of Education*); Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, (*Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries*); Mr. W. R. COWARD; Mr. R. St.C. WEEKES, J.P.; Mr. W. R. LOWE; Mr. G. V. BATSON, (*Chairman of Committees*); and Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, (*Minister of Trade and Labour*).

Prayers were read.

ORDER PAPER

Mr. SPEAKER: I regret to have to inform hon. members that copies of today's Order Paper are not yet ready. Hon. members are aware that the sitting of the House yesterday ended shortly before midnight.

ILLUSTRATED BOOK OF BARBADOS

Mr. SPEAKER: I also have the honour to inform the House that through the kindness of Island Graphic Limited of Nassau, Bahamas, there has been presented to this Chamber - and I believe every hon. member has received a copy - a copiously illustrated book presented by that company to hon. members of this Chamber. I propose to give instructions to the Clerk to write this company thanking them for their kind gift.

REPLY LAID

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Communications and Works, I beg to give notice that the Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 79/1964, asked by the hon. senior member for St. Michael, is now ready.

PHOTOGRAPH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Mr. SPEAKER: I also have to mention to hon. members that the photograph which Her Majesty the Queen has so graciously been pleased to present to this Chamber, has been duly framed and will be open to the view of hon. members.

OBSERVATIONS *re.* LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, before we proceed to the Orders of the Day, I should just like to say, on behalf of the Opposition, that the Hon. Minister of Health and Community Development gave notice of a Bill yesterday dealing with

several Acts, and the Estimates seem to be dependent upon that. He also mentioned that he would like to proceed with this Bill today. As Your Honour will see, this is a comparatively voluminous Bill and it would be impossible for hon. members, after reaching our homes after one o'clock this morning, to do justice to this Bill. I hope that the Hon. Minister will agree that while there are certain things dependent upon this Bill, we might come back here after the Estimates and deal with it.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think that the hon. member has made his point. I would not like any discussion to be started on this. If the Hon. Minister moves that this Bill be the next Order of the Day, then the hon. member will be entitled to speak on it.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, in view of what has been stated by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, and in view of the circumstances of the case, and although this Bill should be passed today and in time for the Estimates as such, it might well be dealt with at the end of the Estimates before the sitting is suspended so that hon. members will have a further opportunity to consider the various parts of the Bill in the course of today's sitting. Provided that that is the idea of the Opposition, we will be quite willing to deal with this Bill as the last Order at today's sitting. We asked that this Bill be dealt with yesterday in that it is part and parcel of the Estimates.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would not like hon. members to make a debate of this matter.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the suspension of Standing Orders 5, 14, 16, 18, 40 and 45 for the remainder of today's sitting.

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

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I am raising objection to the suspension of these Standing Orders on the ground that the Hon. Minister, on more than one occasion, has promised this House that he would do certain things relative to the suspension of the sitting and he has failed to do them. Yesterday he promised this House that he would move the adjournment between 9.30 and 10.00 o'clock last night and come back here this morning. I sent the Marshal to him to remind him that the time for the adjournment had arrived. The Marshal did not return nor did the Minister do anything. After all, we were in here from 12 o'clock noon yesterday until 12 o'clock midnight. We gave way to the hon. member to co-operate with him and he mentioned that in some part of his speech. For three clear hours last night we were in here sitting down and we were subjected to the worst behaviour which has ever taken place in this House of Assembly. And by whom? - the Hon. Premier!
12.25 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would ask the hon. member to make his point without using any language which particularly at

this stage of the proceedings might be unduly or unnecessarily provocative.

Mr. SMITH: Sir, this could not be provocative when it is the truth. I am sure that not one of the members was pleased with the behaviour last night, and if we had gone on the way we had started, the Estimates would have been finished, or there would only be a few Heads remaining to be done this morning. I am objecting to the suspension of the Standing Orders. I can only blame the Leader of the House for not adjourning the House at 10 o'clock as he had promised. He was probably in favour of the behaviour; otherwise he would have brought the debate to a close.

I hope, Mr. Chairman, that hon. members on this side will support me in this objection, because it is not fair to us. The hon. member lives a stone's throw away from this building, but I live nine miles out, and in this day we hear so much about ambushing, raping, shooting and all kinds of things taking place, and I am afraid to travel so late by myself, because I would not be able to defend myself if someone points a gun through my car window; so it is not fair to keep me out like that.

The question that Standing Orders Nos. 5, 14, 16, 18, 40 and 45 be suspended for the remainder of today's sitting was put and resolved in the affirmative the House dividing as follows:-

AYES: Mr. BATSON; Hon. J. C. TUDOR; Hon. C. E. TALMA; Hon. G. G. FERGUSON; Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS; Hon. N. W. BOXILL; Mr. LOWE; Mr. YEARWOOD; Mr. COWARD; Mr. WEEKES; Mr. LYNCH; Mr. GODDARD and Mr. MOTTLEY - 13.

NOES: Mr. HOLDER and Mr. SMITH - 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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

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

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

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Mr. SPEAKER: The first Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House: to resume Committee of Supply on a Bill to grant a sum of money out of the Public Treasury and to appropriate the same for the service of the Island for the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

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

Hon. C. E. TALMA: 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 of Supply, Mr. BATSON in the Chair.

HEAD 19 - FIRE SERVICE

Head 19 - Fire Service - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$42,197 under Head 19 - Fire Service - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 20 - TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

Head 20 - Town and Country Planning - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$31,763 under Head 20 - Town and Country Planning - stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, I have a note here dealing with the difference in salary between the present holder of the office and the former Town and Country Planning Officer, but the note to Item 1 says that the post of Town and Country Planning Officer is at present held by an officer on contract. Actually this does appear different in substance from what the hon. member said unless he has anything more to add. Both officers have been employed on contract, but this officer is being paid less than the other officer.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, before the Minister replies, I should like to know if it is the choice of these officers to work by contract, because I do not feel that the Government can get 100 per cent service out of a person working on contract, especially if he is dissatisfied in some way or the other. If he is permanent and expects to get a pension, I feel that he would be more serious and interested in the job. I should like to know if it is the Government who would not make this job permanent, or whether it is the holder of the office who prefers to be engaged on contract.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I think I explained yesterday, when the Hon. Leader of the Opposition asked this question, that the difference in salary between the Officer who has just left and the Officer who now holds the post is that in the case of the former, he was appointed under conditions which made him eligible for Overseas Aid. In other words, since he was recruited by the United Kingdom from another Commonwealth country under an arrangement which covers that type of recruitment, this officer is entitled to something over and above what the post carries here. If Mr. Stevens had not been recruited in the way he was, his salary would have been precisely what is laid down here for the present incumbent. The present incumbent was not recruited on those terms, and therefore is not entitled to anything from the Overseas Aid Service Scheme.
12.35 p.m

I think the hon. junior member for St. Joseph raised the point of dissatisfaction. So far as I am aware, there is no question of dissatisfaction arising.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I did not say that the officer was dissatisfied. I said that no case of dissatisfaction arose. I do not know him; I do not think I know any of them.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: The point which I was making was this. The hon. member, as I understand him, seemed to say that he wondered if people under contract would work in as satisfied a manner as a person who was appointed. The terms of employment of the present officer was arranged between himself and the Government and, as far as I know, there was a satisfactory agreement between them.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I still do not understand the Hon. Minister quite clearly. I asked if it was the choice of the Government or the choice of the officer. You only have to tell me it was the Government's choice or the choice of the officer to be on contract and not permanent. Whose choice was it? It was somebody's choice.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, I do not understand the hon. member. Will he repeat the question?

Mr. SMITH: I said that I would like to know if it was the choice of the Government; if the Government preferred to employ this particular officer to work on a contract or if the particular officer preferred to accept to work on a contractual basis. Whose choice was it? If it were his choice, I do not think a man would be so ready as to say "I am not taking it under contract". What contractor knows that he can do better by contract? He would say that he pre-

fers to do it by contract. Jobs like these do not walk about and the man will have to take it. I think the smallest child can understand.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, the points raised by the hon. junior member for St. Joseph deal with the terms and arrangements in so far as the employment of the Town and Country Planning Officer is concerned. I want to explain that this was a voluntary contract - nothing compulsory. The two parties entered a contract on mutual arrangements whereby the Town and Country Planning Officer should fill the post for a term of two years at this particular salary and conditions pertaining thereto. It is a matter of an arrangement between the two parties and it was on a voluntary basis between the two contracting parties.

The question that the sum of \$31,763 under Head 20 - Town and Country Planning - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 21 - PRISONS

Head 21 - Prisons - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$64,270 under Head 21 - Prisons - stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. MOTTLEY: Item 16, Provisions. Mr. Chairman, I should like to know as regards this item, who are the pensioners that this vote is provided for. The note reads:

"Cost of rations for pensioners, and of material used in making bread supplied to the Mental Hospital, the value of which is paid for in accordance with fluctuation in market prices."

Who are the pensioners?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: That is obviously a misprint because the rations are for prisoners.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I thought at first when I saw it that there must be some misprint; if not, you had some prisoners outside to whom you were giving a pension.

Mr. TUDOR: That is a mistake; that is a typographical error. That is, the note should read:

"Cost of rations for prisoners," - not pensioners. Therefore, with that amendment, I beg to move that the sum of \$64,270 under Head 21 - Prisons - as amended, stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. MOTTLEY: Therefore, it should read:

"Cost of rations for prisoners, and of material used in making bread supplied to the Mental Hospital, the value of which is paid for in accordance with fluctuation in market prices."

I do not think I will have to say much more about that.

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

HEAD 22 - LANDS AND SURVEYS

Head 22 - Lands and Surveys - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$62,300 under Head 22 - Lands and Surveys - stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, the Hon. Minister should be able to tell me something about this Head. Apparently, this Head was put in the Estimates last year and the estimated expenditure then, as it is this year, was \$62,300. You have a Chief Surveyor, a Senior Surveyor, four Surveyors, Senior Draughtsman, two Draughtsmen, a Long Grade Clerk, Stenographer, Messenger, and so on, and provision made for furniture and so on.

What progress has been made? How many people have been appointed? If any, where is the office? I cannot say what was spent because there is nothing under the Head. Certainly the Hon. Minister should be able to tell me something about this.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I think the hon. member realises that this is a kind of department which requires specialists, surveyors and things like that, and they are not easily recruited. A gentleman who is the Chief Surveyor of the Lands and Surveys Department has been recruited to assist us in setting up staff of this Department and he has made a survey for us; but I am not in a position to say how many people have been recruited. However, we are trying as quickly as possible to have it settled, 12.45 p.m.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Has this been put in the Estimates as an inflation? Last year nobody was appointed and this is the end of the financial year. Only this month a retiring gentleman from Trinidad has agreed to come in. Nothing has been done last year and this is a very sorry state of affairs. You are inflating the Estimates and nothing has been done here. This is something which we all deprecate. What has been done when the hon. member said that he wanted this staff? There is a dearth of surveyors in this country. Have you been around the schools and considered all the children who have a mathematical bent and who have the necessary ability? Should these children not be articulated? Nothing has been done in this connection, and it makes us feel that you are just puffing up the Estimates. You have all this staff here - Chief Surveyor, Senior Surveyor, Senior Draughtsman and what not. Surely you could look around at these schools. You have the Technical Institute. There are young people whom I have come across who would make excellent draughtsmen, but what has been done for them? Quite a number of chaps, knowing about this matter, have been going around the mulberry bush enquiring to whom they must apply or whom they can be articulated to. Are you going to come back here next year and say that you have a retired man from Trinidad? (Hon. N. W. BOXILL: You cannot train a surveyor in a year.) The hon. member wants to be dogmatic in this case, and I will say that you can start training a surveyor in a year.

Mr. YEARWOOD: Mr. Chairman, I should like the Hon. Minister to tell me something now that this Department has been established. I would like to draw his attention to a question which I asked in June 1964. The question was this:

"To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

Is Government aware that the cost of obtaining a good and marketable title to land in this Island is well nigh prohibitive, especially to owners of land not exceeding in value the sum of £500?

2. Will Government ensure, by legislation or otherwise, that a graded scale of fees and expenses with respect thereto, be drawn up so as to alleviate this hardship?"

Now that the Government has established this Department, I would like to know that they will speed up and get these titles for owners of land who are not in a position to get them because of the cost.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, yesterday you will remember that I mentioned that all over these Estimates there is money which you cannot spend, and this is a classic example of that here now. You are budgeting for money which you are not spending. The Hon. Premier says that expenditure has gone up, but not taxes. Well, Sir, expenditure like this

is bound to go up because you are not spending the money. Under the Head "Lands and Surveys" the sum of \$63,200 was voted last year, and I have not seen that any of this money has been spent. This year you are asking for \$62,300. The Hon. Premier knew what he was saying when he said that we have not got to be alarmed over the deficit. You are only piling up figures here, but the money is not being spent. You are just throwing dust in the eyes of people who do not understand. The estimated revenue this year is \$40,050,814, the estimated expenditure is \$41,506,697 and the estimated excess of expenditure over revenue is \$1,455,883, but you can never have an excess when you see so many thousands. As I have said, Sir, this Head is "Lands and Surveys" and \$63,200 was voted last year; not one cent was spent and you are asking for it again. This is only throwing dust in the eyes of people who cannot understand. You cannot expect the taxes to go up when you are not spending the money unless you want to do what is being said.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I want to reply to what the hon. senior member for the City has said. He started off by saying that if one does not understand he should keep his mouth quiet. It takes a year to....

Mr. MOTTLEY: On a point of order, I have never said any such thing. The hon. member should not misquote me.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: What I am telling the hon. member is that it takes time to learn anything, even to become a fool. I do not know how long some people took to become one. The important thing is that none of these youngsters are quite willing to go in for surveying, and the surveyors are not so happy about training these young people either. 12.55 p.m.

I know a particular surveyor, and I am sure the hon. member does also, who, when he was articled had to ride his bicycle to any part of the Island; so these people find it extremely difficult, and the surveyors in the Island are not so willing. A surveyor is not a person you can find overnight; he is a trained man, and that is where the difficulty arises.

Now when the hon. senior member for Bridgetown talks about inflation of the Estimates, it is quite obvious that if you intend to set up a surveyor's Department, as the hon. senior member for Bridgetown has said, you must start off

Mr. MOTTLEY: On a point of order, I have said nothing like that. I have great respect for the hon. member's commonsense, but I have not said that. I know what the law says and what is the procedure for a person to become a surveyor. I know what the minimum qualifications are and that a person has to be articled. The hon. member says that none of these youngsters want to become surveyors, but I challenge the Hon. Minister to say that he has gone into the schools and tried to find out, because this is a most profitable field with a minimum income of £1,500 a year. Do not tell me that if a fellow is mathematically inclined that he would not go in for surveying.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: As I was saying, Mr. Chairman, before I was so rudely interrupted, ...

Mr. MOTTLEY: I do not have to follow anybody in here.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I would like the hon. member to understand that when I come in here, I am serious, and I would not have him using any insulting remarks, because I can use more than he can. It is all right for him to make sport, but it is no sport when I come in here; this is serious business. I was not elected to make sport at or with.

Getting back to the point, I was saying that the hon. senior member for Bridgetown knows as well as I do that most people today, especially the youngsters, are looking to get some money in their hands, and it is quite obvious that the people who have money in their hands are going to study medicine or something they feel to be more lucrative, and

here is where the problem comes in. The hon. member mentioned training at the Evening Institute.

Mr. MOTTLEY: On a point of order, I asked the Hon. Minister if he had gone to the Secondary Schools, and I also asked about the boys at the Technical Institute. Let me explain something to the hon. member. Years ago, and even today, when firms of solicitors wanted to get youngsters to be trained, they went into the schools and took the boys with the necessary qualifications who would like to be trained. I am asking the Minister if he has made an attempt to do this. I know you cannot set up a place for training surveyors, because they must be articled and trained by a particular surveyor. The Government has surveyors in the Public Works, Waterworks and other Departments; so you can select these people and have them attached to these surveyors just as two persons can be articled to the Crown Solicitor and the Assistant Crown Solicitor to be trained.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, as Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries at one time, this fell under my portfolio; therefore I am in a position to say that there are many points to be considered in so far as the setting up of this Department is concerned. In the first place, there is a shortage of fully qualified surveyors who could be appointed to top posts in this Department. It does not entail training here as such, but qualifications of the highest calibre in England - and some can be obtained in Trinidad. The average small land surveyor could not fill many of these posts.

Mr. Baird, who is one of the highest qualified surveyors in the West Indies and is now retired, came to Barbados in 1957-58 during the tenure of office of the last Government and submitted a Report in this connection which was never implemented, and it is now left to this Government to try and implement this Report. Mr. Baird is an expert and fully qualified for this work, and from what I have gathered will be returning to assist us in establishing this Department very soon. If we did not make provision in the Estimates for establishing this Department, we would have to come back for supplementaries later on.

Mr. MOTTLEY: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, I do not think the hon. member sees the point I am making. What I am saying is that you included this money in the Estimates last year, and I am asking the Minister what progress has been made in the setting up of the Department.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: These posts which are very highly technical posts have already been established, but the hon. member wants to know what is the cause of the delay. The delay is caused by the difficulty of securing the services of certain highly qualified technical experts, whether engineers or surveyors, and we have recently secured the services of the same gentleman who wrote the Report, and whose recommendations we are following, to assist us in establishing this Department. 1.05 p.m.

While we are doing that, it is not only the establishment of a Department of Lands and Survey; it is a question of a land equalisation programme and it is also a question of instituting a new system of land legislation for the registration of titles.

In future, the system of conveyances will be changed. After registration of titles and the necessities have been dealt with, the whole system will be changed. In other words there are many matters to be dealt with in connection with this registration of titles and instituting a new system of conveyances. It is not so simple. There are many matters connected with this, even the Land Acquisition Act. We do not have experienced personnel and staff in order to get all these matters done at the same time. There are no experienced persons here in Barbados; so we have to get experts from abroad. We have to get people who would come on contract for the first two or three years.

The question that the sum of \$62,300 under Head 22 - Lands and Surveys - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 23 - METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

Head 23 - Meteorological Service - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I beg to move that the sum of \$94,225 under Head 23 - Meteorological Service - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 24 - PREMIER - CABINET AND GENERAL

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$171,915 under Head 24 - Premier - Cabinet and General - stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. MOTTLEY: Item 10, Conferences and Delegations. Mr. Chairman, this is the year of Independence and I notice that this item has not been increased. I am going to be reasonable enough to know that we would have to spend money on Conferences and so on. The Government has not increased the money.

I am asking you to increase it, I know that there is going to be a tremendous lot to do this year in this respect. I am still a Barbadian and there is going to be a tremendous lot of work to be done under this item.

I want to know this and I am sure the Hon. Minister will tell me. As regards the allowances for persons going abroad on Conferences, how do they compare with what is given to persons who are going on similar business from other countries? I am going to tell you why I am asking this question. I am not asking it with a view of being unduly critical; I am asking it with a view of bringing the Government to an awareness of what is happening. I want to know what you are giving as allowances to delegates going on Conferences as compared with what is given to persons who are going abroad from outside of Barbados and who are not directly under the control of Government. What is given to such persons as those going in connection with Expo '67?

I want to know the answers to both, those going on Conferences, and those going in respect of Expo '67, as well as this Bonanza tour and in search of tourism. What are they getting?

There is a fixed rate which the Cabinet has decided upon. I am one of those people who feel that allowances should be given to people that they can buy anything without their having to go to a small pub and that they should be treated generously. I want to know what this compares with the allowances to people who are going up on tourism to Canada and such places.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, that is a very good question because you would expect that Ministers would get more. The men who are going on such tours, as those going in search of tourism, are no fools. I do not think one would leave \$100 here to go up on a tour when he stands to lose \$50. That is a very good question and I hope the Hon. Minister would be in a position to answer that question.

The persons whom I see going on these tours have sense; they are no fools; they are educated. I hope there will be an answer to this question. I wanted to ask that question myself.

Now, Sir, I am speaking on Item 18, Culloden Farm, \$13,525. The note reads:-

"Includes provision for wages of staff, uniforms, upkeep of gardens and grounds, lighting and fuel, water, furniture and equipment and contingencies. Increased to cover wages for more staff. The Premier pays into General

Revenue a fixed annual contribution of \$450 towards the wages of the staff."

Now, Sir, the sum of \$13,525 is being asked for to be spent on Culloden Farm, and there is a \$2,175 increase on the amount. The Hon. Premier is only paying \$450 towards wages of the staff. In my poor way of figuring it out, it would amount to about \$9.00 a week which the Hon. Premier is paying. I have a man working with me now at my home and I have to pay him \$12.00 a week. This is the Hon. Premier now who is living in one of the biggest farms or houses that you can look at. I am sure that he has not got chance, since he has moved into it, to go into all the rooms. 1.15 p.m.

Now, Sir, it is only a little, paltry \$450 a year he is paying as a contribution towards the wages of his servants, whereas there are poor people working with poor small men and they have to pay them \$12 a week for their services. Mr. Chairman, we are not in a position to upkeep two Government Houses; we have to go easy on the people's money. I know what is going to be said when I sit down, but I do not mind because I live at Lloyd Smith. He wants to play great and believe that we are big shots, but, as I say, we have to go easy on the people's money.

In Item 26 which is also "Culloden Farm" the amount to be voted is \$450 and the Note to that item says: "To purchase two crystal candelabra (\$150) and two chairs (\$300)". That is for the purchase of two lights and two chairs. Sir, this place is really surpassing Government House, comparatively speaking, with expenditure. This is a small country. The Government can do as they like and they can put in whatever they like, but whatever is put into that place still belongs to the people. Nobody can take it away when the time comes; but do not tell me that when you expect to leave a place, you are going to furnish it with all of the best things. Believe me, I would like to see these two chairs; I may be accustomed to a soap-box, but I would like to see these two chairs. Mr. Chairman, I cannot even call the name of these lights, but I can call the money and the money is too much. This is an expenditure for which the taxpayers never had to budget until this Government came into power. The last Government may have had it in mind to get a farm too; but, believe me, there is another property adjoining it and when we least think of it the whole of Collymore Rock will belong to the Government. Everything may be bought because things are heading for that. I am sorry that the Hon. Premier is not in his seat. This House does not get any sport until he comes in here. If I thought that he was coming in here now I would not sit down. Anyhow, Sir, I will not say anything more at this stage; I will wait for the replies, but the question which the hon. senior member for the City has posed is a very important one. This sum of \$75,000 for Conferences and Delegations is a lot of money; therefore let us know how you are spending it or at least let us know how some of it is going to be spent.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, the hon. senior member for the City mentioned the question of the allowances given to members of the Tourist Board when they go on their expeditions on advertising, and he asked how does that compare with the subsistence allowance given to officers when they go abroad. I should just like to reply to that and say that the amount of subsistence allowance given to public officers or Ministers is entirely provided according to the country to which the officer is going. If he is going to the United States of America, there is a fixed subsistence allowance for him, and if he is going to Antigua there is a different type of subsistence allowance. It is governed by the country to which the Officer is going. The amount given by the Tourist Board to their ambassadors, so to speak, varies from that given by the Government because it is expected that these officers, when they go abroad, are going to attract tourist business to Barbados and they will have to do more entertaining. This also varies according to the country which they are visiting. There is little comparison between the Government officers going abroad and Government Ministers and the Members of the Tourist Board because they have to entertain people from their subsistence allowances. They will have to entertain

more people when they go abroad because they are soliciting business.

Mr. MOTTLEY: On a point of order, I did not raise any question about public officers.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: The point I am making, Mr. Chairman, is that the members of the Tourist Board solicit business and they are expected to do more entertaining, because the public officers themselves are not expected to do much entertaining. The fact that the allowance from the Tourist Board is higher than the allowance.... (Mr. MOTTLEY: Tell us how much.) It all depends upon the country where he is going.
1.25 p.m.

I will get the information for the hon. member on the amount given to the Tourist Board as soon as possible after 2 o'clock, because the Tourist Board office is closed right now.

In reply to the hon. junior member for St. Joseph, I must say I have never heard such nonsense as that put forward by the hon. member here today. The person at Culloden Farm could be the hon. junior member for St. Joseph. We are not dealing with Culloden Farm because the present Premier of Barbados is resident there; Culloden Farm is there for anybody who happens to be Premier or Prime Minister of Barbados, and is the official and not the private residence of anyone. After all, the dignity of a Prime Minister or Premier has got to be upheld. The hon. member has not questioned the allowance given to the Governor who has twenty members of staff and pays into the Treasury a contribution of \$1,500. The hon. member is saying that it is not a question of the \$9 a week contributed by the Premier; but I will tell him that this amount is paid to the staff for what they do for him in his private capacity. We are not dealing with personalities; and if the hon. member has not questioned the allowance given to Government House, he is questioning the allowance given to Culloden Farm because the incumbent is a coloured man. Suppose after the next elections the people see it fit to make him Premier - God help us - he would enjoy the same benefits; so all we are asking for is something to keep up the dignity of the Leader of the country. Why should the hon. member question the allowance given to the representative of the people of Barbados when he has not questioned that given to the Queen's representative? Why should the people's representative be denied privileges enjoyed by the Queen's representative? I cannot understand what nonsense the hon. junior member for St. Joseph has been saying.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, I raised a question under Item 10 in reply to which the Minister promised to get the information from the Tourist Board some time after 2 o'clock, and I have every confidence he will get it; but he also mentioned that it appeared to him, as it does to me, that the allowance given to this gentleman might be higher than that given to a Minister who might go abroad and have to entertain in a similar manner. When a delegation of five or six people from the Tourist Board goes abroad, it would fall to the Chairman to do the entertaining which would probably be done in his suite.

However, Sir, no one has given me the figures in respect of other persons going on Conferences, and I hope that, before this Head is passed, some one will be courteous enough to give me these figures because they must be known. I believe that every Minister of Government has gone to a Conference and should be able to supply the information I am seeking. I do not think that the question of not giving this allowance to a coloured man can be attributed to me, but I would like to say that, before the hon. junior member for St. Andrew came in here, the members of the present Government attacked this question of the allowances at Government House, and I think they were responsible for having this contribution paid to the staff from his personal emoluments.

Now the hon. member mentioned that the staff at Culloden Farm needs to be increased, but it is about fair that he should tell us by how many it will be increased. The vote

has been increased by \$2,000, and we notice that the Minister will pay in out of the \$13,000 odd the sum of \$450, while the Queen's representative pays in \$1,500 out of \$22,470. What we want to know is whether the proportion is correct, because we all agreed that a home should be bought for whoever became Premier of this Island. When the members of the Government were in Opposition, they asked these questions of the then Government; so there is nothing wrong in our asking for this information.

I remember that there was a dismissal at Government House, and I came on the floor of this House and discussed it along with members of the present Government. We would therefore like to know how many you are increasing the staff by, and how you are going to reconcile the payment of \$1,500 out of \$22,000 with that of \$450 out of \$13,000.
1.35 p.m.

None of us would object to the upkeep of the Premier's official residence and the like; therefore, if you buy a house for the Premier, you have to upkeep it. While that is so, we do things in accordance with our resources. There would be no point in saying that we should do what some places in Africa have done. It is no question of our opposing Culloden Farm and asking the Premier to live in some other place.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: I rise on a point of order. The hon. member did not oppose it, but the hon. junior member for St. Joseph opposed it.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I said that we do things to the limit of our resources. If the Hon. Minister is really taking notes, I am sure that he is also going to tell me something as regards Item 13, Public Relations, to which the Note reads:-

"Payment of salary at the rate of \$6,600 per annum and travelling allowance at the rate of \$80 per month for the Personal Assistant to the Premier."

Will the Hon. Minister tell me if it is the decision of the Government to abolish this? What is the decision? The post was vacant for some months now. Why put it back in these Estimates? It was vacant from last June, I think. This is like other things you learn by trial and error. Have you found that it is unnecessary?

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I will begin by saying that Simple Simon did not know anything.

Now, one has to say nothing about anything which the Government brings down here. I can clearly see that from what the Hon. Minister has just said. He is not even sensible enough to see that criticism of a thing does not mean opposition to it, because if you oppose a thing and it is put to the vote, you vote against it.

It is my democratic right when anything comes down here, especially on the Estimates, to speak as I feel on it. Now, the Hon. Minister got up and began by saying that if it was a white man in that house, I would not say anything about it.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: I rise on a point of order. I did not say if it was a white man. I said that he criticised it because it was a black, coloured man like himself.

Mr. SMITH: Do you mean that I would not criticise it if it were a white man in the house?

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: That is for you to determine.

Mr. SMITH: The Hon. Minister should be the last person to get up inside here and say that about me. He knows me only too well to suggest that because it was a black man, I criticised it. It is the dignity of the office; it is not the man. Is it dignity what was displayed in here last night? I am asking the Hon. Minister to speak as a man. The behaviour which was displayed in here last night by the dignified Hon. Premier of this country who is living in Culloden Farm, was that dignity?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I wish the hon. member to stick to Head 24.

Mr. SMITH: When you come to speak of dignity, think twice. There are other people hearing you who have sense and who know dignity. No one who was in here last night and experienced what we had to experience would call that dignity. It is not the man; it is the dignity of the office. I cannot see it otherwise; I do not care who does.

Since the Hon. Minister has pulled me to my feet, I have to let the people of this country know something of what is happening in the Government. I am sure neither one of them would go to their constituency and tell the people that we have to provide \$13,000 for the upkeep of the Premier's home. They are going to hide it. Some of the people believe that when you become Premier and when you become a Minister, you are the Almighty and you are all-powerful, and the other people are the servants, and the Premier and the Ministers are the masters. I want them to know here and now, and from now on, that it is not so. All of them to whom I have referred just now are paid, and they are the servants of the people. The people have a belief that the Premier and the Ministers are the masters and they are doing the people a favour. I want them to know that they are not doing them any favour.

When it comes to Item 17, Government Hospitality, the note states that that is controlled by the Premier subject to reference to Cabinet. The sum to be voted is \$32,000.

Well, I do not mind what anybody says. I am not imputing anything. I know how most people would think when one has \$32,000 to play with. I would not go any further. The Premier is drawing \$1,000 per month. I am not accusing anybody of anything, but it is likely to happen that this \$1,000 can be put on the bank and you do not have to touch it.
1.45 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: The hon. member is not only improper but grossly wrong. He does not think he can fool the House that he is not imputing improper motives. It is just his way of imputing improper motives. He is saying, in effect under another cover, that by putting in this \$32,000 the Premier should not have to spend his salary. That is a most improper thing and I ask the hon. member to withdraw it.

Mr. SMITH: That is what the Minister has said, and since he says that, I will withdraw what he says.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I am asking the hon. member to stick to the Head.

Mr. SMITH: I am only trying to let the people whom I represent know that the Ministers and the Premier are not doing them any favour when they know that the Premier can sit in a chair costing \$150, regardless of how long. It is not his; but I only want the people to know what is happening. They will try to do me anything, but I am within my right. The hon. member was in the Opposition and he kept me here one day from 12 o'clock noon until the next morning opposing things, and I did not try to shoot him although I have paid for my gun. I did not do the hon. member anything because he was exercising his right.

The hon. junior member for St. Thomas says he is serious and he means business. If he is so serious, do you mean to say that I should not be serious too? If they do not want me to criticise these things, then they should not have given me one of these documents; they should have given one to my colleague and left me out; but so long as they have given me one, I am going to exercise my right. Mr. Chairman, when you talk you are an idiot, and when you do not talk you are a fool. Anyhow, Sir, this is my right and I am exercising it, even if it is for the last time. I have been a politician for the last 21 years and therefore I should know my stuff. I am going to spare the hon. junior member for St. Andrew because he has just come, and he does not know - and he will not stay long enough to know either. According to my figures, comparing in a rough way the Premier with the Governor, the Governor is paying at the rate of \$18 a week per servant and the Premier is only paying \$9.00. Look out, Sir, I have sent a Minister on his way to

school now. Let the Minister start to work now. My figures tell me that the Governor is paying roughly \$18 or \$20 a week for his servants and the Premier is paying around \$9.00 a week for his. He still wants me to compare the Governor.....

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: On a point of Order, Mr. Chairman, how can the hon. member know all of this unless he knows the number of staff employed in each home?

Mr. SMITH: I am not arguing; I do not belong to the Government; but the Minister who is the Finance man in charge of it, if he knew his stuff he should be in a position to get up in here and tell me what the position is rather than ask me how I know. He should be able to inform the House and make me look small if he is doing his homework; but he does not know what he is doing. This is not his portfolio. I know that the last Government at Estimates time used to have one of the Civil Servants here.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I really do not apologise for interrupting the hon. member now. I feel that he should be interrupted because it would save him some trouble. Six people are employed at Culloden Farm and twenty people are employed at Government House.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I still maintain that, comparatively speaking, the Governor is contributing roughly around \$18 a week and the Culloden Farm manager is contributing around \$9 a week.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Who is the manager at Culloden Farm?

Mr. SMITH: You are a Principal and you should know that. It would make my argument look foolish, but the hon. junior member for St. Andrew has brought in the Governor. He brought in the Governor and I have only tried to compare.
1.55 p.m.

I maintain, and it is my privilege to say, that the cost of Culloden Farm is too high, and do you think that one little Minister over there can frighten me when he gets up to reply? My back is hard and broad, and I can take a lot. You will remember, Sir, that I termed that Party early to be a dark-glasses Party, but last night the Premier wanted a member on this side to take off his dark glasses though they all originally wore dark-glasses.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I am appealing to the hon. junior member for St. Joseph to refrain from reopening what happened last night, because he might instigate something worse than that.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I want to be very cool and quiet but if the Minister of Education is going to make signs to you and you are going to follow them, we would not get any further, because I will keep myself in order so that you will not be able to name me and keep on talking; so it is best to ignore him. He sat there last night and encouraged this thing, because he was not man enough to tell the Premier that he was "mashing the crease", and allowed him to display all sorts of behaviour.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I would like the hon. member to get on with Head 24.

Mr. SMITH: I know you like to hear about Culloden Farm.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I would like you to get on with the Head.

Mr. SMITH: I agree with you that we should get on. I was going on, but as soon as Simple Simon started, I stopped. I will, however, end by saying to the people of Barbados that the Premier and Ministers are not their masters; they are their servants and they are well paid to carry out their duties, and if they do not carry out their wishes and promises, between now and the end of the year they should ask them to leave town and Culloden Farm as well.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The question is that

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, I asked certain questions and sat down as any Parliamentarian would do waiting for an answer. I do not want to waste time, but there should be an answer.

Mr. CRAWFORD: Mr. Chairman, I gather that the hon. junior member for St. Joseph was concerned over the relation in the contribution of the cost of the staff at Culloden Farm by its inhabitant to the cost of the staff at Government House and the contribution by the occupant at Government House, and his questions are perfectly correct. The cost of staff at Government House is approximately \$23,000 a year and the contribution of His Excellency the Governor is \$1,500. The cost of the staff at Culloden Farm will now be \$13,000 and the contribution by its occupant will be only \$450.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I must interrupt the hon. member here because he is distorting the figures. The total figure of \$13,000 set down here does not all represent the cost of the staff, as he will see from the explanatory note.

Mr. CRAWFORD: What is the explanatory note to the amount for the staff at Government House? If you look at Head 1, you will see that according to the explanatory note His Excellency the Governor pays into general revenue a fixed annual contribution of \$1,500 towards the cost of wages to Government House staff. Now on page 50, Sir, on the matter under discussion, the note says "Includes provision for wages of staff, uniforms, upkeep of gardens and grounds.

Mr. MOTTLEY: In fairness I would like to say this: the note says that this includes wages of staff, uniforms and so on, but would the Minister tell us, as compared with Government House, what proportion is this amount being paid in?

Mr. CRAWFORD: I want to tell the hon. junior member for St. Lucy, Mr. Chairman, that when he is in here he is not talking to some little Primary School somewhere or some kindergarten. There is no difference at all in the two notes with reference to what the hon. junior member for St. Joseph said.
2.05 p.m.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. You have two sets of notes. The hon. member said that there is no difference between the two notes. The note to Head 1 deals with 20 members of the Unestablished Staff and that alone. The question of the payment for water rates, electricity and so on, comes under different items further down under Head 1; whereas this is \$13,000 against \$22,000 to take care of not only the payment of staff, but uniforms, upkeep of gardens and grounds, lighting and fuel, water, furniture and equipment and contingencies for Culloden Farm.

The position is that there are only six members of the staff at Culloden Farm and the wages for these members of the staff are commensurate as those paid to maids, etc., in the Government at Key Scale rates. If the hon. member wants to strike a fair comparison between the contribution by the Governor and the Premier, he has to compare that portion of the \$13,000 with the \$22,000; that is to say, he has to strike off that paid for lighting and fuel, and so on, and then compare the balance with the \$22,000. Therefore, it is not fair for the hon. senior member for St. Philip to say that the \$13,000 is paid to staff alone when a proportion of that \$13,000 is paid by the Hon. Premier and \$22,000 is paid by the Governor.

Mr. CRAWFORD: I would like to know where in these Estimates you see anything about \$6,000. What has happened is this. On page 1, Head 1, under Item 6 for Unestablished Staff, in the Note you see that the Governor is paying \$1,500 towards the wages of Government House staff. The Premier is paying \$450 as wages. The amount voted for Culloden Farm is \$13,525 and they are asking for \$2,175

more than last year. They say in the note that the increase is to cover wages for more staff. Originally, it was only \$10,000 and this year it has gone to \$13,000. Where does this \$6,000 come from? No where is it referred to in the Estimates.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, if I were opposed to the Government in power, I would choose different techniques as well as different issues on which to fight the Government; I would not oppose the Government by choosing this item in order to show my dislike for the Government. If you want to fight the Government, catch hold of a policy and big issues; do not get something like this that is not significant to attack the Government.

First of all, let me answer the question with respect to Culloden Farm. I hope that this will blow the whole nonsense away. First of all, this is the official residence of the Hon. Premier, in my view, it should be arranged in no degree less than that of the Governor and it should have everything in it which goes to making it our official residence, no matter who occupies it.

There is a lot of things needed at Culloden Farm and I blame the Premier for it. I feel that the Head of the Government should enjoy a certain amount of privilege, particularly as in the case of the present person because he is doing more than anyone has ever done in the interest of this Island. There are places of lesser importance and significance than Barbados where the Heads live on a scale officially far higher than the present incumbent of Culloden Farm would dare to live and reach a level of performance which cannot measure up to the level of performance which is here.

Secondly, there is nobody who knows the Hon. Premier, no matter what you think of him or object to his policies, who would say that he would be a partner to anybody in a house paying less than what the standard wages are and paying less than what they deserve. If that were not so, he could not be the person he is.

There are six persons employed at Culloden Farm compared with twenty at Government House. Their wages are: two maids at \$18.24 each per week, two gardeners at \$22.00 each per week, one cook at \$19.12 and one washer at \$18.24 per week, making a weekly wage bill of \$117.84 and a yearly wage bill of \$6,127.68. When you compare that against \$22,000 by the Governor and his paying \$1,500 towards his staff, it is wrong for the Premier to be paying \$450 in \$6,127.68.

I myself would say this as a tribute to the Hon. Premier and more so as a tribute to his wife. They do not get any domestic privacy at all because for four evenings of every week, they are occupied in entertainment given there on behalf of the Government. Therefore, they cannot shut themselves away with their children. This is something which they have willingly undertaken because this is part of the duty of Government.

If I were in the Opposition, this is not an item with which I would demean myself. If you dislike a person, do what you can to bring them down; but do not choose a vote like this.
2.15 p.m.

There are some people who so wanted to be Premier and could not be Premier that long before their chance came up, they were deciding how they would re-arrange the carpets at Culloden Farm. They were doing that even when there was no earthly chance of their being Prime Minister.

Mr. MOTTLEY: On a point of order. You do not mean me for instance! (Mr. CRAWFORD: Call the names.)

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I do not want to press anything, but suppose one of those persons did become the Prime Minister of this Island? Although I would not be opposed to any of them, do you think I would relieve myself by questioning a thing like this when I know what happens to those who have to entertain?

The Hon. Leader of the Opposition has asked a question about the Conferences. With respect to the coming London Conferences, I think that special provision will have to be made for that. I will only say this: Ministers and public officials who are going out, receive allowances in relation to the country which they are visiting. If it is in the West Indies, it is \$15.00 and outside of the West Indies it is \$25.00 and with officials it is \$5.00 or \$10.00 less, but in no case do I know of any Minister getting more than \$30.00 (U.S.) As a matter of fact, this is a sore point with us. We have a bitter experience of a system at work where Ministers find themselves out of pocket in respect of their journeys abroad. As I said, Sir, in no case can a Minister receive more than \$25.00 or \$30.00. As far as the Statutory Boards are concerned, they do what pleases them.

As regards the Personal Aide appointment to the Premier it would need to be determined whether he does not need one. There is no present intention of abolishing the post although it is very possible that when it is convenient another person will be appointed. The inclusion of the allowances here are quite reasonable.

MESSRS. CRAWFORD, MOTTLEY and Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS rose to speak.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Hon. Minister of Trade and Labour caught my eye first.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I should like to take this opportunity to say that earlier today I promised the hon. senior member for the City that I would give him the figures as to the allowances given to the Tourist Board. When members of the Tourist Board are going out on a Bonanza Tour they are given \$50.00 (U.S.) which covers their hotel expenses and subsistence allowances, or the hotel expenses are paid separately, and they are given \$25.00 (U.S.) for subsistence. If they accept that, then the hotel rates are paid separately; but if they want \$50.00 to cover everything, that is given.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, if I meant to demean myself to do anything, I could have kicked all around in a circle when they came to buy Culloden Farm. I have been having to do with the preparation of Estimates and I am sorry that the Financial Secretary is not in here now. I accept the explanation of the hon. member and it would really cause us bitterness and we would ask the question as to how this item has been set out. If you go through the Estimates you will not find one single item which has been set out in the way in which this item has been set out. This is what you have here, in respect of Culloden Farm: "Includes provision for wages of staff, uniforms, upkeep of gardens and grounds, lighting and fuel, water, furniture and equipment and contingencies. Increased to cover wages for more staff." Let me tell you that this is dishonesty. Imagine any of the Councils setting out something like this! You are cloaking something in here. There are a whole lot of things in here which could come under the item "Contingencies" and nobody can ask anything. Nowhere in the Estimates will you see any Note for these things. Nobody is objecting to the payment for lighting, or fuel, or servants, or gardens or water. I agree that these things must be supplied and this place has to be kept with a certain amount of dignity; but let it be known that members of the Opposition object to putting up things like these either for the purpose of misleading or with some other motive.

When the Hon. Minister says that the sum of \$6,000.00 is for the servants, he is giving a comparison. I remember that it was argued that Government House is our Government House, but the servants are personal to the Governor and he must make a contribution towards their wages. You look at the Governor's Head and you will find domestic servants as such. We have asked them for a breakdown and we have had a breakdown of that. We pay for light and other things and why on earth did those responsible for finance pass something for lighting.
2.25 p.m.

If lighting is going to cost \$400 at Government House, or if water is \$1,000 and you know that the depreciation on furniture and equipment is so much, you put them in the

Estimates. When the Governor came here, the Government wanted to buy a carpet and they had to look up and tell us how much they were going to pay for it and we raised hell in here. This is brodering on dishonesty in those who are responsible for putting these notes here, and this could not pass if the present Government members were in Opposition. With respect to "Contingencies", you already have an item for \$5,000 under this Head; so how can you include contingencies in that note? I am not accusing anybody of dishonesty, but I do not see how the Auditor General can pass any voucher drawn on this item for contingencies. This is contrary to the principle of presenting Estimates to the Legislature for its consideration.

We agreed, Mr. Chairman, to acquiring a home for the Premier, and all these things have been done in relation to the economy of the Island. Now the Hon. Minister has not answered my question about the Government Hospitality vote. You will remember, Sir, that the amount was \$20,000 and the Government came back for \$12,000, and the Minister told us that a lot of the entertainment was removed from Government House to Culloden Farm. Now I am going to ask this direct question. Would the Minister tell us if it is a fact that during last year, instead of paying for entertainment in the usual way by voucher, each Minister was given a voucher at the end of each month for \$100 and the Premier one for \$400 out of this Hospitality vote? Instead of the usual voucher being sent in setting out the amount and the reason for the expenditure by the particular Minister - perhaps, a party held at Hotel Royal on an occasion when dignitaries visited a particular Ministry - each Minister was given this amount of \$100 each month free of tax. I will tell you that this was first raised when the members of the Civil Service Association said that it was discovered that the Ministers had increased their own salaries and had not increased those of the Civil Service. The argument, I understand, is going to be that this is given to Ministers for their private entertainment, that is to say, either in entertaining somebody from abroad or to be used when they go into their constituencies. Other members of the House who are not Ministers also have to entertain, but they do not get their money tax free. I am therefore surprised that the Auditor General has passed these vouchers in this way, because if item 17 is controlled by the Premier subject to reference to Cabinet, each Minister should then put in the entertainment he has done in the usual way. I do not like the way this is being done, and no other member of this House is given \$100 tax free for entertainment. I would like the Minister to answer the query I have raised.

Mr. CRAWFORD: Mr. Chairman, the allegation has been made that it is infra dig. for members to query what may be regarded as the appropriate dignity under which the occupant of Culloden Farm must live, and in answer the hon. junior member for St. Lucy said he could not demean himself to query an item under this Head during its consideration. The hon. senior member for Bridgetown has explained that he has sat here so often and heard hon. members in Opposition criticise the slightest idea of expenditure for Government House; so it is really stupid for anybody to make that kind of observation. Some people, Sir, cannot even be decent to their own colleague in the same constituency during an election campaign; so you get all kinds of remarks like this. It is true that there is a lot of deliberate attempt in this vote to shroud a fair exposure of the expenditure. You will see here that this \$13,000 includes provision for wages to staff, uniforms, upkeep of gardens and grounds.
2.35 p.m.

Now, as regards the upkeep of gardens and grounds, the same Hon. Minister has told us that the gardeners are paid out of the \$6,000. In the staff, there are included two gardeners. But apart from that now, we are being told that item 18 includes provision for upkeep of gardens and grounds and you will also see provision for furniture and equipment. If you look further down the page, you will see a separate item - item 25 - for furniture and equipment. Under item 25 we are asked to vote \$290 to purchase an electric fan, a filing cabinet and two venetian blinds and then under item 26, Culloden Farm, we are asked to vote \$450 to purchase two crystal candelabra and two chairs.

Therefore, that is \$450 for furniture and equipment. Still under the original vote, reference is made to furniture and equipment.

You are spending \$450 on furniture and equipment. What are you spending of the \$13,000 on the same furniture and equipment? Hon. members know that this is not the first time that things have been obscured deliberately.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I charge the hon. member on that point, I am not aware that the expenditure on Culloden Farm has at any time been obscured.

Mr. CRAWFORD: If he is not aware, as he says, he cannot say that we are. He has to say that his memory does not serve him at the moment. He has to say: "I am aware that at no time the expenditure on Culloden Farm was obscured."

Let me go and check on rehabilitation of the building and see if any provision for that was made in the Estimates. Let me tell him the entire amount of money spent on the building. I am saying that the allegations of the hon. senior member for the City are not unjustified because if you are going to have your gardeners paid on the one hand from staff wages and then make extra provision for upkeep of gardens and grounds; if you have under this item provision for furniture and equipment and bring in another item for furniture and equipment, where the devil are we? You do not know where you are. This would have to be a deliberate attempt to obscure the expenditure of this place.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I should like to draw to the hon. member's attention Head 1, where there is a separate item for upkeep of gardens and this does not include wages paid to gardeners. The wages paid to gardeners come under Unestablished Staff; so it is quite legitimate to have under this item, Upkeep of gardens. The amount for Unestablished Staff under Head 1, is separate and distinct from upkeep of gardens, and you will note under Head 1 that the upkeep of gardens is \$240 fixed by law and \$535 to be voted; therefore, in the same manner as there is a vote for the upkeep of gardens under Head 1, there is a vote for upkeep of gardens under this Head. For example, you have under Head 1, besides the Item, Upkeep of Gardens, a vote for lighting, Heat and fuel and one of Furniture and Equipment. You also have a vote for furniture and Equipment to the amount of \$1,400 and also have one for Upkeep of Cars and another for Gasolene, and oil allowance. You also have another for incidentals and another for Miscellaneous. The only difference with this Head is that all these things come under one item, Culloden Farm and they are not tied under one item under the Head, Governor. If there were such an item called "Culloden Farm" or Prime Minister's Residence" under Head 1, it would not be necessary to have a breakdown in these Items, but there is no separate item like Culloden Farm. Therefore, I think it is quite legitimate to have a vote for the upkeep of gardens separate to the vote for Unestablished Staff. In this instance, you are paying gardeners out of Unestablished Staff and still have a vote for Upkeep of Gardens.

Mr. CRAWFORD: Perhaps, somebody will tell us that there are two items for Furniture and Equipment under Head 1.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Under Head 1, there is a vote for Furniture and Equipment and another for the provision of new furniture. Under Item 18, Culloden Farm, the provision for furniture and equipment is for the maintenance of furniture and equipment as against the acquisition of new furniture which comes lower down the Head, under Item 26, Culloden Farm.

Mr. CRAWFORD: The Hon. Minister walks out of the House of Assembly, goes and consults the Civil Servants and then comes back and tells us something. What I have to guide me is what is before me.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: What I have done here is no more than what he was accustomed doing. That is to consult Civil Servants. That is what Civil Servants are paid for. The hon. member is trying to object to my consulting with Civil Servants.

Mr. CRAWFORD: If he understood what I said, he could not have said what he said.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: I said that he is objecting to my consulting Civil Servants.

Mr. CRAWFORD: I did no such thing.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: I am doing no more than what he was accustomed doing when he was a Minister.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I shall not be tolerating a repetition of what took place last night.

Mr. CRAWFORD: I am very happy to hear that, because as I told you last night, I do not think it was fair to you at all.
2.45 p.m.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I will hear the point of order of the Hon. Minister of Trade.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: I have already make my point

Mr. CRAWFORD: Mr. Chairman, what I want to say is that even the Hon. Minister himself did not know the explanation of this item until he was further apprised. We have to be guided by what is before us.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, when I rose on a point of order, I corrected the hon. member on the question of the upkeep of gardens, and so on, and immediately the hon. member rose on a point of order and questioned the furniture. I said that the amount was for furniture and equipment. I did not have to get it from anybody. I am not so dumb that I did not know that the provision was for the maintenance of furniture and equipment.

Mr. CRAWFORD: The hon. member himself has said, in fact, that he went to acquaint himself of the matter from the Civil Servants.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I have not denied that it is my duty to consult the Civil Servants. I did speak to the Civil Servants, but it was not on the question of furniture and equipment. How did the hon. member know what I was consulting the Civil Servants about?

Mr. CRAWFORD: As I said just now, we have to be guided by what is before us. None of us has the gift of prophesy, and none of us has the ability to foresee things. If the note to the Item had said that the provision was for the maintenance of gardens, the Hon. Minister would not have had to rise. Therefore the allegation that the Note is not as explanatory or as clear as it should be is entirely justified.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I should like to make this clear for the purpose of the record, I attempted to speak before the hon. senior member for St. Philip and, as a matter of fact, I do not like to interrupt hon. members. The Hon. Minister of Trade and Labour has set out the position in so far as the upkeep of Culloden Farm is concerned. This is a new Item, as I said, and not a new Head. In the case of the Governor, that is a Head and a number of Items are set out separately. If you look at the Governor's Head you will see "upkeep of gardens" and what is for servants and it amounts to a lot of money. Under this Head Premier - Cabinet and General - Culloden Farm and its upkeep are two Items whereas in the Governor's Head it is one. In one case it is \$24,000 and in the other case it is \$14,000. From the inception of the Ministerial System of Government, the question of giving Ministers a duty-free allowance of \$50 a month was agreed upon. That was from 1954 and the allowance was for entertainment purposes. This is now 1966.

In cases where entertainment is done en bloc at a hotel or at some other residence, that is paid for by a separate voucher; but, at present, Ministers are given an allowance of \$100 and they are expected to pay certain small bills out of their own pocket. At the present time, Ministers are paid an allowance of \$100 a month tax free. They are expected to pay small bills up to about \$20 out of that allowance. On one occasion one of the Ministers did not comply with the requirements. The Premier was given \$400 a month but the Premier at Culloden Farm is now having to undertake almost all the entertainment. There are only odd cases or exceptional cases where you have the entertainment elsewhere. I may say that this \$400 which is given to the Hon. Premier is only a drop in the ocean (*ASIDES*). Mr. Chairman, it is all right to talk about Ministers getting an allowance of \$100 tax free. In Trinidad the Ministers get up to \$200 tax free as well as a car allowance and a tax allowance. Technical experts are given allowances of \$250 a month for technical experts, and everybody gets travelling allowance at certain rates. The Ministers may get \$20 a month or more. They have to do travelling and they should be doing more travelling.

Mr. Chairman, whether it be a question of house allowance, entertainment allowance or travelling allowance, I do not see why we should be so niggardly that we should be trying to question this allowance of \$100 in the case of Ministers and \$400 in the case of the Hon. Premier. I say that it is niggardly and the word "niggardly" should be underlined.
2.55 p.m.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I would like to say this: if the hon. member thinks it is a niggardly action, I do not know what to call it, but today is the first time that what the Minister has said has been made public. (A VOICE: That is not true). The hon. member who says it is not true should be the last person to say so. When a Resolution was brought before the House of Assembly for \$12,000 to increase the Hospitality vote, I particularly asked the Hon. Minister what were the reasons, and he replied that a lot of the entertainment done at Government House had been transferred to Government. If you were making this change, what was wrong in coming and telling this House? We have to do entertainment in our constituencies too, you know. I would like the Minister to tell me if he were in the Opposition and had discovered this, whether he would make it public. I knew when this was done, because you have 4,000 or 5,000 Civil Servants and they felt that the Ministers had got an increase though the Estimates remained the same, and they wondered how this extra money came about.

The question that the sum of \$171,915 under Head 24 - Premier - Cabinet and General - stand part of the Schedule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

COMMITTEE REPORTS PROGRESS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Your Honour do now report progress and ask for leave to sit again.

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

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this sitting be now suspended for three-quarters of an hour.

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

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER suspended the sitting accordingly.

On Resumption

Mr. SPEAKER: When the Sitting was suspended, immediately prior to the suspension, the House was in Committee of Supply.

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

HEAD 25 - ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT

Head 25 - Economic Planning Unit - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$334,386 under Head 25 - Economic Planning Unit - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 26 - BARBADOS REGIMENT

Head 26 - Barbados Regiment - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$93,126 under Head 26 - Barbados Regiment - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 27 - CIVIL AVIATION

Head 27 - Civil Aviation - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$262,144 under Head 27 - Civil Aviation - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 28 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Head 28 - Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - was called.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: Mr. Chairman, there are several amendments to this Head. They are as follows:

Item 57 - Insurance

The words "at Tent Bay" in the note to this item should be deleted.

Item 60 - Agricultural Society

The note should read "Act, 1890-34. Includes provision to assist in meeting the cost of prizes at Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions."

Item 81 - Plant Propagation

In the note to this item from the word "Finance" should be amended to read "Financed" from funds from District Agricultural Stations and previous provision for propagation of trees.

Item 83 - Sugar Cane Testing.

"Milking" in the note to this item should read "Milling."

Item 84 - Entomological and Pest Control

Provision to be increased from \$55,027 to \$67,162. Increase \$12,135.

The comma after the words "wood ants" should be deleted.

Item 85 - Rodent Control

The note to this item appears twice. One should be deleted.

Item 86 - Upkeep of Laboratory.

The word "of" at the end of line 2 of the note to this item should read "for".

Item 92 - Promotional Expenses.

The word "of" should be inserted after the word "Audit".

Item 93 - Upkeep of Equipment.

The word "Lubricant" in the note to this item should read "Lubricants".

Item 97 - Incidentals

The note to this item should read: "Includes provision to pay telephone rates and minor expenses in connection with the Fishing Boat Loan Scheme."

Item 112-(6) - Agricultural Credit Bank

"Acting Allowances" - \$8,305.00 in the note to this item should read "Temporary Staff and Acting allowances."

3.50 p.m.

Page 67, Insert Item 114A, (New) Irrigation Equipment. Insert Provision of \$14,638. Note to read: "Revote. To replace and extend irrigation equipment at Mental Hospital Farm and for replacement of equipment at four agricultural stations."

IN THE NOTE to Item 117, delete the word "food" appearing after the words "monoxide in"; substitute the word "Blood".

I beg to move that the sum of \$917,471 under Head 28 - Ministry of Agriculture - as amended, stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Chairman, there are only two observations I would like to make to the Hon. Minister. I wonder if the Government is thinking that the time has come when they should re-consider the matter and pay a subsidy for the keeping of pigs. That subsidy was implemented during the time of the last Government and the pig population increased tremendously. It helped mainly the small producer to get a bag of feed to help the sow after she had a litter of pigs. I know, from personal experience, that the pig population increased tremendously. It was a great help to them in rearing their young pigs.

There may be reason for discontinuing the subsidy, but I do know that as a result, a lot of persons who were in the business have gone out of pig keeping. I wonder if the Government considers that they should begin the scheme again and say if that would be wise at this stage. We are big consumers of pork in this island. Barbadians like their corned pork, and it would be an encouragement to the industry to release the price of pork so as to allow it to reach its level.

Another point which I would like to make is as regards the fish market. During the glut season, I have had complaints, particularly from Oistin, whereby fish sellers have been turned back off the street in front of the market at night. They feel that they can do better outside the market where people can get out of their cars and buy from them. There is a car park there and people can park their cars rather than going into the market and buy from them. Of course, this only occurs when there is a glut, and it is because the road is not wide enough and the land available for the Fish market is not enough.

That is another thing which I would like to take up with the Hon. Minister to see if it could not be extended so as to give some assistance to the fish sellers. I know that you can control things better within the area, but they have justifiable grounds in saying that when they are driven back into the market at that time of the night, their scales are not as good and it is not as easy as when they are hawking on the streets where the people can come along and collect their fish and move on.

Mr. LYNCH: I would like to add my quota to the appeal which has been made by the hon. junior member for Christ Church, particularly in so far as the restoration of the pig subsidy is concerned, because it is within my knowledge that it is the only form of saving which some of the people whom I represent will do as a collateral.

I know that many people depend on the savings from feeding pigs to pay the school fees of their children. Others depend on it to bring them much needed cheer. I know that they would be interested again in the rearing of pigs if there was a restoration of the pig subsidy. I therefore ask on behalf of the people whom we represent that some thought should be given to the restoration of the pig subsidy.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: In reply to the hon. junior member for Christ Church and the hon. junior member for the City as regards to the restoration of the pig subsidy, personally, I do not agree to subsidies from the basic point of view. I believe in releasing things and letting them find their level. In the days when there were controlled prices on pork and it was uneconomical to rear pig and sell it at that price, it was necessary to give a subsidy.

However, the marketing Corporation is doing a good job to see that prices would not go up beyond a suitable market price for the public to purchase at and since the subsidy was taken off pork, it is not quite true to say that the pig population dropped in this country. Since the Government has taken off the control of pork, it has levelled itself completely. There are not only small pig farmers that rear pigs, but people are going in for rearing pigs on a large scale planning. To go back to a subsidy on pigs would put us in the same position as it was before the price control was taken off.

I do not agree with the subsidy at all. If the supply and demand were to such an extent that the supply of pork was more than the demand, automatically the price would drop. I am trying to make sure now that the supply would not be to such an extent that the small grower would not be able to make his berry out of pig keeping.

4.00 p.m.

What we are doing is negotiating for the exportation of carcasses to some other country so as to keep the prices at such a level that the small man can make something out of his industry. In any case, the consumer will be paying for the subsidy which would be the taxpayers' money. I think it is better without a subsidy and no control price, but the Marketing Corporation will maintain a high level of prices as well as look for markets for the purpose of disposing of some of the surplus of pigs. That will be so in order to ensure that the supply does not exceed the demand and cause the prices to go down.

With regard to the fish markets, I would like to draw to the attention of the hon. junior member for Christ Church the fact that I realise the hardships which are created in this matter. I believe in keeping things to a proper level and a proper standard. I like to give people incentives by which they can climb above the level. It creates a nuisance and it can possibly be the cause of the loss of lives when people come on to a narrow road in the vicinity of a market and block the traffic. We have provided markets in such a way that the blockage of traffic can be prevented. The Oistin's market is practically on the road, as the hon. junior member for Christ Church knows. When people call out to motorists enquiring as to whether they want to purchase fish, that is something which can result in an accident. I do not believe in giving people the right to break the laws, and the breaking of the laws is something for the police and not for my Ministry to deal with. The Police have their duties

regulated, but we want to keep people from the highway and thus prevent traffic blocks and possibly accidents.

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Hon. Minister for his reply. Probably the solution for the market question would be the removal of the Police Station from where it is now and the widening of the street. Certainly, the Police would appreciate that. As regards the question of subsidies, we differ from what the Hon. Minister has said. We do not want to subsidise everything, but we would like to see subsidies go off gradually from things on which they were at one time necessary. I believe that the necessities of life should be as cheap as possible, and rice is one of those necessities for Barbadians. When it comes to the question of subsidies, I am glad to hear the explanation as to the pork industry, but you can only do these things if you have the quantity of pork. In other words, you must have something to work on. I think we should consider the many smallholders who keep pigs; I am thinking of the poor people who go home to see to what I would call their penny banks. The keeping of these pigs is the means of saving for these people, and I think that they should have some sort of capital investment in something. In the same way that we encourage people to go out of the island, we should encourage the small man to do something for himself.

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, in an impoverished community like this, where 90% of the taxation is paid by 10% of the people, subsidies are necessary. We still have subsidies existing which were imposed during the last war. It must be remembered that with the vast figure of 20,000 people unemployed, many of those who might well engage in pig-rearing find that they do not have the capital with which to buy the pigs. If they could obtain subsidies, many of these people, at the outlay of a little energy and time, would be able to rear pigs, and I may say that there is never a glut of pork in Barbados, as must be very well known to all of us. Therefore, we are urging the point again that this pig subsidy may well be re-considered. We differ from the Minister in that we feel that subsidies are necessary in a community such as ours, impoverished with 20,000 people unemployed and many others who are working for starvation wages.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I, too, would have to disagree with the Minister on this particular point. The majority of the people especially those who are in the country areas, resort to the rearing of pigs. To begin with, you cannot get a pig for less than \$20, and for some people, that is a hill for them to climb. They try and rear their pigs, and as soon as these pigs are ready to produce young ones, especially the type of pig which you are getting today, these people have to feed them. The majority of these people lose the pigs through the lack of feed. They are not in a position to give the pigs the necessary quantity of feed, and, as a result, they lose them. These people sell these pigs before they are weaned and the buyers lose on them. The Hon. Minister would be surprised to know how much it will save the man who rears a pig and how much it will also save the man who buys it if the subsidy were afforded. When a pig has young ones, you have to feed it. It is just like a woman who has a baby; she has to be fed more than before; otherwise she will end up at Black Rock.
4.10 p.m.

I am sure, Mr. Chairman, that no feed would be wasted in this respect, because we would be producing a better pig and the pig population would grow and we would not have to import meat. As the hon. junior member for Christ Church has said, if a Bajan can get a piece of pork, he does not want other meat, not even ham, because some people are making hams from the pork, and if they can be encouraged, we would not have to import so many hams.

I am therefore also appealing to the Minister to reconsider this matter and see what can be done. I am sure the former Minister of Agriculture will help him along these lines, because he knows what a good job was done when the last Government subsidised these people; but as soon as the subsidy was removed, we all saw what happened.

Mr. YEARWOOD: Mr. Chairman, I should like to enquire of the Minister if any consideration is being given to increasing the staff at the Co-operative Department. I made an enquiry about this last year, but I see that the staff seems to be the same. I am a member of a Co-operative Society, and I find that promotion from the Department is very limited. I have been appealing to the Department for advice, but I have discovered that none is forthcoming, because they claim that the staff is short.

Another point I would like to make clear is that the auditing is very inadequate and hampers a lot of sales by the Societies. When you give in your books and cannot get them back for months, that really hampers a new society. I would like to know if any consideration is being given to that Department.

Mr. HOLDER: Mr. Chairman, supporting all that has been said on the subsidy for pig rearing, I am sorry that I have to speak after the hon. junior member for St. John who caught your eye first. With respect to the subsidy, we on this side support it and hope that Government will give it some type of consideration. As the Minister has said, they are trying to improve the pig industry and get meat on the market, so that we would not have to import and keep the price up; but I am asking to give it deep consideration from this angle. This subsidy is only for sows, and in moving around areas in the country, I notice that there is a decrease in the number of piglets. The subsidy is not given to those people keeping a pig farm, but to those who keep sows, and it is controlled by your Inspectors. I move around quite a lot and find that young pigs are becoming scarce, and that is why we would like to see this subsidy come about. People save the swill from the kitchen and buy feed also, and if they can get two farrows a year, that is a big increase to the industry. As the hon. member on my right has said, piglets are sold at \$20; but if these people got a subsidy they would be able to sell a little cheaper and get a better quality pig, because as soon as the mother farrows and the piglets are two weeks old and the owner gets that feed and handles it properly, it would be a fillip to getting a better type pig in growth, especially if it is serviced at the Livestock Station. We are appealing to the Minister on this point so as to get more young pigs flowing on the market.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: Mr. Chairman, one of the problems here is to produce a feed with the nutritional value at a much cheaper rate. However, we expect in this island at any time now some young boars from Jamaica of special breed, because what this country has been suffering from is a good species and breed of pig. Scientists are trying to produce a pig to weigh at its best for slaughter 140 pounds in six months, and my Ministry has gone into the economics of pig breeding. Two or three weeks ago we had a pig expert from Jamaica here, and we expect some young boars for service. Farmers in this country have been coming into my Ministry and asking if the Government would be prepared to purchase and bring in boars of special breeds on the same lines as we have done with cattle for the milk scheme.

I can assure you, Mr. Chairman, that my Ministry has carried out a survey and we figure that by the month of June there would be such a surplus of young pigs and pork in this island that we are busily looking for export trade, for the development of bacon and ham, so as to stop prices from dropping. The economics of the industry is very important. When the Government subsidised pork, it was sold at 60 cents a pound. Today without the subsidy and the price of pork being what it is, the peasant and small man are in a better position than they ever have been in the history of Barbados in keeping pigs. What we have got to watch is that we do not produce more than can be consumed which would cause the price to drop. It is therefore my job as Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to see that this does not take place, because if we produce more than we can consume and there is no outlet, the prices will drop, and this is what makes it uneconomical.
4.20 p.m.

The Hon. Minister of Trade has not issued any import licences and only a few days ago, I have refused applications

I consulted with my Chief Officer and with several of the Agricultural officers in the Government about it and it is predicted that by June this year, the supply of pork would be to such an extent in this country that we would have to export or, if not, the prices are going to fall.

The average small piggrower is better off today than he has ever been because he can get a good price; and if the price is stabilized and you can get a good price for what it is worth, and stop the butchers and supermarkets from sending up the prices, it would be in the interest of the community and the people in this industry.

The hon. junior member for Christ Church asked about the Co-operative Society. I cannot tell him exactly what has happened on this question, but I would look into it and give him the answer at some time later.

Mr. Chairman, there is another amendment to Head 28 - Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. On page 66, Item 99 - Travelling - insert note "to provide for payment of Travelling Expenses to officers of the Division."

Mr. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I have listened to hon. members on the question of the pork industry. The hon. junior member for the City said that there was never a glut of pigs in Barbados. That is a big joke. Last year, there was a big glut of young pigs. We have not been issuing licences and still there is no shortage of pork. That shows that the present supply of pork is in keeping with the demand.

As the Hon. Minister of Agriculture pointed out, we had discussions between the Ministry of Agriculture and my Ministry on the pork industry and what steps must be taken for us to produce certain cuts of pork which the hotel industry said that they were in need of. The hon. junior member for Christ Church should know that this was the only representation made to my Ministry. It was permission to bring in a few pounds of pork for the hotel industry. That kind was considered to be a certain cut for pork chops. It is pork with the skin off which is not produced in Barbados. We do not market that sort of cut in Barbados and we have been discussing the matter. The two Ministries have got together to find out if we can produce these cuts which the hotels say that they are bound to import.

There is no shortage of pork in this country. The hon. junior member for St. Joseph said that feed was given so that the mother pig would have enough feed to give the young pigs sufficient milk to make them stronger. I would like to advise him that it was not give for the young pigs as such. That feed was given after the young pigs were weaned from the mother; so it is not a question of marketing stronger pigs. The hon. member does not have the knowledge to know that if the sow is overfed, you give her mild fever.

Mr. SMITH: Now, the Hon. Minister said that the subsidy is not given for the young pigs. I know that during the time of the last Government, they used to give the owners a bag of feed when the sow had young pigs. I do not know what the Hon. Minister is talking about. I am not talking of the feed which the Government employed inspectors to go around and see about sows which had young pigs.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: As I have said, Mr. Chairman, it was not for the young pigs. You got a subsidy from the Ministry of Agriculture after the young pigs were six weeks old and that feed was used for rebuilding the mother sow after the young pigs were taken off.

Mr. SMITH: It was not for the young pigs because the young pigs had to nurse the mother. I was for the mother.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: The biggest fool would know that. When a pig has a lot of young pigs nursing it for six weeks, the condition of that pig becomes run down. The hon. member would understand me if I say the young pigs

are run down. It is at the end of the six weeks that the Ministry of Agriculture allow you an amount of feed according to the number of young pigs the sow had so as to get her in preparation for the next litter of pigs. The feed is not for the young pigs.

I wanted to point out that there would be no necessity for import licences to be given for the importation of ordinary pork, that is to say, the carcase. The only representation made to this Government from dealers in pork was for about 175 pounds of pork of a special cut. It was the first in six months. It was a special order for the hotels, and the case which was made out was that this was a skinless special type of pork in order to provide certain pork chops for certain hotels. That was the only representation made to the Government for the importation of pork recently. If there was a need to put on a subsidy so as to encourage people in the keeping of pigs, representation would be made for the importation of carcasses. The answer to the shortage of pork was taking it out of control and letting the law of supply and demand take its course.

4.30 p.m.

The question that the sum of \$917,471 under Head 28 as amended stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 29 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS

Head 29 - Ministry of Communications and Works - was called.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, under this Head, there are two amendments to be made. In respect of Item 13, "Telephones", the amount "\$86,300" is to be substituted for the amount "\$85,000"; and the amount of Item 17 "Furniture and Equipment" is to be increased from \$600 to \$1,056. With those amendments, I beg to move that the sum of \$282,702 under Head 29 stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: I beg to second that.

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

HEAD 30 - PUBLIC WORKS

Head 30 - Public Works - was called.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, there are some amendments to be made in the Notes to some Items under this Head. These amendments are as follows:-

Item 21 - Leave Pay to Casual Employees: Delete the note 21, substitute the note 24; Item 22 - Travelling: Delete note 22, substitute note 21; Item 23 - Stationery: Delete note 23, substitute note 22; Item 24 - Office Expenses: Delete the note 24, substitute the note 23.

With those amendments, I beg to move that the sum of \$603,284 under Head 30 stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: I beg to second that.

The question that the sum of \$603,284 under Head 30 as amended stand part of the Schedule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 31 - WATERWORKS

Head 31 - Waterworks - was called.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: I beg to move, Mr. Chairman, that the sum of \$1,651,571 under Head 31 stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: I beg to second that.

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

HEAD 32 - PRINTING OFFICE

Head 32 - Printing Office - was called.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$91,185 under Head 32 stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: I beg to second that.

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

HEAD 33 - HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

Head 33 - Highways and Transport - was called.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Under this Head, Mr. Chairman, there is an amendment to be made to Item 65 - Plant, tools and equipment. The note is to be amended by way of a "move-in" to include the purchase of a traxcavator which was ordered in the 1965-66 financial year, but would not be available by 31st March, 1966.

The amount of \$418.00 is required to meet payment of overtime at the rate of \$2.00 an hour to the staff of the Accounts Section of the Department who were required to work a total of two hundred and nine (209) hours from 5th to 30th December, 1965, while engaged on the preparation of paysheets to make Christmas advances of wages and salaries to employees of the Department for the year 1965. That is a new item. In the note, the word "purchase" is to be deleted and the word "replace" is to be substituted therefor.

With those amendments, I beg to move that the sum of \$2,579,691 under Head 33 stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Chairman, I will take this opportunity to draw to the attention of the Hon. Minister an offer which was made to his Ministry four years ago with respect to the giving up of a portion of land near Windsor Hotel for the purpose of providing sidewalks. I have had talks with the neighbours on the other side and they are prepared to give up eight feet of land for the purpose of enabling the Government to provide a sidewalk. Last year, I understand that a sum of money was put in the Estimates in this connection, but the Government did not get around to dealing with this matter. I am asking the Minister to attend to this matter early in the year and not during the tourist season. The tourist season ends next month, and after that I would like to see a traxcavator make some improvement up there.

Another observation which I would like to make is this: They are filling in sidewalks and they are now at Cheapside in the vicinity of "Kissing Bridge", but the big improvement would be to push down the three buildings there and widen the corner. The number of accidents taking place annually down there cost more than the improvement of widening the corner. I am sure that the Government can purchase these houses at a reasonable price and pull them down and widen the street. This vicinity is near to the Deep Water Harbour, and all the buildings down there will become offices within the next four years or so, and they will bring in revenue.
4.40 p.m.

I commend you for making side-walks wherever possible even if they are eighteen inches wide, because at least you can jump off the road in case of something coming at you; but that is not the answer. Where you have obviously hazardous roads in Bridgetown, take the matter boldly in hand, acquire the properties either compulsorily or otherwise and widen the streets and you would see how these areas would develop. When I talk about industry, I do not

mean the heavy industry; but offices connected with the Harbour.

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, under Item 54 - Servicing and Repair - I would like to draw to the attention of the Hon. Minister a matter which I have had cause here to raise before - the discharge of obnoxious fumes from the buses just at a height where they are sure to enter the lungs of innocent bystanders. In nearly every city on earth, as the Hon. Minister must know, these noxious fumes are emptied into the upper atmosphere above the vehicle. Here in Barbados they are aimed apparently at the mouth and nose of passersby, and there is a growing fear that these noxious diesel fumes are the cause of lung cancer. The Minister cannot fail to be aware, he having travelled extensively, that in other cities in the civilised world, these fumes are emptied in the upper atmosphere where there is less danger of contamination of the lungs of young people - some of the older folk could perhaps be spared - but the children get the full blast of it from these monstrous vehicles as they round the corner.

Mr. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I thank the hon. junior member for Christ Church for the point he has made, but I can assure him that we are pressing ahead with the matter of the piece of land in front of Hotel Windsor, and will be starting on that in the very near future; so the hon. member need not worry about that at all.

In reply to the hon. junior member for Bridgetown, I really do not know why the people put the exhaust pipe on these buses at the bottom, but I think he will agree with me that exhaust fumes being a gas and knowing that gases tend to drop to the earth, the makers of the vehicles perhaps decided that if they put the pipes at the bottom the gases would go to the ground more quickly than if they put them in the air where the fumes would not so quickly dissipate. In a way Barbados might be different from these big countries of which the hon. member spoke, or they may have a different reason; but this question has been a sore spot with the hon. member for some time, and I assure him that I will look into this matter and try to get all the data on the reason for putting the exhaust below as against putting it above the vehicle, and whichever is best I will do in order to eliminate these noxious fumes and the prospect of causing lung cancer.

Mr. LYNCH: I thank the Hon. Minister for his assurance.

The question that the sum of \$2,579,691 under Head 33 - Highways and Transport - as amended, stand part of the Schedule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 34 - LIGHTHOUSES

Head 34 - Lighthouses - was called.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$26,554 under Head 34 - Lighthouses - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 35 - ELECTRICAL INSPECTION

Head 35 - Electrical Inspection - was called.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$25,084 under Head 35 - Electrical Inspection - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(1) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Head 36 - Ministry of Education (1) General Administration - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$1,766,188 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (1) General Administration - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
ERDISTON COLLEGE

Head 36 - Ministry of Education (2) Erdiston College - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$40,754 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (2) Erdiston College - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(3) TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Head 36 - Ministry of Education (3) Technical Institute - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$99,162 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (3) Technical Institute - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(4) HOUSECRAFT CENTRE

Head 36 - Ministry of Education (4) Housecraft Centre - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$12,362 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (4) Housecraft Centre - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(5) SCHOOLS

Head 36 - Ministry of Education (5) Schools - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$3,926,497 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (5) Schools - stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, under Item 2, I would like to draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to the fact that there is great public concern over the fact that there are many acting posts in the schools which have not been filled. Some of these have been vacant for more than one year. I think there are over fifty at the moment, and it is the cause of great ill-feeling, dissatisfaction and frustration among the teachers that these posts have not been filled. It has been found in the past that when the time did come that the

posts were filled and people were appointed, these people had long ago left the employ of the Ministry and were otherwise engaged.

While on that point, I would like to ask the Minister also how he is progressing with the new Education Act which was promised some four years ago in the Manifesto of his political Party. I think it is high time that we have our new Education Act, especially in these changing times.

Under Item 24 - Examinations - I would like to draw the attention of the Hon. Minister again to the need for an Examinations Hall. Doubtless I will be told it is a matter of priorities. Perhaps some of the pomp which attaches to certain celebrations are regarded as being more important than the establishment of an Examinations Hall, but the Minister must agree with me that this is a prime necessity. Every year there are several more hundreds of candidates writing the G.C. E. examinations and other tests, and there is just nowhere for them to sit down to be examined, because as the Hon. Ministers knows, there are certain specifications as to space and the distance one pupil must be from the other, and the small rooms which are at the moment at our disposal cannot accommodate the large number of pupils, and the number of entrants for the G.C.E. is growing annually. It is high time something was done about it.
4.50 p.m.

One would have to allow one's own school to go on vacation only after eight weeks of the term so as to provide an examination centre for one's own pupils. This is an imposition on the pupils in the other Forms who have to be sent home so that the school may be used as an examination centre when the Government is to provide the examination centre for pupils who are writing their examination.

Item 25 under the same Head - Independent Schools. I would like to make an appeal to the Hon. Minister to see what can be done to help us with more teachers than the number we are favoured with at the moment. We are very grateful for what small assistance has been given us; but if we are supposed to supply one teacher for every forty children and we are assisted with one teacher for every two hundred children, I am making an appeal for all Independent Schools that we be regarded to a point of at least one teacher for every one hundred children. It must be remembered that the children whom we are teaching are the children of the taxpayers. It is not their fault that they could not enter into a Government-aided school. It would be a very good thing if the Hon. Minister can promise us that we would be given some assistance with teachers to the point of one teacher supplied by the Government for every hundred children, and then we would have to make up the balance because by law we have to supply one teacher for every forty children.

The Hon. Minister would no doubt know that the Cornbermere School with a roll of 740 pupils receives a subvention of \$252,532. In 19 private schools with a number of 10,000 odd children, they are receiving \$217,364. We are just pointing out to the Hon. Minister that if it takes \$252,532 to accommodate 740 children, surely he must realise what financial stress we have when with 10,000 odd pupils, all we get is \$217,000 odd. Our teaching staff should be at the level which it ought to reach in a community embarking on Independence exercises, because the people whom we are teaching are the ones who are going to take upon their shoulders the load.

Sir, all that we are asking is that the Hon. Minister look into the matter and try to offer us some more help in so far as provision of staff is concerned.

Now, Sir, as regards the textbooks, it is true that the nineteenth century attitude towards books might grate on 20th century minds. It must be admitted that we do not cherish any false ideas of books. We must remember that they are the chief means of communications between one

generation and another. The amount of money granted might be given to us in books so that the schools which come under the aegis of the Minister might be able to commence a library.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I would just like to deal with the points raised by the hon. member with respect to the assistance given to the Independent Private Secondary Schools. I think the hon. member well reminded us that he is pushing an open door, so far as I am concerned. I also realise that this policy which was put into effect as regards secondary schools is not even six months old, and I think it is too early to evaluate it properly. However, I feel that both the private schools and the Ministry are all together satisfied with the way in which it is working, and we certainly are satisfied to the extent that it justifies the expenditure which the Government has given.

As regards the question of teachers, that is one which is not only being studied by me, but I think the hon. member knows that the Ministry in collaboration with the University of the West Indies has started to run a training course for teachers of the Private Secondary Schools. This course has attracted a considerable amount of enthusiasm among the teachers taking part. I think some 150 teachers of the Private Secondary Schools have availed themselves of this course.

As regards the question raised by the hon. member of the provision of textbooks and aid to library, that is very well taken. I will initiate a discussion on this with the Secondary Schools Association and I hope to be able to announce something on this; therefore, I do not think he has any worry on that.

The question of the provision of an Examination Hall is an interesting point, but here again I think the hon. member realises that the Government cannot provide an examination centre big enough even for certain occasions to serve all the number of pupils who are involved in writing examinations.

5.00 p.m.

We have, of course, provided centres of our own, and we have a large centre at the Garrison, through the courtesy of the University of the West Indies, we have used the Department of the College of Arts and some of the Handicraft Centres, their assembling halls and classrooms for this purpose. As the hon. member himself has reminded us, some of the Independent Schools are used in the months of June and July as examination centres and that helps the situation too. I realise that it is hard on them, but there is nothing which I can do at the present moment. I do not hold out any promise that I can remedy this situation within a short time. If more of our own buildings are available for this exercise, I will certainly make them available; but I appeal to the owners of those Independent Schools which have suitable premises, to allow their own school centres to be used as examination centres and we will do what we can for the provision of more commodious premises.

With respect to the new Education Act, I think the hon. member will realise that the preparation of an Education Bill is a momentous exercise. As a matter of fact, the first point raised is an aspect on which this debate went off. The hon. member wanted to know why there were so many vacancies in the teaching staff. The answer to that is that if you had a Teaching Service Commission responsible, as any other Service Commission would be, for the appointment, discipline, transfer and promotion of teachers, that Commission would concentrate more on its own work than dealing with teaching appointments. As the position is, it is the Public Service Commission which deals with this matter as well as all other matters of a similar nature. That is something which has been greatly concerning us. In so far as I can move in this matter, I have drawn the attention of the proper Department of Government not only to the dissatisfaction of the teachers but to other matters as well, and I am certain that these matters will have to be well attended to until there is a Teaching Service Commission provided.

The Education Act has got to include a number of things - not only general policy but several aspects of administration, such as the powers of the Minister, the type of schools to be provided, how they are to be organised and matters dealing with the promotion and transfer of teachers, the training of teachers, the awarding of scholarships, and everything generally. I have found that it would be better for me not to introduce the Education Bill two years ago or so, but to wait until certain developments which have taken place in the Ministry had been sufficiently crystallised to enable me to advise the Cabinet as to what the education policy should be for the future. When we have enacted the Education Bill, it is not anything which you can amend every year or every two years. You have to take a lot of judgment on it so that when you set out your policy on education, it should be able to guide education to the next generation.

Last year the Education Board, which is an Advisory Board, had been working continuously on all aspects of education in this island. I think the hon. member should know that we re-constituted the Board recently, and we saw that a representative of the private schools was given a place on the Board so that their point of view could be brought before the Board. We are examining all the legislation which has been passed in respect of education and that goes back, in some cases, for a century and a half. We want to see what parts can be discarded and what parts of the current education law bear on current problems. I have asked them to give their findings, but I have every reason to believe that before the end of the current year, we should have the new Education Act ready. I do not know if there is anything else which the hon. member wants to know; I think I have dealt with all the matters.

The question that the sum of \$3,926,497 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (5) Schools - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (6) INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

Head 36 Ministry of Education - (6) Industrial Schools - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I beg to move, Mr. Chairman, that the sum of \$53,710 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (6) Industrial Schools, stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (7) PUBLIC LIBRARY

Head 36 - Ministry of Education (7) Public Library - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, under this Head there is an item to be moved in. It is item 23 - Air-conditioning Unit - and the amount to be voted is \$470. The note is to read as follows: "To replace one unserviceable unit."

With that amendment, I beg to move that the sum of \$68,359 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (7) Public Library - stand part of the Schedule.

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

The question that the sum of \$68,359 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (7) Public Library, as amended stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(8) PUBLIC RELATIONS

Head 36 - Ministry of Education (8) Public Relations - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$15,874 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (8) Public Relations - stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, under Item 3 "Temporary Staff", the sum of \$7,104 is to be voted and the Note reads as follows:- "To pay salaries of temporary staff:- Broadcasting Assistant, Cameraman. I was wondering, Sir, whether this Broadcasting Assistant would have something to do with the methodology of broadcasting. I was hoping that this post would be for educational T.V. Admittedly, the matter is difficult, but those of us who have made some study of education are all well aware of the necessity for it. We are all well aware that the feed-back between teacher and pupil is lessened when the country moves into educational TV.
5.10 p.m.

I am hoping that the Minister will be able to assure me that this Broadcasting Assistant - this post which is being established - might well be the first move in the establishment of educational television broadcasts in our schools; or perhaps it might be that the Minister might now be able to give us an earnest of the decision relative to political broadcasting, because an assistant can assist with many things. Many of us are exercised in mind as to what decision has been made. This decision which was promised in the early days of January 1966 has so far been shrouded in secrecy, and many of us are exercised in mind as to what is going to happen this election year in so far as political broadcasting is concerned. We know what is the system adopted in other countries; we wonder what is going to be the system adopted locally.

In educational television a good teacher can multiply many times over - as many times as there are sets in the various schools receiving. We are hoping therefore that, difficult though the methodology might be, the amount of research that has to go into such a project can come into fruition and someone will tell us very shortly about educational television.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: First of all, Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that the matter here under discussion has nothing to do with educational television as such. We are asked to provide a certain amount of money for temporary staff for the Public Relations side of the Ministry of Education, that is to say, the Information Office. I think the hon. member well realises that if the Government Programmes are to be done on television as well as on radio, some provision would have to be made for technical staff of a certain calibre to be attached to the Information Office. This is what this is all about.

To answer the hon. member now more specifically on the question of education by television, I think that he and the Committee would like to know that nearly two years ago during a visit which I paid to Canada at the time when the Commonwealth Educational Conference was going on, I approached the Canadian Government to see whether they could give us any assistance in the setting up of an audio-visual centre in Barbados which would take in not only formal educational television, but also adult education and some of what is now done by the Mobile Cinema. They expressed interest and said that they would send to us a survey team to evaluate our needs in this respect, and that when the team had come and reported back, we should hear from them. The hon. member may like to know that the survey team is now at the moment in Barbados carrying out that very necessary investigation, and until I know further, I could not, obviously, answer the hon. member with respect to ETV.

On political broadcasting, I should like to say that I hope very shortly to be able to make known our views, and

to tell the hon. member that failure to do so has not been due to any deliberate delay on anybody's part, but there are a series of circumstances over which none of us has any control; but I hope shortly to be able to satisfy the curiosity of hon. members and the public in this respect.

The question that the sum of \$15,874 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (8) Public Relations - stand part of the Schedule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 36 - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(9) ARCHIVES

Head 36 - Ministry of Education (9) Archives - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$7,364 under Head 36 - Ministry of Education (9) Archives - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 37 - ECCLESIASTICAL

Head 37 - Ecclesiastical - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$88,189 under Head 37 - Ecclesiastical - stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, under Item 1 - Bishop of Barbados - I am wondering whether this is the last time we will have to pass this item in this House. The minds of many of the clergy are greatly perturbed at the fact that the moratorium which was promised them has been denied. They point out that there are some 14,000 pupils of our primary schools being educated in premises which belong to them. They point out that these premises have a value of roughly \$2.5 million. They wonder whether an equitable arrangement can be arrived at whereby none of the present serving Clergy will suffer. They also point out with a certain amount of trepidation that the Partial Suspension Act which has been in operation for the last ten or twelve years denies about one-third of the Anglican Clergy their pension rights. On this point they are particularly perturbed. It is true that some will maintain that those who preach the Gospel must live by the Gospel, but it is not a modern tenet, and even a Priest has a wife and family whom he has to support, children to educate; our local clergy are very much exercised in mind as to what is to be their fate.

They say that the argument will probably be put forward that the buildings in which the schools are held probably at one time were vested in the Vestries and Local Government, and have since been repaired by the Central Government; but can the amount of repairs which have been done to these buildings by Central Government be balanced against or regarded as a set off against the cost of the buildings, which is some \$2.5 million? These, Mr. Chairman, are some points which are exercising the minds of the local clergy, and I wonder if the Minister would be good enough to enlighten this Committee as to what progress has been made down the disendowment road.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say first of all that I had imposed upon myself a decision not to allow anything to do with this matter to become through any action or word of mine a political football, not only because I feel too deeply about the case, but because I did think and I do think that this is an issue which would find a settlement for itself after rational and dispassionate discussion.

In November when I made the Cabinet's decision known to the Church authorities, opportunity was taken at that time by some other people to drag the issue on to political plat-

forms to make it appear as if somehow or other this Government was badly motivated against the Church or was seeking to undermine the religious authority which the Church exercised over its members. As a matter of fact, those of us who wanted to attack the Government on this issue did not even wait for a full exposition of the Government's point of view although that was available, but rushed off and gave an entirely one-sided account of the entire matter. Even some of the Clergy attacked this Government. Even in the Church which I attend, time was taken off by the present incumbent to attack the Government, and I attended worship as usual and kept silent, because I do not go to Church for my political doctrines, I go to Church to worship, and no matter what is said from the pulpit, I go when I can.

On the 5th November, 1965, a Committee of the Synod of the Anglican Church comprising the Lord Bishop, the Dean of St. Michael's Cathedral and the Rector of St. Philip met me and I communicated to them the proposals of the Government for the removal of the Anglican Clergy from the Civil Establishment of this Island. These proposals were as follows:-

(i) that the Anglican Clergy should be removed from the Civil Establishment;

(ii) that the Anglican Church during its pleasure should continue to be recognised as the State denomination for official purposes, this arrangement being terminable only on the express wish of the Anglican Church;

(iii) that the Anglican Synod should receive by way of settlement the sum of \$734,515 paid in annual amounts over ten years, the amount of the grant payable in the first year to be what it is now, and each succeeding grant to represent a 10 per cent reduction from that of the previous year;

(iv) that after the tenth year the Government should pay to the Anglican Synod a subsidy which should compare with the total amount paid to other recipient denominations in the same proportion as the membership of the Anglican Church compares with the total membership of these other denominations;

That is to say, that when the grant tapered off, if it was found statistically that the membership of the Anglican Church was three times or one and a half times or four times or whatever amount of times it was the number of the others put together, the subvention given to the Anglican Church would be twice, one and a half times or three or four times the subvention given to them;

(v) that the relationship existing between the Anglican Church and the Local Government Councils should be the subject of separate discussions between the parties concerned;
5.20 p.m.

(vi) (a) pension liabilities of the Government should be honoured in the case of persons appointed before the Partial Suspension Act, 1955;

(b) pensions shall not be payable immediately on Disestablishment, but when the several Clergymen concerned attain the age required by the relevant Pension Acts;

(c) pensions which were already being paid at the time of Disestablishment should continue to be paid;

(d) contributions by Clergy to the Widows and Orphans and Widows and Children Pension Schemes should be treated in the same way as the contributions of Civil Servants who leave the Service;

(e) no compensation for abolition of office shall be payable to any Clergyman as a result of the proposals for Disestablishment;

(vii) service in Church and State should not be reciprocal;

(viii) no payments should be made by the Government in respect of leave passages earned or paid during long leave;

(ix) the franking privileges at present enjoyed by the Church should be allowed to continue;

(x) Bishop's Court should be reconstituted in the Anglican Church which would be responsible for its maintenance;

(xi) the present understanding between the Church and State regarding school buildings should continue;

As we understand it, we would continue to operate schools and when we hand them over, we will hand them over in good condition. This attitude which the Church seeks to adopt is one which I cannot support, loyal member of the church though I am, for the reason that the people who use the schools are the children of Anglicans and the children of taxpayers. It does not occur to me that a religious organization should set itself up, in variance to the community, that it wants to exact its pound of flesh, so to speak, when these children are one and the same people. The Anglican Church has nothing to do when it leaves these schools with us because when we hand them over we will give them back in good condition. We have gone to the cost of over \$100,000 in erecting a new school and in it is one of the nicest assembly halls that you could put into a school. I have told the Lord Bishop that instead of using the wooden building which housed in St. Thomas one of the two St. Elizabeth schools from which the children have been removed, the Church is entitled to use the assembly hall of this school which has been erected as a chapel. Therefore, what the taxpayer has really done is something which the Church has not done for itself because we have given them the use of a building to be used on Sundays as a Church. It can be decorated in any way convenient to them for the use of a chapel for holding services or for holding Sunday School. Anywhere where we have erected schools, any denomination may use the school for religious worship.

If I am prepared to do that, do you want to tell me that I should entertain the monstrous suggestion that a lump sum of money should be given to the Church for school buildings when the taxpayers' money was used to upkeep these buildings and when a similar undertaking is given that if we hand them back we would hand them back in good condition?

I cannot support any nonsense. I want to say that the proposals outlined at (i) to (xi) above should be the basis of an Anglican Church Settlement Bill;

(xiii) the Minister charged with the responsibility for Ecclesiastical Affairs should be authorised to apprise the Lord Bishop of these proposals.

We would settle the affairs and disestablish the Anglican Church. That is what we told them, and the Anglican Church would still for certain purposes be the State Church of the Island.

Now, I said, knowing how difficult it is in some instances to make the Government's point of view clearly known - and I foresaw this sort of situation arising - that I would like to address a meeting myself in order to answer any questions on the Government's behalf so as to let it be understood what the Government's policy was. A few days later I received a letter that the Church Committee had considered my proposal and they felt that they could not accept them. That was said, although in good faith I told them that I wanted to address a meeting of the Anglican Synod, to appear before them and submit myself to be cross-examined. I was therefore very astonished to know that the proposals were not adopted by the Church Committee.

There was a Pastoral letter prepared which was read in all the churches on Sunday, 23rd November, 1965. The letter was dated 18th November. It can clearly be seen that the Synod's objection to the proposals was before the Pastoral letter. Therefore, the resolution which the Synod

adopted was certainly continued in the Pastoral letter; so it was impossible for them to reach a decision without the Pastoral letter.
5.30 p.m.

Speaking as a politician, if I had handled any Government business in precisely this manner, I should be accused of all kinds of bad faith. I do not wish to pronounce on the way in which people conduct their own affairs. I felt it my duty to make an effort to go before the Diocesan Synod and explain the Government's point of view because I did not want to have the Government's point of view misrepresented when it should be properly put. I was not allowed to do that, and I may say that I am a member of the Church as well as the Minister who is charged with Ecclesiastical affairs. They cannot trust me to put the Government's point of view because they had already prepared the Pastoral letter and the Resolution recommending to the Synod that they reject the Government's proposal. If I had been given the opportunity to appear before the Synod, the picture might have been changed. I am still asking my colleagues to act in this matter with restraint because I know that commonsense will prevail. The presence of myself in the Cabinet of this Island is a guarantee that this will prevail. It is the measure of how we care for the Church that we want it to be free from certain historical shackles.

Mr. Chairman, the Anglican Church will never be what it should be until it frees itself from association with the plantocracy of this island, and the only way to protect its inhabitants and come near the people is to cut itself adrift from the Treasury of this Island. That is the best way. As a matter of fact, I say this: by making it appear as if the Cabinet is doing something wrong, it is preventing the free resuscitation which it says it wants with the people of this island; the Anglicans know that the Church should work for its living and they will support it. For example, in the same way that the people of the Gentles Mission support the Mission, the people of the Anglican Church would give more to the Church than the amount about which it is quarrelling. The Church is preventing itself from flourishing in the way in which it should flourish. This is nothing which the Government and the Church should quarrel about because it has been decided in the Estimates. The people who run their church ought themselves in this respect to practise what they want us to believe. We are told that we should reast on the promises on God and therefore it is very strange that you tell us to do that and in a matter in which you should normally exercise your own personal faith and prove that the word of God is something to go by, you fall away from the word of God and you want to run into the Treasury. There is no more loyal Churchman than I myself, and if the Church were under attack, I would leave the Cabinet and defend the Church. But, Sir, by the same token, I cannot give any countenance to any proposal which would throw a burden on the taxpayers of this island in order to make the Church right. I would counsel the Bishop and the Clergymen not to press their claim for a lump sum of money, not only because we cannot grant it, but also because it would be wrong. They have an income from the contributions of some \$2,000 a year in addition to whatever we give them here. The congregation themselves would raise this income of half a million dollars a year because there are 133,000 Anglicans in this island. They may not go to Church, but they are members of the Church and if each one or half of these members paid no more than 10 cents a week to their Church, then the Church would not need to be worried about money from the Treasury; but these people would have to be convinced that the Clergy would have to be up and doing, and they must be serving the needs of the people. Some members of the Church have not realised that they have untapped resources of goodwill in this island if they would only get upon their feet and draw upon those resources. For this and other reasons which I have enumerated, I cannot advise the Cabinet to go further than what it has already set out to go.

Mr. Chairman, if I have to execute a policy, I will not execute a policy in which I do not believe. Therefore, I appeal to the Church leaders to be rational and let us get to a settlement. There is no reason for them to believe that the Government is going to harm them.

As far as the school buildings are concerned, if any school building could be helpful to them for religious worship, the Ministry of Education would be only glad to put it at the disposal of the Church. Therefore, Sir, there is no question of wrangling or haggling over the school buildings because all the buildings belong to the people anyhow.
5.40 p.m.

I am happy within a few weeks to resume conversations with them and reach a settlement on this very outstanding and very long overdue matter.

The question that the sum of \$88,189 under Head 37 - Ecclesiastical - stand out of the Schedule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 38 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Head 38 - Ministry of Health and Community Development - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, as I mentioned yesterday when we were considering the transfer of certain functions, there are numerous consequential amendments and insertions to be made to this Head, and it may be as well if I made those amendments first. They are as follows:

Page 110 Delete the figure "4" appearing opposite "Health Centres" and substitute the figure "3"

Page 112 Item 4 - Unestablished staff
Delete the figure "19" appearing in column 1966-67.
Insert the figure "68".
Provision of \$21,790 to be increased by \$56,000 to \$77,790.
In the note to Item 4 amend one female labourer to read seven female labourers and insert "five driver-supervisors, one operator after the words one relief.

Insert 44A (New) Casual staff
Insert provision of \$21,000.

Insert Item 46A - Temporary Staff
Insert provision of \$12,000
Note to read "Provision for employment of Temporary Public Health Inspector and substitutes for Inspectors on leave."

Page 114 Insert Item 83A - Court Costs
Insert provision of \$350
Insert note to read "provision for Court costs arising from prosecutions under Public Health Act".

Page 115 Item 90 - Uniforms
Provision of \$700 to be reduced by \$630 to \$70
Delete the words "and Public Health Inspector (Port)" appearing after the word "midwives" in the note to this item.
Provision transferred to Item 101.

Item 100
Provision of \$6,260 to be increased by \$6,720 to \$12,980
Delete the note to this item. Increase due to transfer of Public Health Staff.

Insert 100A - Transfer allowances
Insert provision of \$5,150
Insert note to read "Monthly vehicle upkeep allowances for Public Health Inspectors as follows

Motor Cycles	\$10.00
" Scooters	\$ 8.50

Auto Cycles \$ 7.50
Bicycles \$ 3.00

Item 101 - Uniforms
Provision of \$2,330 to be increased by \$6,355 to \$8,685
Delete the note appearing opposite item - Uniforms and insert the note "To provide Uniforms for Nurses, Radiographer, X-Ray Assistant, Laboratory Staff, Chief Public Health Inspectors, Senior Public Health Inspectors, Public Health Inspectors, Female labourers and Maids. Increase due to transfer of Public Health Staff from Councils to Government."

Page 116 Item 102 - Furniture & Equipment
Provision of \$2,920 to be increased by \$200 to \$3,120
Insert note to read "Increase due to transfer of Public Health Services from Councils."

Item 103 - Stationery
Provision of \$1,100 to be increased by \$800 to \$1,900
Insert note to read "Increase due to transfer of Public Health Services from the Councils."

Item 107 - Upkeep of car to be amended to read upkeep of motor vehicles.
Provision of \$4,130 to be increased by \$5,900 to \$10,030
Insert note to read "Includes provision for five additional vans and rental of motor vehicles".

Item 108 - Incidentals
Provision of \$1,870 to be increased by \$800 \$2,670
Note to read "Increase due to transfer of Public Health Services from the Councils".

Item 11A - Field Equipment \$2,000
Note to read: "Includes provision for implements, spraying equipment, rubber boots, ladles and upkeep of electric pump".

Page 116 Insert Item 111B - Disinfectants and Insecticides
Insert provision of \$7,700
Note to read: "Purchase of formalin E.C., lime, insecticides, anti-malarial oil and other requirements for sanitation measures".
Insert Item 111C - Milk sampling.
Insert provision of \$450
Provision for expenses in connection with the sampling of milk.

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Insert Item 111D - Environmental Sanitation.
Insert provision of \$9,200
Note to read: "Provision and improvement of toilet facilities for poor and destitute persons."

Insert Item 111E - Rat extermination \$720

Page 117 Item 125 - Probation Expenses
Delete note "For water hard courts".
Substitute "To make small ex gratia grants to probationers."

Page 120 Insert Item 157A - Motor Vehicles
Insert provision of \$12,000
Note to read "To purchase three motor pickups".

Item 159 - Furniture and Equipment.
Provision of \$1,470 to be increased by \$2,544 to \$4,014

Amend note to include the words "and typewriters" after the word "Fan".

Page 112 (4) District Hospital Services.
Item 49 - Delete the figure 624 appearing in the column to be Voted.

Delete the figure 2472 and substitute therefor the figure 3096

Delete the code No. M.12 and substitute therefor M.11 Item 52, 53, 54, 55. Delete the figures 1128, 2112, 2628 and 2628 appearing in the column "To be voted". Insert the figures 1128, 2112, 2628 and 2628 in the column "Fixed by Law" opposite the posts "Housekeeper", "Orderlies", "Cooks", "Maids" respectively.

Also on page 109,

Item 15 - Temporary Staff
Note 15 to read -

"To provide for clerical and stenographic assistance to the Local World Health Organisation Office."

Head 41 - THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

Page 133 Note - Item 141 - Line 11.

Immediately after "Administration Offices" delete "1 Printing Plant (Offices Equipment Service Co., Ltd.)"

In the following line delete the words "Modern" and substitute the word "Model"

Item 141 - Notes

After Records Department insert -

Central Sterilization Department: one sewing machine.

What I am doing now, Mr. Chairman, is a question of regularising those which have been fixed by law, but which needs to be rationalised. I want to make certain amendments and to see that nothing is left out or deleted.

This is fixed by law. On page 108,

Item 8 Clerk - for the figure 6 appearing in the column 1966-67 substitute the figure 7.

Provision of \$11,972 to be increased by \$1,872 to \$13,844

Insert Item 8A (New) - 1 Clerk-Typist
Insert Provision of \$2,832

Item 13 - Messenger - For the figure "3" appearing in the Column 1966-67 substitute the figure "4"

Provision of \$4,770 to be increased by \$1,488 to \$6,258

Page 109 Item 21 - Assistant to Chief Public Health Inspector

Delete item number and provision of \$3,960

Item 20 - Chief Public Health Officer

Amend G.4-3 to read G.4-2

Page 110 Item 22 - to be read as Item 21

Item 23 - Public Health Inspector (Port)

Delete item number and provision of \$30,648
Provision to be shown NIL

Item 24 - Public Health Inspector (R.S.I.)

Delete item number and provision of \$6,906
Provision to be shown NIL

Items 25 to 29 inclusive to be read as items 22 and 26 inclusive

Delete the figure "4" appearing opposite "Health Centres" and substitute the figure "3".

Item 26 - Chief Public Health Inspector
For the figure "2" appearing in the column 1966-67 substitute the figure "4".
Provision of \$14,204 to be increased by \$5,164 to \$19,368

Insert Item 27 (New) - 8 Senior Public Health Inspectors G.6-G.5
Insert provision of \$31,944

Item 28 (New) 71 - Public Health Inspectors G.10 (Q.B.) G.9-G.8 (Q.B.) G.7-G.6
Insert provision of \$202,226

Page 10 Items 30 - 35 inclusive to be read as items 29-34 inclusive.

Page 11 Item 34 - Clerks - Delete the figure "1" appearing opposite "Clerk" and substitute the figure "2".
Provision of \$1,200 to be increased by \$1,200 to \$2,400

Item 35 (new) - Clerk-Typist (G.10 - G.8)
Insert figure "2" in column 1966-67
Insert provision of \$2,400

Item 37 - Stenographer
Delete figure "3" appearing in column 1966-67
Insert the figure "4".
Provision of \$4,572 to be increased by \$1,260 to \$5,832

Mr. Chairman, Sir, these are the amendments which have been inserted under the Head. If hon. members desire or may choose to ask me any question, I would be very pleased to give whatsoever information I deem necessary.

I may say that the way in which the Queen Elizabeth Hospital is functioning now is on an improved basis in that we have more Doctors and Medical Staff available. A training scheme for Nurses is about to start, and we have certain plans for having Nursing Scheme for Nurses to be fully qualified even though we intend to reduce the qualifying period from four years to three years.

We also intend to introduce a scheme for training Assistant Nurses or what are called Nurses Aides; that is to say, those who may not be quite up to the standard to qualify as a fully fledged Nurse, but who may be very useful in doing other jobs and thereby relieving qualified Nurses to devote more of their time to the skilled part of their duty.

We are receiving great assistance from W.H.O. and their consultants here, and they are very helpful to us. In view of what the Tripartite Commission recommended, we had a memorandum prepared setting out our needs and it was prepared in a satisfactory manner in that it satisfied the experts and we are looking forward to some assistance in that respect. We are presenting probably a very long memorandum in so far as Health Services are concerned.

I beg to move that the sum of \$704,241 under Head 38 - Ministry of Health and Community Development - as amended stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: I beg to second that.

Mr. LYNCH: May I enquire, Mr. Chairman, through you from the Hon. Minister exactly what is meant by Item 132, United Nations Children's Fund. I have been going through these Estimates and it is not very easy to find something which is omitted, but I have been searching for information of the sum of money which was virtually promised us that it would have been put into the Estimates for sending sporting teams abroad from this territory. I do not know if it has eluded my eyes, my eyesight being what it is.

Will the Hon. Minister tell me if it is still the policy of the Government to assist in sending sporting teams abroad from this territory by putting a sum of money in the Estimates? There is a sum of money which was virtually promised us for sending people abroad so that the executives of various sporting bodies would not have to come cap in hand to the Government for money to send a team abroad. There are young people willing to represent this community in several forms or ways other than football, and they are frustrated when their natural aspirations are denied, 6.00 p.m.

I refer specifically to such teams as weightlifting and basketball, and others which are not fortunate enough to engage the spectators as in other sports and so cannot expect the gate receipts, such as shooting and yachting, but which might still gain medals for Barbados particularly in their own competitive sports. Within a few weeks from now there will be held in the island of Puerto Rico the Central American and Caribbean Games to which many of our sporting bodies have already received invitations. All teams which will be representing their countries at these games will be receiving aid from the Governments of their respective countries. I am prepared to wait until the Minister can give me some attention. A few weeks after that there will be the British Commonwealth Games in Jamaica. I see that the Minister is holding a meeting with the ex-Minister.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, is the hon. member speaking on Item 132? He is mixing that up with weightlifting and that is where I am consulting my colleague; I am trying to find out what the hon. member is dealing with.

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, it is not what is mentioned in the Estimates, but what is omitted. I find that there is no provision for the sending of sporting teams abroad, which allocation I thought would have appeared in the Estimates. I had passed on, but the Minister was not listening to my enquiry about the United Nations Children's Fund. I will now take my seat if the Hon. Minister wants to reply to the points seriatim or if he wants to reply at one time I can go on to suit the convenience of the Minister. (A MEMBER: Go on.)

As regards Item 73 "Specialist Coach" I would like to compliment the Hon. Minister on the appointment of a coach and to place on public record the appreciation which is due to the Minister. It is not my function always to criticise, but where praise is due and merit is deserved I think I should accord the Minister what is his due. At the same time I would like to ask the Minister whether he would consider obtaining the services, if only for a part of the year, of a coach in another popular game like basketball in which our national team is not quite so good as to seek the attention of some in the community. If the hon. member were to attend basketball games outside, he would appreciate more what I am saying. The athletic games receive encomiums at Kensington, and Barbadians cannot gain medals at the games at Kensington although some of the athletes who participated there have broken world records. A young lad from Jamaica has gained a record for the 60 yards sprint. I am saying this only to point out to the Minister what is possible when a Specialist Coach is appointed. This would accrue to our national dignity, and it must make the young people in the community exert themselves.

As regards Item 165, "Furniture and Equipment", I would like to ask the Minister if he would be good enough to include in the next Estimates some money for the purchase of some weights - not only for weightlifters, but it will be realised that in the world over weights are used where training is recognized as a necessary prerequisite to almost any sport. It is not only a question of the lifting of iron, but these weights are necessary where one must be engaged in competitive sport. The use of weights is in order for every kind of sport which is in operation. If the Hon. Minister would secure these weights which could be placed at the Sports Centre mentioned in Item 128 of this Head, then I think it would be all to the good of the young people who are looking annually to the Government for their advancement and for the realisation of their hopes, ambitions and aspirations.
6.10 p.m.

I am particularly exercised in mind at the moment at the lack of a vote for sending sporting teams abroad, especially in this year when we have both the Central American and Caribbean Games in Puerto Rico - as near as they would ever come to Barbados - and the Commonwealth Games at which Barbados must be represented in Jamaica, as near as Commonwealth Games could ever come to Barbados.

Mr. CORBIN: Mr. Chairman, I see here that Public Health Inspectors will be transferred to Central Government, and I understand from reliable sources that these Inspectors with the R.S.I. and M. & F. will be placed at the same minimum as those who have one year's service; so I would like the Minister to look into that carefully and see that that does not obtain. I hope the Minister will see to it that those who have put in long service and have qualifications are treated according to their service and qualifications.

Mr. WEEKES: Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw to the attention of the Hon. Minister Item 100A on page 15 - Transport Allowances. Now there are certain Public Health Inspectors who own motor cars, and from information received, I understand that these Inspectors will not receive an allowance for travelling.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Will the hon. member state again on what item he is speaking?

Mr. WEEKES: I said, page 115 Item 100A, Mr. Chairman. As I said, I have been told that these Public Health Inspectors will not receive any travelling allowance. I notice that those who own motor cycles will receive \$10 per month, scooters \$8.50, autocycles \$7.50 and bicycles \$3, and I would like the Minister to know that the Public Health Inspectors are dissatisfied about this arrangement. They claim that they should be paid similar amounts as those who own motor cycles, that is, \$10 a month. It is my opinion, Sir, that we should do something to alleviate this hardship, and I am appealing to the Minister to enact some kind of legislation which will give these Inspectors who own motorcars an opportunity of receiving the amount which is paid to those who own motor cycles. We do not expect these Inspectors to sell their cars which they have had for several years; and to tell those Inspectors who have reached the age of 50 or 55 years that they should get rid of their cars and use motor-cycles is wrong in principle, in my opinion.

We are not here to create dissatisfaction on account of the takeover by this Government of Public Health. It is our duty as representatives of the people to let this Honourable House know about their grievances. I feel it my duty to draw this hardship to the attention of the Minister, and I appeal to him to do something about it so as to assist the Inspectors who own motor cars.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, to answer the last question first, I think the hon. member was here yesterday when I dealt with this matter very exhaustively, and I did actually touch on it today with respect to the Chief Public Health Officer, the Senior Public Health Inspectors and the

Public Health Inspectors, all of whom will fall under the Travelling Allowance Schedule and be entitled to more facilities than they enjoy at present. The hon. member's reference is to Inspectors who will be established, and I have made a note of the points he has raised, but I would just mention again for the benefit of hon. members that the 71 Inspectors will be entitled to allowances to purchase motorcycles, scooters and so on as they think fit and be given an allowance also. The hon. member's point is that some already own motor cars and that some arrangement should be entered into whereby they would be able to continue running their cars; but of course the allowance will not be as much as in the case of the senior staff. This question will be looked into as I can see the difficulty, especially in the case of the older men who may find it dangerous to ride scooters and autocycles.

In the case of the ones who actually have motor cars, the Ministry has been looking into this question, and since we have taken over, there will be a lot of anomalies which must be looked into, and this question is at present engaging the attention of the Ministry. Those who own motor cars at present will receive allowances as I have intimated.
6.20 p.m.

Now, on the question raised by the hon. senior member for St. Andrew as to the point where those Inspectors who are to be taken on - those who have just become qualified, that is to say, those who have just gained their R.S.I. - whether they would be brought in on a similar scale as the older ones who gained their R.S.I. many years ago, I can give him the assurance that in a matter like this, there is a salary scale and these Inspectors would be put at the proper point of the scale; therefore, no hardship would be done to those who had put in a number of years before.

Dealing with the point raised by the hon. junior member for the City as regards Item 132, that is our contribution made to the Environmental Sanitation Scheme. That assists them to pay expenses like transportation. This is the amount which we have to pay in order to receive their assistance to promote the entire sanitation schemes. That is one of the things in which they are engaged. They help in other things; they help in schools. We receive their assistance and we are very grateful to them for the training of Nurses, Midwives and so on.

There are other points raised by the hon. junior member for the City. I must say that I do not remember all. On the question of athletics, we had certain discussions with the local Football Association and the Athletic Association, not under the present hon. member. We had discussions, but the negotiations have not been completed; but as far as securing the services of expert coaches in basketball, and so on, I am one hundred per cent in favour of that, and therefore, the hon. member can look for my support in that respect.

My colleague has just reminded me that the British Council has granted a scholarship for the Assistant Sports Officer; but over and above that, we have to do something more, especially in football. We have been very concerned in that matter.

As far as weightlifting, there are certain facilities for weightlifting and we are now thinking about putting up our new Sport Centre.

With respect to the two games referred to - the Central American Games and the Commonwealth Games - I do not know whether we send delegates every year or whether we participate every year. The Weightlifting team was given the assurance last year that they will be assisted this year; so it well may be if the application comes in at the right time it will be dealt with as expeditiously as possible because it is the settled policy of the Government to assist them.

I do not think there is anything more useful that I can say at this time.

Mr. LYNCH: I thank the Hon. Minister for the assurance which he has given us. I pointed out that this game takes place every four years. On the last occasion when we asked for help, none was forthcoming; but we are happy that the Hon. Minister has taken this approach because I can tell him that all the West Indian territories attend these games. Even on the last occasion, the Jamaican Government subscribed \$4,500 which was purely for representation in Barbados; Trinidad subscribed \$2,000. These games come up every four years. As I have said, this attitude of assistance by the Government has been adopted in the neighbouring territories of Trinidad and Jamaica; so we should not be embarrassed and have to come cap in hand when we have to send a team abroad.

Although members on the Council may not want to resume the Sports Council, there can be some other organization by another name to make the necessary selections when a representative leaves or a sporting team goes abroad; that organization should be the body to see how this money is being spent instead of this *ad hoc* approach every year when we have to send a sporting team abroad.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: The hon. member would remember last year when the Weightlifting Association wanted to send some representative abroad that money from the Government was not granted because the application came in late, and they were given the assurance then that the Government was favourably considering them for assistance for sending representatives to the British Empire Games. This assurance was given last year and the hon. member can rest assured that favourable consideration would be given them.

Mr. LYNCH: That is not the approach. The position is that we have to send a team at a certain time. There are certain regional games in which Barbadians' chances are such at these games that maximum representation should be necessary. Therefore, the question of aid should be left to some expert body which should know in what position Barbados stands in these games. For instance, there is the Commonwealth Games taking place in August, and we can send representatives only in certain events because it would be a waste of public funds to send representatives in others.

I would prefer the Government to subscribe funds annually rather than to have this *ad hoc* approach which we have been subjected to in the past.
6.30 p.m.

The question that the sum of \$704,241 under Head 38 as amended stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 39 - LAZARETTO

Head 39 - Lazaretto - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to move that the sum of \$20,795 under Head 39 - Lazaretto - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 40 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Head 40 - Local Government - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$3,937 under Head 40 - Local Government - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 41 - THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

Head 41 - The Queen Elizabeth Hospital - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, under this Head, there are some amendments to be made to the Notes. In Item 141, in line 11, immediately after "Administrative Offices" delete the words "1. Printing Plant (Office Equipment Service Company Limited)" and in the following line delete the word "moder" and substitute the word "model". After the words "Records Department", insert the words "Central Sterilization Department: one sewing machine."

With those amendments, I beg to move that the sum of \$2,456,091 under Head 41 - The Queen Elizabeth Hospital - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 42 - MENTAL HOSPITAL

Head 42 - Mental Hospital - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Under this Head, Mr. Chairman, there are three amendments to be made as follows:- "Insert Item 33A one Messenger, provision of \$1,092; In Item 34, Gate Keeper (fixed by law) substitute the figure "3" for the figure "2" appearing in the column 1966-67. Provision of \$2,832 to be increased by \$1,128 to \$3,960. In Item 42 - Laundry Allowance - to be voted - provision of \$13,000 to be increased by \$168 to \$13,168. Also: Item 51 - Uniforms - is to be increased by \$185 to \$8,759. With those amendments, I beg to move that the sum of \$465,056 under Head 42 - Mental Hospital - stand part of the Schedule.

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

The question that the sum of \$465,056 under Head 42 as amended stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 43 - HOUSING

Head 43 - Housing - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$45,000 under Head 43 - Housing - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 44 - MINISTRY OF TRADE, LABOUR NATIONAL INSURANCE AND TOURISM

Head 44 - Ministry of Trade, Labour, National Insurance and Tourism - was called.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: I beg to move Mr. Chairman, that the sum of \$2,097,435 under Head 44 stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I am speaking in connection with Item 52, Emigration. I want to appeal to the Minister in cases of this sort. Now, Sir, I understand from the Hon. Minister of Trade and Labour that it is quite a lot of money outstanding and owing to this Department due to the non-payment by those people who stood responsible for the re-payment of the passages of those who were going to England.

It has been drawn to my attention by quite a few people and they were practically crying, that they are being served with threatening notices that if they do not go in to the Department and pay the money by a certain time - I think it is by this month - steps will be taken to recover this money. As we all know, at the time the Government was willing to help these people to go out of this country and those people had no security, so that other people had to pay the shortages in order that these people would be able to go out of the island and work for a livelihood. These are people who are unable to get on to these emigrants. These people have gone abroad and I presume that they are working and are getting their money, but they have refused to send back the money in repayment of their passages. It is very hard on those people who stood responsible for the payment of the passage money of these emigrants. Although it is the law that if I take it upon myself to be responsible for one of these persons, I am responsible for the repayment of the money, in cases of this sort I think the Government must take a very serious view of it. The majority of these people are very poor people and they can scarcely help themselves. They do not know how to get on to those persons who have gone abroad; there is no trace as to how to get to them; and I feel that it is the responsibility of the Government to get in touch with these people. It is very hard if a person's house has to be sold for repayment of money which has not been repaid by persons who have gone abroad and who should be repaying this money.

Now, Sir, we are going in for tourism so as to maintain the economy of this island. If these people had remained in this country and were unemployed, I suppose that the Government would have had to contribute in some way to their upkeep. The Government has relieved the situation by sending these people abroad, the sponsors have tried to help those who were willing to go abroad on this emigration scheme, but these people are so irresponsible that they have forgotten that they have left the other people here in trouble. The property of those people who stood responsible for paying the passages of these people can be sold out whereas these people who have gone abroad are living as they like.

6.40 p.m.

Now I am appealing to the Hon. Minister to take into consideration the threats that are being made to deprive these people of their homes or parcels of land under these circumstances. The Government would be doing nothing wrong if they wrote off that amount, because if these people did not try to assist these people in going abroad just as the Government has done, they would still be in the country and we do not know what would happen through not having enough jobs for them. I know some business people who go so far as to put certain debtors in the collectors' hands and ask them to do everything possible to get the money but not to sue, or if he sues, not to levy and sell out. I admit the Government has to frighten these people to try to get them to pay, but some are unable to pay and it is not fair to the ones who are unable to pay. We are spending \$334,000 for promotion expenses, including overseas offices and things of that nature, and we seem to be spending more all the time to do these things. If the Government therefore has outstanding \$200,000 or whatever is the amount owed by these people, I am appealing to Government not to take advantage of the guarantors because it is not a debt of their own, and some of them are running about borrowing money and putting themselves further in debt to meet this commitment, because they are afraid of the threatening letters they have received asking them to 'pay by 31st March, otherwise legal steps would be taken against them'. Some people have promised to pay when they have reaped their crop.

Mr. Chairman, the Government should regard these people as having helped the economy, because these emigrants are sending back vast sums of money through the Post Offices to their families; so in a way they will be paying back this money indefinitely although they may not be paying back their passages. I feel that the Government would be doing these people and the country a service to write off this amount, and I am sure that they will be praised for the sympathy they have shown.

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, as the Hon. Minister must know, I am one of the chief offenders in this particular respect. I have been receiving many letters from the Department because people whom I sponsored and sent away have not paid. I think I have sent more people out of this community than anybody beside the Government, and naturally I signed my name as sponsor; so I cannot ask the Minister to write it off. What I would ask, however, is that every effort should be made by Government to try to locate some of these people in Great Britain where they presumably are working. Some are dishonest enough not to send and pay although they are working. There is also the question of the co-sponsor, the person who signs along with me, many of whom have come to me as the hon. junior member for St. Joseph has said. These people are very much perturbed and are trying by every means in their power to get the money to pay back to the Department. I will be able to get some of it by devious means, but these people are in worse circumstances than I am, and I will ask that every effort be made by the Minister to see what can be done towards making these people pay their just debts.

Mr. MOTTLEY: When you have to criticise the Government, Mr. Chairman,.....

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, if the hon. member would give way, I suppose if I explained what I have to say on this issue, it would not be necessary for hon. members to speak any further. Now about three weeks ago I said here that a sum of over \$200,000 in arrears was due to the Labour Department on these loans by Government. The recent figure is now \$449,000 owing to that Department.

Now I happen to be in the same boat as the hon. member in that I have been receiving letters from the Department. We are, however, trying to devise ways and means of trying to get these people to pay this money. I am not going to say that the hon. member's house or land is going to be sold, neither can I give the undertaking that it will not be sold, but the Government is considering this matter. If you have loaned out just under \$1 million and find that your arrears jump from \$200,000 in six months to \$400,000, something is wrong.

Now the position is that this is having an effect on the prospects of other people being sent to the United Kingdom and other places because although it is extremely difficult to get your vouchers, we have during 1965 sent fewer people abroad under the Loan Scheme than we have sent in 1964. In 1964 we assisted 2,589 people and in 1965-66 we have assisted 2,429 people. What is responsible for this?

6.50 p.m.

We have vouchers now at the Department for people whom we have been able to get to go to the United Kingdom but those people cannot go because they cannot get people to sign the vouchers. It is because of the fact that there are so many defaulters. I can appreciate the position of hon. members and all the sponsors because I happen to fall in the same trap. I happen to be one of the people who have signed these documents for these would-be emigrants, and after they went to England and would not pay the loan, I was asked to pay. I have received the same threatening letters as hon. members and the other people in the community who have been sponsors, but the officers of the Labour Department have their duty to perform. Their responsibility is to see that something is done to get in these funds. For weeks we have had discussions on how to persuade the people to repay these loans.

I hope the hon. senior member for the City would listen to what I am saying because I heard him speak of what he was doing for wives here whose husbands had left them and gone to England. The Labour Department has written the Liaison Officer in England and he is trying to get in touch with these people. Invariably when you find non-payment, the people have left their jobs and it is extremely difficult to get in touch with them.

We have had similar people who have left their children here. The Social Welfare Department has had to get

in touch with the Social Welfare Department in England to get parents to contribute towards their children when we cannot get in touch with the parents. Some mothers may have Court Orders against fathers of their children and there is no means to get them to take care of their children. Through the benevolence and good heart of the hon. senior member for the City, we have to give them assistance. It is not only a social problem, but an economic problem.

We are trying to get the people to come in and pay the funds, but the point is that in many of these cases, as the hon. junior member for St. Joseph pointed out, these people send back remittances to their families, and to the person who has had the loan and who actually signed the bond. I can tell the hon. senior member for the City that although the parents of these people have borrowed this money, they are still receiving money from the children in the United Kingdom and not repaying the loans and the persons who are suffering are the Government and the people who signed the bonds. The people who are suffering are the people who own property and have signed the agreement, and not necessarily the person who has borrowed the money. If you endorse a note for me at one of the private banks, it is your responsibility to pay.

The Labour Department has been sending letters to me and those other people who have stood responsible for the loan. We are responsible; the only alternative is that in the end, you can sue the borrower. I am not saying that the houses will not be sold; all I am saying is that I would like to see an effort made to reduce the large sum of over \$400,000.

Mr. MOTTLEY: The Hon. Minister has made some worthwhile points. There are some things in which you have to support the Government. There is only one thing and it is this. A million dollars is a lot of money, anyhow. Members of the Party which forms the Government are the persons responsible in getting the last Government to loan this money.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I would just like to correct the hon. member. The point is that three weeks ago, I said that the amount outstanding was \$200,000. That was the amount by last year's report. What I am saying now is that by the most recent report the amount has gone over \$400,000. I did not say three weeks ago that it was 400,000.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, I was saying that a million dollars is a lot of money in any kind of currency. I am in the same role as the Hon. Minister and my colleague. As a member of the House of Assembly, you are asked to render service to your people. All of us are in the same boat.

I would just like to say that you have \$400,000 out of \$1 million which is not turning. It is this \$400,000 which is remaining static. It is just like your having money in the banks and it is not turning. Is that the sum owed by persons? Over a period of how many years was it owed? And by how many people? That is what is operating in my mind. If we can get down to that, we would be able to see what the true position is.

I have very much to do with that in my capacity as mayor in the municipality and City of Bridgetown. I have got in touch with this Hon. Minister so many times a week and I must say that he is very considerate in the matter. There is social security in England. I hope the Hon. Minister would listen to me.
7.00 p.m.

What I was saying, Sir, is that there is a Social Security Scheme in England and there is the P.A.Y.E. System in England. You want to set up through your Department there, some legal machinery by which there will be reciprocity. Just as there is reciprocity for the collecting of the indebtedness in respect of married people, there is such reciprocity for the collecting the indebtedness in respect of husband and wife, there should be some reciprocity for the collecting of indebtedness in respect of illegi-

timate children. That should be the position in the United Kingdom where you have the Income Tax System and you cannot get away from paying the tax. As soon as you go to England, you are placed on Social Security. I am suggesting that every step should be taken to set up an office in England with one or two persons, probably solicitors, for the purpose of going into this matter. We should have the machinery set up in order to have this money collected. I have seen cases where parents have actually come to me crying. The houses of their children are to be sold out, and you have a large number of people who have stood security for those who would not pay. We stick out our necks to see that somebody gets money to enable him to go abroad and then that person refuses to send back one cent after he has got away! In that case, I say I have no sympathy for these people. I have sympathy for those people who have signed the bonds. They get their blood pressure going up and the next thing you know is that they have a stroke.

I remember one of the wild reckless statements being made to the effect that you cannot send away domestic people. At one time I was walking up Broad Street and those were the days when only white people could go to Canada. You will pardon me for saying this, Mr. Chairman, but I went into the stores and told people that they are wasting time. I asked them why did they not try to operate some scheme whereby they could go to Canada. People have gone away as domestics. The Hon. Minister has met these people abroad and what did he meet them as? I am suggesting to the Government - I am quite sure that the Hon. Minister of Social Services will grasp my point in relation to the setting up of an office and be able to have some reciprocity whereby these people can be dealt with.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, with reference to the last point which the hon. senior member for the City has made about collecting money in respect of illegitimate children, I should like to say that Mr. Brewster is working on the machinery for the purpose of making representation to the Government as to what action should be taken legally or otherwise, so that something should be done to find ways and means of collecting this money.

The question that the sum of \$2,097,435 under Head 44 stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 45 - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Head 45 - Public Assistance was called.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$4,258 under Head 45 - Public Assistance stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 46 - OLD AGE PENSIONS

Head 46 - Old Age Pensions - was called.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Under this Head, Mr. Chairman, I should like to say that we are making provision for an additional 200 old Age Pensioners. I beg to move that the sum of \$1,331,729 under Head 46 Old Age Pensions stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

1. ANNEXED ESTIMATES - POST OFFICE

1 - Annexed Estimates - Post Office - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$551,922 under 1 - Annexed Estimates - Post Office - stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

7.10 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS PROGRESS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Your Honour do now report progress and ask for leave to sit again.

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

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this Sitting be now suspended until 8 o'clock.

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

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER suspended the Sitting accordingly.

On Resumption:

Mr. SPEAKER: When the Sitting was suspended, the House was in Committee of Supply.

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

PART II - CAPITAL

Head 101 - Agriculture - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, there is a move-in to this Head. In Item 7 - Animal Nutrition Unit - the provision of \$45,124 is to be increased by \$7,000 to \$52,124, and the following words are to be added to the note:

".....also provides for a grain drier, to include the cost of constructing, installing and testing a prototype unit using solar energy for drying corn and other grain, etc."

I beg to move that the sum of \$1,031,056 under Head 101 - Agriculture - as amended, stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. MILLER: Before you put the question, Mr. Chairman, it is with some reluctance, if not sorrow and hurt, that I address you this evening, especially on this Head. For the last two or three weeks I have been particularly silent, because we, like the entire country, have been waiting and looking forward to a Cabinet reshuffle. We were perfectly sure, Sir, that there was going to be a resignation, and I vowed silently to myself to save any agony, pain or sorrow to any member, which would be the attitude of the Barbados Labour Party. This has not happened, and I have to address you on the Head - Communication and Works, or Agriculture where the Minister is himself custodian of the public purse. The public having lost faith in the particular Minister, it falls my unfortunate and painful duty to draw it to the attention of this Committee. We have for 300 years existed with a Parliament and without a written constitution. I take it that you have been paying some attention to the constitution of Parliaments, West Indian and otherwise, as we have been surviving under British traditions, convention and parliamentary practice. It is rather unfortunate under the circumstances that we should be in this position here tonight. To ask me to give my sanction by vote to the passing of a Head under the Minister of Agriculture, knowing

that he has lost the respect of his country is really asking too much.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, the hon. member must know of course that he is entirely out of order, and he must know that if he wants to challenge any aspect of public policy, there are several ways open to him, the most well knows of which must be to move a vote of "no confidence" in the entire Government or a vote of censure on a particular Minister in any aspect of the execution of Government's policy. He cannot therefore in a debate on a capital item which involves only provision for carrying out certain works of Government use this as a cloak for anything else he may wish to do. He is entirely and absolutely out of order.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I am not in a mood to cross swords with the Leader of the House, and his comment that I am out of order is incorrect. It is true that I am free to make a motion as he has pointed out, but we are discussing a Head, and in such a thing as collective responsibility, I do not know how we would get out of this. Maybe it would be in the interest of this Committee to spare you any further comment. It is my right and freedom in Committee to say what I like. A motion or a vote of "no confidence" in the Government or censure on an individual Minister is again within my right, but we are discussing a Head which comes under the control of a member of Parliament and a member of the Government. He is custodian of the people's funds under this Head. However, Mr. Chairman, the question is that this country is enraged and outraged about what is occurring, and if that is his attitude, probably he will set my candle more aflame tonight than I had originally thought.

We have been working for 300 years under British traditions, and we have as an example Profumo who would obviously have been a Prime Minister of Great Britain who told a simple white lie, and that lie in Parliament was told only to save his wife from undue embarrassment. He slipped under like most men, and I believe that there are numerous instances where this has happened in the lives of men. 8.10 p.m.

There are exceptions to the rule, but that did not give justification for his behaviour. Even in his private life and when he was asked about it in Parliament, he said "No." Mr. Profumo was not the type of man who would say "no" but he was thinking of the woman who would leave him.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. The hon. member, to my mind, is deliberating on a matter which is *sub judice* and until a matter is adjudicated, you cannot speak on it. How can you arrogate to yourself the right to judge a matter which is the subject of a law suit? That is contempt to court.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I would like to remind the hon. junior member for St. George, judging from the contents of the matter which he wants to draw to the attention of the Committee that the matter is *sub judice*.

Mr. MILLER: I understand what is *sub judice*, but what I have said is what was already said in the court. The two cases are entirely separate and distinct. A matter is *sub judice* when the case is before the High Courts. I am not discussing that.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I think the hon. member would have to introduce that on a substantive motion.

Mr. MILLER: We would have to get the Clerk.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: That will have to be in the form of a motion.

Mr. MILLER: You have just said that it is *sub judice*. What do you mean by this now? Are you withdrawing that now? I am not discussing anything before the Courts. I would know better than that.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I am reminding the hon. member of this. The hon. member has not so long ago returned to this Chamber, but other hon. members were here for the whole day and we have had a very pleasant meeting up to now. I would like that tone to continue until we have finished.

Mr. MILLER: Is the hon. Chairman trying to relieve the House of my presence? If he is saying that to relieve the House of my presence, I am quite anxious, I would like to remind Your Honour that you did it on the last occasion. You have the Hon. Minister failing to resign and something has got to be done about it. There is bound to be a resignation. Do not let me quote the Bible on this. Does Your Honour want to send me home? Already, you had a Minister charged with two girls in Parliament. And now, in the face of that - we can get in trouble here now.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I would like the hon. junior member for St. George to remember that he is in Parliament.

Mr. MILLER: With the greatest respect to the Chair, I have a right to speak. If Your Honour wants to relieve me, well; but if I am here, I am free to speak. You have an Hon. Minister introducing in Parliament that this is *sub judice*. You fall for the term. Where is the book which you said you were printing?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I will again remind the hon. member that there is someone in the Chair, and respect must be established for the Chair. Any inharmonious or hasty remarks I would not hesitate to take action.

Mr. MILLER: I expect that, I apologise. The people in the Island are my responsibility. The moment that I was sent here to Parliament the people became my responsibility. You do not ask to send a single constituency; you decided to regularise the "boys" to 24 members. I have the confidence and respect of the constituency which sent me and I have the right to speak in Parliament.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: In parliamentary language.

Mr. MILLER: I know no other language. Is "regularise" unparliamentary?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I do not know what you are saying.

Mr. MILLER: If there is anything unparliamentary, I would withdraw it.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Confine yourself to the Estimates. That is quite parliamentary.

Mr. MILLER: Do not join in debate with me. Your position is Chairman of Committees.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: But the Chair must be respected.

Mr. MILLER: You must have no cross-talk with me. You must rule from the Chair.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Are you asking me to name you?

Mr. MILLER: You have the majority and it was done before. The question is whether or not we should continue this debate. I would like to make it clear that these remarks are addressed to Parliament and that this Parliament must carry out its moral obligation.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I want to remind the hon. member that we want to finish tonight.

Mr. MILLER: The hon. member's father was one of my father's good friends. He comes from a respected family. His brother served in Barbados as Attorney General and my unchanging desire is that he will serve the West Indies as Chief Justice.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member is not trying to respect the Chair; he is trying to overrule the Chair. I want to hear something on Head 101.

Mr. MILLER: Do you mean that you are going to fire the Minister yourself? All that I am asking is that the Hon.

Premier take some responsibility for the misgivings in this country. I say again: do not join in any crosstalk with me.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member is out of order.

Mr. MILLER: I have a right to speak on the Capital Estimates. If you quote the rule that I should not speak, I will form fours and sit down.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I remind the hon. junior member for St. George that the Chair's decision is final.

Mr. MILLER: But the Chair must be capable of a fair decision. Why don't Your Honour stop arguing with me and let me address the Committee?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: On what Head?

Mr. MILLER: If you stop speaking and let me speak, you will hear. It is not your right to speak. You do not seem to realise this. Are you going to let all those gentlemen over there run the Chair? If I have disrespected the Chair, I apologise. I am simply demanding that this should be made a full-dress debate at the Parliamentary Conference in London.
8.20 p.m.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I thought that the hon. junior member for St. George was speaking on the amount of Head 101.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, are you going to separate the Minister from the Head? Are you going to say that this is a headless body? If you can tell me that the blind sheep over there I am trying to save the Hon. Minister from humiliation. You cannot just do things because the country is willing to accept them. You cannot separate the State from the people. That sort of thing only happens in a dictatorship and we have Nkrumah as a blazing example. The Premier has to act in fairness to the country and to the world. I believe that these things could happen with men in their failings in centuries of antiquity. I was never associated with violence. I would never hurt any person.

This is a matter which is not *sub judice*. I repeat that there is nothing in me which would hurt any person. I have not been made like that.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Even when you tie them in the gutter.

Mr. MILLER: Do not let the hon. member pull me in the gutter (*ASIDES*) Mr. Chairman, I am sure that you were about to hear that interruption.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I did not hear it.

Mr. MILLER: You did not hear it! A Parliamentary institution must be a force in itself. I think the Hon. Premier should know what Canada and the United States of America are thinking about what is happening. I am perfectly sure that you have no knowledge of the issue. How can you ask me to sanction the passing of this Head for Agriculture knowing that it is the direct spending of public funds? (*ASIDES*) You must be worried.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member should be silent.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, that is rather unparliamentary. You are the Chairman and you are leaving me in a position to be unkind to you.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member cannot be unkind to me.

Mr. MILLER: You are assuming the role of Chairman, but you have said that you did not hear the offending remarks of the Minister. It was not convenient for you to hear those remarks. I am simply saying that I cannot give my support to this Head. (*ASIDES*) Mr. Chairman, can you not call the Committee to order?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I am listening to the hon. junior member for St. George speaking on Head 101 of the Estimates.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I am not thinking of any individual, and least of all of any member of Parliament, I do not know about the gutter; you cannot pull me down there. I repeat that I cannot give my consent to the passing of this Head. You will carry on with your numbers, but it should be sounded as a warning that we cannot respect our country if we keep silent on these matters. I have been completely silent on the platforms on this issue. Mr. Chairman, I know that you are bound to have a resignation and a reshuffling in parliament. These are things which you will hear. (ASIDES). If the Hon. Leader of the House wants to assume the Chairmanship of this Committee, he can do so. As far as I am concerned, I am accustomed to these things. A change will have to take place because, in a general way, people must be given the opportunity to live in the community. What are you setting as an example to the other people? What are you setting as an example to the children of this generation? Are you like a drug store where you can go and buy a gun, licence or no licence?
8.30 p.m.

The highest office in this country is that of a Minister of Government, and the person must be an example. No matter what you may have in private fields and private life, you must be like Caesar's wife. These are the things on which you have to make up your mind to surrender. What are you asking the people of this country to do? What are you telling the police? I have heard it several times over the radio that the police were willing to pardon anybody with an unlicensed gun.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: It seems as if I will have to enforce my authority since the hon. member is disrespecting the Chair and not upholding the dignity of the Chamber. If the hon. member does not stick to the Head, I will have to rule.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, you are in the right to enforce your authority if you can give any semblance that anything I have said or done can be regarded as disrespect to the Chair. You are in the right to do what you like, but at least let this Committee be told of what I have said that could be offending to the Chair. If you want to enforce your authority, you must tell me and this Committee of anything I could have said, and you can go further and anticipate me.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: This matter is irrelevant to the Head.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, the hon. member says he has not disrespected the Chair, but I am saying that he has because he is insisting on pursuing a course which the Chairman has pointed out to him is not relevant to the subject matter in hand, and he is insisting in going on and on in this manner. He is therefore disrespecting the ruling of the Chair and the advice and instructions of the Chair that he stick to the Head under discussion and that what he is saying now has no relevance whatsoever to any item under the Capital Estimates with which we are dealing. I am asking you, Mr. Chairman, to exercise your authority if the hon. member insists in going on in this manner; otherwise I shall make a motion.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman.....

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Before the hon. member speaks, I should like to refer him to Standing Order No. 30 (1) which reads as follows:-

"Debate upon any motion, Bill or amendment thereto shall be relevant to such motion, Bill or amendment, except in the case of a motion for the adjournment of the House."

The hon. member has been a member of this House sufficiently long to be familiar with that Standing Order.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, if I may ask your advice on this matter, we are dealing with Agriculture under the Capital Estimates and we are talking about the Minister. Is he irrelevant to this Head? Is there any relevance to the Minister who would be responsible for spending the capital?

Mr. MILLER: The Minister must direct the spending of this money. Are you going to separate him from agriculture? I have listened to the bamboozling gentleman from the other side of the Table.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, I do not think I have ever witnessed a more disgraceful state of affairs with respect to the Standing Orders of this House. Those of us who are sitting on this side have heard you rule no less than four times that this matter is irrelevant. If you ask him to take his seat and he does not do it, you should know what to do.

Mr. MILLER: Now, Sir, the Leader of the House is directing you.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: There is no question of directing me. The Leader of the House is drawing to my attention.....

Mr. MILLER: He used the word "disgraceful". What have I said that could be disgraceful? What can the Leader of the House say I have said that could be regarded as disgraceful in my behaviour here tonight? In all my life I have been a physical culturist, but it is true I have not practised judo, even as Vice-President of the Weightlifting Association.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: This is the last time I am appealing to the hon. junior member for St. George. If he persists in disobeying my warning, I will have to exercise my authority.

Mr. MILLER: I thank you very much for that. There is much persistence from the other side about exercising your authority, but I have said what I wanted to say and Parliament has recorded it; so all that is left for me to say is that I cannot support this Head, knowing that the funds that would be spent from the Treasury would be so done by the Minister. Now you can exercise any authority you have if you can find anything that is disgraceful. It would be nice for us to have a debate on what may be disgraceful, but I do not think the Leader of the House would like to join me on it. I think I have said all I wanted to say, and I think you would join me in public sentiment and feeling in all I have said tonight. As I said, there should be three resignations because we have a rapist, an abortionist and an adulteress coming together in a conglomeration of society that destroys the image. You should think of the children in this country and in your private life set an example. We will discuss this matter not only here but elsewhere; so having said what I had to say, it is regrettable that you have not been in a position to use your authority, and I think I can close because all I had to say has been repeated a number of times. Thank you very much, and if you want to use your authority, you will be supported by the nimble-footed, feeble-minded fizzes! Sounds like Cassius and Caesar. Look at my friend and pal, the Chairman!

Mr. COWARD: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, I should like to draw to your attention that we have been discussing the Estimates from 12 o'clock today. The hon. member has just come in here - I do not know from where - and is indulging in this kind of behaviour, when it is time that we get through this business and go home. I should like therefore to call your attention to Standing Order No. 36 (1) which reads as follows:-

"The Speaker or the Chairman, after having called the attention of the House or of the Committee to the conduct of a Member who persists in irrelevance or tedious repetition either of his own arguments or of the arguments used by other Members in debate, may direct him to discontinue his speech."

I think it is time that you ask the hon. member to discontinue his speech.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I think the hon. member heard me when I said in addressing you that I had said all I had to say. If he was working since 12 o'clock, he is suffering from mental exhaustion. I have repeated several

times that I have said all I had to say, but he gets up and reads that Rule. You can see that he was holding the book upside down, but we understand these things, and I think you will agree as a teacher and Principal.
8.40 p.m.

I have already on more than two occasions told him that I have said all that I wanted to say. He holds the book upside down and rehearses it like a poem. Talking about exhaustiveness since 12 o'clock, we can only pity him and we know that nature in its discretion dispenses its mercies.

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

HEAD 102 - COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS

Head 102 - Communications and Works was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$1,853,830 under Head 102, Communications and Works - stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Chairman, I wish to speak on these bus stands which are to be put up. It seems as if the buses are moving out at an angle. I hope that some means would be made so that they come in at an angle as it is done in the United States. They come in at an angle so as to permit pedestrians to walk on safely to the bus.

I do not know what provision is being made in this new bus stand, but in America they come in at an angle and you walk on the sidewalk on to the bus. I wonder if this Government is going to do that or whether we are going to have this same stampede which we have in Fairchild Street. I have only said that to be made aware of what improvements to the system you have at Fairchild Street. It has been worked out by the Transport people in other countries.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, now that we are talking about the bus stand, I am wondering if the Hon. Minister can shed some light as to the change up of the routes and the running of the buses. Ever since we had a report that the entire island would be divided into three concessions and since then we have heard nothing more about it, I am worried about it and the people are worried too. I believe that the few concessionaires who intend to go into the business are worried too. They do not know what to do. I was talking to one of them and he told me that he did not know what to do.

This matter has been hanging fire for some time. Can the Hon. Minister say when is it going to come into operation? Will he say if the Government is going to run all of them? The people in the business cannot spend any money on bringing in new buses until they know what is going to be done. At the moment there are some buses which belong to the Transport Board that I would call "flying flags". I wonder if the Minister can tell us something now so that we may be able to tell our constituents something.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I will answer the hon. junior member for Christ Church first, and then I will deal with the hon. junior member for St. Joseph. In reply to the question by the hon. junior member for Christ Church as to whether a new bus stand would be laid out so that the buses come in and go out at an angle, I say "no"; they would not be lined up at an angle and, therefore, they will be lined up one behind the other. I think there will be eighteen buses, and there will be enough space for the people to get out of the buses - and into the buses - when they want to.

All of that rushing would be eliminated because the Ministry proposes to use a system which is very simple and very inexpensive in that the people will stand up outside with some ticket, may be, numbered from 1 to 100. When somebody comes to the bus terminus to board a particular bus he can easily ask for a ticket and after you have got your ticket, you can go and sit and wait until the bus comes. It does not necessarily mean that you have to stand up in a line. If you were in a line and it started to rain, it is obvious that you would have to run and get shelter. This system is one of the best systems which we have be-

cause when you have your ticket, you have your chance. This is not an advertisement for the Turf Club, of course.

If you have a ticket and one of those robust people gets in front of you - say that you have a ticket numbered 43 and that person has a ticket numbered 45 - he cannot get the seat. It is the duty of the conductor that the persons who have tickets numbered 45 and onwards get out of the bus and let you get on the bus. It is a very simple move.

If that were not so, old people would also have to line up and still you would get this pushing. This system would eliminate all this rush which you get in the Fairchild Street bus stand. I know that will allay the fears of the hon. junior member for Christ Church.

With respect to the statement made by the hon. junior member for St. Joseph who wanted to know what is done about the concessionaires as to the rewarding of concessions to these routes, we have decided that there must be three channels. I cannot remember the routes of each channel. Let us say that they would be numbered A, B, C. "A" would be the Transport Board; "B" would be the routes in St. Joseph and some route around there put together. The owners are supposed to come together. Then, there is another route where you have Mr. Straughan and the Federal Bus Company coming together.
8.50 p.m.

The Rocklyn Bus Company is run by Mrs. Rock. The routes which run from Sugar Hill and the above area will be grouped together. There is a route which goes down to St. Andrew and that route will be coming together with the route known as the Federal route. Three concessions will be awarded.

As to the next question asked about the new buses, the concessionaires will have to get new buses because if the buses are not up to standard, they will have to get new ones.

Mention was made about the Transport Board having some flaws; the Board had some flaws; but everybody knew that when the Board took over the concessions from the private concessionaires, that was only a political gimmick and at the last moment when it was near the Election time, all the buses were taken over by the Government after the concessionaires did not get an increase of one cent in the bus fares. It was said at the time that the bus fares would be increased over somebody's dead body. I asked the House to back a loan for the sum of \$600,000 so that we could get rid of these old buses and get proper ones. We will be able to get some of the buses next month, about three or four of them, and in time we will get more and then we will come up to the 21 which will be needed. I think I have made myself quite plain in this matter, but I will be willing to answer anything else which any hon. member would like to know.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member has been quite plain and straightforward. The Government proposes to put buses at River Road above the Market as a means of relieving the congestion with the traffic and school children. You expect to put a bridge to go over the river and into Constitution Road which would relieve a lot of traffic. Will the Minister tell us something about that?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Routes Nos. 5, 6 and 6a will be placed at the back of Fort Royal Garage. We are building a bridge over that way so that pedestrians will be able to get to that Market. It is also our intention to re-route the buses when they go back out of town. We do not want to have Roebuck Street too much congested. The buses which travel on Routes 5, 6 and 6a will travel on Constitution Road through Hall's Road and Hindsbury Road.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, surely the hon. member would not deny having read the complaints in the Press relative to the delaying of the buses because the conductors go to the Headquarters. These Conductors are delayed sometimes for three-quarters of an hour in having to pay in money and people have to wait for all this time. At the new station in Constitution, the Government proposes to

place a small temporary office where bus conductors can take over, will the Hon. Minister consider the idea of what was operating under the old tramcar system and what is operating elsewhere where an inspector is there for the purpose of relieving these people and allowing the bus to get on? A period of 15 minutes delay will annoy passengers who want to get to their work. It looks to me as if some arrangements could be made in this respect.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I asked the Hon. Minister when is he going to give these two concessionaires the green light to go ahead, but the Hon. Minister told me about the last Government and about bus fares being increased over somebody's dead body. I did not ask the Hon. Minister that at all. He must learn to give a reply to an hon. member when he asks a question. They laid the Report handing over the highways to three concessionaires. The hon. member was fumbling so much that the hon. senior member for St. Joseph had to assist him in order to get ahead.
9.00 p.m.

I should like to know, Mr. Chairman, when they are going to give the green light to the other two concessionaires who do not know if they are going to be awarded the contract. I should be in a position to give them a reply when asked a question, but I cannot do so unless my hon. friend gives me a reply. I understand that they are operating without a concession; I do not know if it is so, but it is time to be businesslike, because transport is very important to this country.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I will reply to the hon. junior member first. When the hon. member said that he had to come to my rescue, I do not know what he means, because I have always been a good swimmer and can take care of myself. I asked the hon. senior member for St. Joseph what routes he had in order to answer in a straightforward manner, but the hon. junior member for St. Joseph seems to be worried about something. Only a perfect village idiot or convulsed fool would have got up in here and said that I did not understand or I did not know this or that. The reply to his question, Mr. Chairman, is that the concessions will be awarded as soon as we have all the bus stands laid out in the way they should be.

What the hon. junior member for Bridgetown has said makes a lot of sense, and only a few weeks ago I was discussing a similar thing. I too get frustrated when I hear complaints from people about being kept back, and we are doing everything within our power to make sure that the general public gets a proper bus service.

Mr. Chairman, it is rather disgraceful that members who have been in this Chamber for so long seem not to be acquainted with the Rules. I should like to refer them to Standing Order No. 29 (1) which reads as follows:-

"During a sitting all Members shall enter or leave the House with decorum."

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I would like to tell hon. members on my left that they must speak in undertones and not disturb the proceedings.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, apparently members ask questions when the Gallery is full, but when you are giving the answer they deliberately ignore you. The hon. member asked what we were doing to alleviate the hardship suffered by people having to wait on conductors to get change and so on. The Ministry is trying to do everything within its power to accord the general public one of the best transport systems in the entire West Indies, and maybe the second best in the world, but I want to say that the hon. member must be cognisant of the fact that the Government though responsible for transport, is not responsible for all the buses. It is true that it is the duty of the Director of Highways and Transport to make sure that an adequate amount of buses is kept on the roads, but he can only do this when he gets complaints; otherwise he would not know that you are not getting a proper service.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member's reply that the concessions would be awarded as soon as the bus stands are laid out sounds so simple to me. If these people are to form a company, they must get articles and everything else ready, but they cannot do that until they are awarded the contract. I feel that the contract should be awarded before you finish laying out the bus stands so that when that job is completed they would have everything ready to commence. I do not think that the hon. member really meant that they will wait until the bus stands have been laid out to grant the concession for these people who are coming together as a company to run this service. That is like waiting until the horse has got out of the stable then to shut the door.

While I am on my feet, I note that Item 13 is to provide cane tracks and roads to facilitate reaping of canes. I am a country man and I cannot find out the meaning of "cane track". I know what is a road, but I would be glad if the Minister could tell me so that if I am asked a question I will be able to give the meaning of the word "track". What we call a track in the country is something about 18 inches wide.
9.10 p.m.

I do not know if the Government is going to spend any money to make a little 18-inch track. I want the Hon. Minister to define that word for me.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I hate time wasting. The hon. junior member for St. Joseph does not know what a cane track is. A cane track is the identical thing that I asked the hon. member to come with me in my car and go and see - the thing you asked me to cut as a road.

Mr. SMITH: The hon. member says "the thing you asked me to cut as a road". That is what I wanted him to do. He has come back to me that it is a road because what he calls a track is what we have 18 inches wide. There is a difference between a road and a track, and the Hon. Minister told me that what he took me in his car with Mr. Corbin to cut was a road and not a track. Those were his own words. As a matter of fact, the thing that cuts a road is wider than 18 inches.

Some hon. members and some of the Ministers feel that when ever somebody from this side asks a question, he should not ask it and they are vexed about it. I see here the words "cane tracks" and the definition is "to provide cane tracks and roads to facilitate reaping of canes." I ask what is the meaning of cane tracks? I do not want the Hon. Minister to cut anything for me. He would not be able to cut a track for me if he has to do it out of his pocket. It is what I want the Government to do. That is how he is looking at it.

Mr. Chairman, I am now drawing it to your attention that some time ago we gave the green light for the appointment of an Inspector at the Highways and Transport Department to help with the inspection of Motor Vehicles and up to not too long ago, I understand that the post has not been filled yet. I do not know if it is filled now. You can telephone tomorrow and ask if the post has been filled and tell me next Tuesday. I do not want the answer now.

Mr. CORBIN: Mr. Chairman, I thought everyone knew the meaning of "cane track". That is a road where people ask the Government to bring in a bulldozer to cut a track in order that a lorry would be able to get to the ground to get out the canes; whereas if it were not so, the people would have to head the canes from out of the fields all the way down to the road.

The best thing which has been done by this Government is to cut cane tracks in people's grounds so that they can get out their canes to the road and get them to the factory. That is the best job they have done. The hon. junior member for St. Joseph knows what I am saying is right.

Some time ago I told this House that a Mr. Bailey got 16 tons of canes out of his land, but because he had to pay for heading them to the road he got only \$16 out of them.

I hope the Government will continue to cut these roads to help the poor people get out their canes.

Mr. LYNCH: Item 26, Head 102. I would like to enquire from the Hon. Minister what he is doing about the Brandons and Birds River area where there is a heavy concentration of people - over 3,000 people in Brandons area - who would like to be supplied with water. The note to this Item reads: To continue laying of new subsidiary mains and connections to new standposts. "What is the Government doing as regards laying of new subsidiary mains and the provisions of standpost in this new concentration?"

Mr. GODDARD: There is another question. Item 24, New, General Post Office. Where do you intend putting it?

Mr. SMITH: At the same time, I drew to the Hon. Minister's attention some time ago that water was being wasted at Sedge Pond. I would like to know if he is making any progress in the gathering of that water and if any use can be made of it.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: I will answer the hon. junior member for St. Joseph first. The hon. member asked about the post of Inspector at the Highways and Transport Department. He told me that I must see to its being filled. I do not know where the Highways and Transport Department is situated, but I do know we have reports that some of the tyres were missing from up there. I do know what is a cane track.

I would also like to say that if it were the trend for the Party to which the hon. member belongs when it was in power to appoint Officers, this Government has absolutely nothing to do with appointments. The Chief Personnel Officer is the person who presents the applicants, and the Public Service Commission selects the person for the job. The Government has absolutely nothing to do with that.

(A VOICE: The hon. member should know that.)

In reply to the hon. junior member for Christ Church as to where the New General Post Office would be, it would be situated immediately in the back of the Cheapside Market, looking towards the Fish Market, above the new bus stand.

In reply to the hon. junior member for St. Joseph about the Water at Sedge Pond, I was talking with the Chief Engineer of the Water Works Department and I have been informed that the water is not suitable for drinking purposes. The next thing is that it is not as deep as one would expect. It really does not serve much useful purpose; therefore, we have to let it go.
9.20 p.m.

It is not good for human consumption nor is it the kind which one would have expected. In reply to the hon. junior member for the City, I should like to say that the Government is thinking seriously about the roads and water in the Brandons area on Mr. Holder's land. We have not gone ahead with it yet; we have to consider that Mr. Holder will have all of this money when the value of his land has been enhanced. We intend to make the area a habitable one.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, there is something in the betterment Charge Act but that is not the question which is before us now. Under the heading of the erection of stand posts, the Bridgetown City Council has done its best in this respect. It is a matter of about three hundred houses down there, and therefore it will be necessary to have a number of standposts erected. The immediate necessity would be having to relieve the people from having to go so far for their water. We did not think that you could get water in the houses right away.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, a part of the onus is on the hon. member. We erect the standposts but it is the duty of the Bridgetown City Council to erect the stands for those standposts.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, I should like to say that I am always in sympathy with youngsters, but the hon. member must not tell me that the onus is on me for doing these things. He does not know what he is talking about. The fact remains that as far as the law is concerned, the erection of stand posts is a matter for the local Government and not only a matter of putting up the stands. Actually the Government has charged the Bridgetown City Council for installing the standpipes.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Do you expect us to do that for nothing?

Mr. MOTTLEY: Do you get money for turning in the water? I have told the hon. member that he should try to walk in his own shoes and it will be much better for him. The hon. member has a lot to learn and I do not think that he should adopt the attitude which he is adopting. What the hon. member is saying is unadulterated nonsense.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: When the hon. member talks about wearing your own shoes, I would like to tell him that he cannot use that sort of remark to me. I have my own shoes. I do not emulate anybody in here; I emulate myself. The hon. member asked about standposts being erected in this particular area. There are some hon. members in this House who seem to think that old age makes a bright man, but a lot of people have been going to school for a long time and yet they are not learning. If the hon. member had informed us about the matter, we would have done everything in our power to see that water is run in the area.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, how are they going to erect standposts in an area in which they are no mains? There are direct mains and there are subsidiary mains which are run in the areas. How are you going to erect standposts without having subsidiary mains?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry that this matter has to be prolonged like this.

Mr. MOTTLEY: You are wasting time.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: I am not wasting any time. The hon. senior member for the City seems to be an expert on everything (Mr. MOTTLEY: You are). Well, you cannot blame me for that. There is a main in the vicinity of which the hon. member is speaking. If he had brought this matter to my attention, it would have been dealt with.

Mr. MOTTLEY: On a point of order. That is absolutely untrue. You are talking nonsense.

The question that the sum of \$2,056,730 under Head 102 - Communications and Works - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 103 - HEALTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Head 103 - Health and Community Development - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, under this Head there is an amendment to be made. We are asking the Committee to insert an Item - Item 10 - Nurses' Quarters - and the amount to be voted is \$82,000. The Note is to read as follows:- "To meet the cost of converting former Pay Wards A & E into quarters for Nurses and the former Tercentenary Ward into a School for Nurses. With the insertion of that Item the total will be increased by \$82,000. I beg to move that the sum of \$1,156,460 under Head 103 - Health and Community Development - as amended stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: I beg to second that.

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

9.30 p.m.

HEAD 104 - EDUCATION

Head 104 - Education - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of \$1,775,300 under Head 104 - Education - stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, under Item 4 - New Secondary Comprehensive Schools, I would like the Minister to say how far he has got with the Ellerslie School and how many children it is being built to accommodate.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: We started the construction at Ellerslie some months ago, and we hope to complete some time in the coming financial year; but I have asked the appropriate authorities to hurry it along as much as they can, because I would like to have at least ten classrooms ready by September. It will accommodate 500 pupils.

Mr. GODDARD: May I ask under the same item, about the school in upper Christ Church, if that is the one in Parish Land and how many children will that accommodate?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: This will also accommodate 500 pupils.

The question that the sum of \$1,775,300 under Head 104 - Education - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 105 - HOME AFFAIRS

Head 105 - Home Affairs - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, Item 3 - Urban Development Project - is to be amended by reducing the provision of \$860,000 to \$751,250. The provision of \$100,000 under Item 5 - Land Acquisition - is to be increased to \$300,000. Also insert Item 11 - Staff Quarters; and the note is to read 'to provide for a number of houses in the area of the Cave Hill Development Project for accommodation of Government Officers.'

I beg to move that the sum of \$1,940,451 under Head 105 - Home Affairs - as amended stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, under Item 10 there is a token provision of \$1.00 which binds us to the principle of ordering a turn table ladder at a cost of \$60,000 to aid in fire-fighting where tall buildings are involved. I should like to tell the Minister that we support this because it is necessary with the advent of skyscrapers. I would like to ask the Minister whether the Government is making regulations for fire escapes being attached to buildings above a certain height. In the United Kingdom and Canada all buildings above a certain height must carry a fire escape, but I have not seen any regulation calling for this locally. You have hotels and places like the Hilton as well as those in the private sector, and I should like to know if it is the intention of the Government to make regulations to the effect that buildings over a certain height must have fire escapes. It is nice to have a turn table ladder for the purpose of fighting fires, because we all know that though a building might be fire proof, when a fire breaks out, people get caught with the smoke, and that is where the danger lies. We do support the idea of this token vote, and would like the Minister to tell us something more about this.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I should like to inform the hon. members that not only regulations but everything to do with fire prevention and hazards are being looked into at the moment.

The question that the sum of \$1,940,451 under Head 105 - Home Affairs - as amended, stand part of the Schedule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 106 - OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

Head 106 - Office of the Premier - was called

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, there is a move-in under this Head, Rifle Range - \$32,725; and the note is to read "To construct new Rifle Range at Paragon."

I beg to move that the sum of \$2,009,725 under Head 106 - Office of the Premier - as amended, stand part of the Schedule.

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

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister would be able to tell me what the Hilton Hotel is likely to cost. I notice that we are asked to vote \$3,260,000 for continuation of the project, and the provision in the Approved Estimates for 1965-66 was \$4,900,000. Has that amount of \$4,900,000 been already spent? I wonder if the Minister could tell me whether the new provision includes furniture and fittings or whether this is only for the actual building.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, in spending so much money, I will counsel the members of the Government to remember that this is a democracy, and only yesterday the Government members were in opposition. History has a funny way of repeating itself and time is a great healer. I wonder if the members of the Government would have accepted a provision for \$3,260,000 with a note that merely says 'for continuation of the Hilton Project'. If this is not the semblance of dictatorship, I do not know what could be. I have been in here long enough and before the members of the present Government were even in the Opposition; but you must tell your Civil Servants that you have a bunch of nitwits on this side of the House who do not understand anything and will not ask. How can you come for \$3,260,000 and merely say that it is for the continuation of the Hilton Project?

Mr. Chairman, I am not going to trespass on certain questions because you will stop me, but time and history will tell, because I asked certain questions and apparently they are not going to be answered. I know you cannot make a Minister answer a question he does not want to answer, but the general public may answer for themselves, especially if the questions are direct and straightforward and without any trappings attached to them. When we ask these questions, the Minister must be able to give us the information. The Minister should be able to say that they have so far spent so much and it will take so much more, but "continuation of the project" can constitute and might mean the furnishing of this place.
9.40 p.m.

I wonder if any Minister can tell me here today. The questions which are before the House are whether it was by contract and if by contract, how much? If you can have more money, you should say that the contractors or draughtsmen who had the thing to do, changed their plans and therefore greater funds are needed.

You do not do business like this. You would be considered the biggest fools and vagabonds of the century if you did business like this. We are entitled to know. You want to get through the Estimates tonight but you must give us some information on this, or nothing doing! You estimated that it would cost us so much. Let us know something about this. This must not be interpreted to mean that we are opposing the Hilton for political purposes. In keeping with custom, we are entitled to see the plan of this place. This is Parliament. We are guardians of the public purse and not you alone. We are entitled to see the plans, and if there are any changes made, we are entitled to know them.

You say that the reason why you have come for this money is for the continuation of the Hilton Project. That is for three blind mice. I am asking the Hon. Minister to tell me if this money includes furnishing. This is actually costing \$8 million and odd. What annoys me is not that I am not getting an answer, but it is the fact that they have put it here and expect to get away with the answer in the notes. How can you put that as an explanation for an expenditure of \$3 million? None of you over there would stand for this if you were in the Opposition.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, if the hon. senior member for the City were building a house, he would call in a contractor, he would tell the contractor what he wants as regards the dimensions of the house, and so on, and the contractor would give him an estimate for the building.

When we discussed the question with the contractor of the Hilton Hotel and with the technical experts of the Works Department, our estimate of the cost was \$4 million (American). That is public knowledge. Now, this money is paid in stages. You will remember that the Government was not doing it; it was done by contract. (A VOICE: Is it?).

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. That is a very important statement which the hon. member has made. The Hon. Minister said that it is done by contract. I want that taken down.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: The Token Construction Company has the contract for the construction of the main part of the Hilton Hotel. There are other subsidiary buildings around the Hilton Hotel which are being erected under the supervision of Mr. Wason, but the Hilton Hotel proper is taken care of by contract. That is my understanding.

These advances to the contractors are made from time to time, and the project is going up as has been expected. That is to say, we expected that it would be completed in two years, but we understand now that we would not be able to get it before October.

If our estimated amount is in the vicinity of \$4 million (American), the hon. senior member for the City will see that we are making provision for the completion of the Hilton Hotel and this includes furniture and fittings. The House was given the Estimates and that includes everything including furniture and fittings.

Perhaps if the Government was doing it, we would come here and say that this money is for so many lengths of pipe, and so on. The Works Department would have given us a breakdown; but the people who are doing it do not tell us that they want so many yards of pipe. They say that they would do it for so much and they will hand it over to us completed.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to get the Hon. Minister into any trap because I believe he is conscientious. The Hon. Minister has said the Token people are building it. The Hilton people would say what type of furniture and beds they want in it.

I do not want to get into anything. If this \$8 million and odd includes furnishing, then the Token people certainly would not be able to say what type of beds and fittings you want put into it. I think the Hon. Minister would agree that we are entitled to know if it is going to take X dollars to finish. If you say that it was estimated at \$4 million (American), the exchange of American money is 72 cents on the dollar; therefore, that will bring it to \$7 million in our currency. Mr. Chairman, if you were in my position and you had a contract with the Token people for erecting this building, and I wanted to know the cost, you should say that \$3 million is for finishing it and so much dollars for the furnishing. We do not know what type of furnishing the Hilton people want in the Hotel. That makes my argument stronger.

9.50 p.m.

It is for the people to say what furnishings they want in the hotel. That makes my argument stronger that notes of this nature should be explanatory.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I do not agree with the hon. member that the notes should be a little more explanatory. I have not got all the figures at my disposal but the figures are \$4 million (U.S.) The Token Construction Company is responsible for the Hilton Hotel proper, but there are other things which the Token is not supplying. All of this comes out the \$4 million (U.S.) The Token vote is not for the equipment which comes in to the actual structure; what we are asking for is for the furnishings and equipment. Therefore in due course when the answer to the hon. member's question comes out, the hon. member will know what the total cost of the construction of the hotel was. As Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee the hon. member must know that.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, every effort was made by members from coming to the first meeting of the Public Accounts Committee. As a matter of fact, there was quite a lot of trouble in getting this first meeting of the Public Accounts Committee summoned.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Would the hon. member mind telling us who was responsible for throwing cold water on the first meeting of the Public Accounts Committee? I hope that the hon. member does not mean this Government, because this Government will never try to avoid a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee. We are hoping that this Committee will operate and it will keep this Government and other succeeding Governments on their toes.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I will put the Clerk on the spot. I summoned the Auditor General and the Permanent Secretaries and they did not pay me the courtesy of turning up.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I would like the hon. member to say who were the Permanent Secretaries who were summoned.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Ask the Clerk.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: I can say that the Permanent Secretaries did not receive any summons.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I am putting the Clerk on the spot. The Permanent Secretary

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: On a point of order. I have approached these Permanent Secretaries and they have pointed out that they have never received any such summons.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, I am waiting for my questions to be answered. There are a lot of people who feel that because you had some little doubt about the question of Independence - there are those who feel that I cannot stand up to anybody in this country. It is not that as soon as we ask a question we are opposing something.

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Chairman, the Hon. Minister has told us that the hotel is being erected under Token contract, and the ancillary buildings are being erected under a separate head.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: On a point of order. I did not say that the ancillary buildings are being erected under a separate head. I said that Mr. Wason holds the substantive post of Director of Highways and Transport and he is supposed to be the Government's representative as Private Manager. He is responsible for seeing that we are getting a proper job done as well as supervising the ancillary work which is being done not by the Token contract. It is his duty to see that work which is done is work of a high standard. I did not say that these buildings were being erected under a different head.

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Wason is looking after the ancillary part of the work, and Token is responsible for the entire building.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Token is responsible for the main building; the main building is being built by Token. The cost of the whole project is \$4 million (U.S.)

Mr. GODDARD: How are you keeping accounts: If some one goes up there, is it going to be two heads? You have certain material for the ancillary buildings and certain for the main building?

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Wason is Manager of the project. He is responsible for seeing that the funds which are being spent by Token construction are properly spent, and he is also responsible to see that the funds in connection with the ancillary buildings are properly spent. In other words, he is responsible for the overall project. He is really the Government's custodian of the Hilton Project.

Mr. GODDARD: Mr. Chairman, that seems to me to be a very strange form of contract. You have a building costing \$4 million (U.S.) and you put Mr. Wason there to see that the work is properly carried out.
10.00 p.m.

Mr. Chairman, in building the Deep Water Harbour, the Government of Barbados employed a qualified engineer to protect their interest and Costain did the building. If they farmed out certain parts, it was Costain that farmed them out. If Token want to farm out the plumbing, electrical work or plastering, that is a matter for Token. Anyhow, you have said that the contract has been signed by Token, but we have asked you to go a little further and tell us what is the provision of the contract, what the structure will cost including plumbing, electrical fittings and air-conditioning as distinct from furnishing beds, linen, draperies, carpets and things like that. I also understand that you have 150 bedrooms and 50 in the ancillary buildings. 150 rooms into \$8 million is something like \$50,000 per room which is a lot of money. I presume that the economics of this has been worked out by the person spending this money.

I know, Mr. Chairman, that Hilton is going to manage the hotel for a percentage of the profit, but we do not know what Government intends charging Hilton for rent which would give some basis of the cost. I should like to know also if the contract between Hilton and the Government has been signed. I know you are working through the Development Board, but you are responsible for the Development Board. Anyhow, if you can give us tonight a division of what the main structure will cost as distinct from the furnishings, we would be grateful.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw to the attention of the hon. junior member for Christ Church that if he looks in the Estimates, he will find that this comes under the Ministry of Development for which I am responsible. This project is being carried out by the Development Board, and I suppose after it is completed that the Minister of Tourism will be responsible for it. I do not have all the facts at my disposal here, but I shall inform the Minister responsible of the questions which hon. members have asked concerning this project.

I should just like to point out that wherever a Hilton Hotel is erected in these areas, there is an increase in tourism. Last year we had a dramatic increase in the number of tourists coming to this country. We estimated that the amount of money spent by tourists in this country last year would have been about \$26 million. Our information is that it is far in excess of that amount because of the 18 per cent increase in the number of tourists coming to the island. I may point out that we are carrying out a survey on the benefits of tourism to this island, and if hon. members would bear with me, I would like to give them the terms of reference, and the only thing is that we have not yet decided on the methodology. The object of the survey is to estimate tourist expenditure in Barbados, in particular to estimate what contribution the industry makes to Government revenue and in what ways. I am sure the hon. junior member for Christ Church will also be pleased to hear that we have under consideration a revision of the Hotel Aids Act, so that greater concessions and benefits will be accorded hoteliers, because we have found that we do not have enough first-class hotel beds in Barbados. When the hotel beds or bed nights in the A class

hotels like Sandy Lane, Sam Lords, Colony Club and so on are sold out, instead of selling the second class hotels, the agents who work for us sell for places like Antigua and others; so we do not even get the number of tourists coming to Barbados that we would normally get because of the paucity of first class hotel beds.

The construction of the Hilton will inevitably result in a tremendous increase in the tourist trade here, because this will bring into the country at least 300 more first class hotel beds. We estimate that by 1970 the amount of money realised from tourism in this island would be in the vicinity of \$36 million, and with the completion of the Hilton and with the agents who work for us being in a better position to sell most first class hotel beds here, it would exceed \$40 million, and that is a lot of money to be spent in a country like Barbados. Any expansion in the tourist industry means that more money will go into Government revenue, more people will be employed directly and indirectly and more mouths are fed.
10.10 p.m.

I think that the construction of the Hilton Hotel is something which every hon. member who have the interest of the country at heart should welcome. Perhaps we may be spending \$16,000 for a room but this is not an investment to make a profit from the hotel. It goes further than that. This is an investment in the entire economy of this country, because the benefits which would accrue from the operation of the hotel here are not only profits made by the Hilton Hotel, but by the profits accruing to Barbados directly and indirectly.

Mr. GODDARD: Sir, we have never been against that. It is for our economy along lines which we know. I am glad to hear all the Hon. Minister has said and I like the way how he said it. You are now converted; and the more Barbadians that are converted, the better for us all.

As we figure, in the very near future, tourism would bring in \$40 million and it is going to surpass the amount brought in by sugar too. I am glad to know that the Government is aware of the high cost of building hotels and that you do not put them up for nothing.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Sir, the hon. member is supposed to know that the fact that we are now considering giving better concessions to hoteliers under Hotel Aids Act is evidence that we are interested in pushing tourism because we see that the future of sugar seems dark; so we have to look towards another industry.

The hon. junior member for Christ Church said that he is glad I am now converted. The hon. member would re-member when we were carrying on an island-wide campaign a statement which I made then, I said that I can see tourism becoming the industry of the country.

Mr. MOTTLEY: The trail which we blazed when you were running about under the tamarind tree - and I am saying that to the member who is making those asides - is such that we are glad to see that you are following the trail. You will remember when we wanted tourism in this country that we had opposition to it. Of course, that opposition was not by this Government. We were told that we would be getting money to put in the hands of a few people.

We appreciate all that the Hon. Minister has said in this respect; but be that as it may, we are entitled to know how the money is being spent, and we accept that you will exert every effort to see to it that you get it.

The question that the sum of \$4,116,000 under Head 106 - Office of the Premier - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

On motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, the question that the Schedule to the Bill, as amended, stand part was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Clause 1 was called and passed.

Clause 2 was called. It reads as follows:-

2. The Accountant General may issue out of the Public Treasury on the warrant of the Governor and apply towards making good the supply granted for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, the sum of thirty-eight million and thirty-five thousand, seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, before moving that Clause 2 stand part, I am asking leave to amend it to read the sum of thirty-eight million, eight hundred and forty-six thousand, four hundred and eighteen dollars.

With that amendment, I beg to move that Clause 2 stand part.

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

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

Clauses 3 to 6 were called separately and passed.

On motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of the Appropriation Bill, as amended, in Committee of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

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

10.20 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO ADVANCE *re* CAPITAL WORKS 1966-67

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the day stands in the name of the hon. senior member for St. John:- To move the passing of the following Resolution:-

A Resolution to approve the advance from the Public Treasury of the sum of \$8,269,900 to be defrayed from Loan Funds and placed at the disposal of the Government to meet the expenditure during the financial year 1966-67 on the Capital Works included in the Estimates Part II - Capital.

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

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister of Education is asking leave to take charge of this Order standing in the name of the hon. senior member for St. John, and if there is no objection, leave will be granted. (PAUSE) There being no objection, leave is granted. The Hon. Minister may proceed.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF THE PORT DEPARTMENT

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day also stands in the name of the hon. senior member for St. John:- To move the passing of the following Resolution:-

A Resolution to approve under section 10 of the Barbados Harbours Act, 1960 the Annual Estimates of the Port Department for the year 1966-67.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I am also asking leave to take charge of this Order also standing in the name of the Hon. and Learned Premier.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister of Education is asking leave to take charge of this Order also standing in the name of the hon. senior member for St. John; and if there is no objection, leave will be granted. (PAUSE) There being no objection, leave is granted. The Hon. Minister may proceed.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Order No. 7 be taken as the next Order of the Day.

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. Minister of Health and Community Development:- To move the second reading of a Bill to make provision for the transfer to the Minister responsible for Health of certain functions of the Councils under the Public Health Act, 1954; for the transfer to the Director of Highways and Transport of the functions of the Southern District Council in relation to highways; for amending, in the light of the foregoing, the aforementioned Act, the Highways Act, 1900, the Department of Highways and Transport Act, 1945, the Local Government Act, 1958, the Local Government Authorities Miscellaneous Functions Act, 1950 and other Acts; and for other matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, this is the second step in the take-over of certain functions now being performed by the Bridgetown City Council and the two District Councils, and to vest these functions in the Central Government. The Bill, as Your Honour will see, seeks to provide for the transfer as from the 5th April, 1966:-

(a) to the Minister responsible for Health of certain functions of the Councils under the Public Health Act, 1954, 1954-52, and

(b) to the Director of Highways and Transport of the Control of the Highways or portions of highways at present under the control of the Southern District Council. In this Bill provision will be made for the Government to share in the Trade Tax Fund with effect from the financial year commencing on the 1st April, 1966. The Government's share of the Fund would be 27% and the shares of the Councils would be reduced, that of the Bridgetown City Council to 68%, that of the Southern District Council to 4 1/2% and that of the Northern District Council to 2 1/2%.

All of that was explained yesterday. Accordingly the Bill will provide for appropriate amendments to the aforementioned Act, the Highways Act, 1900, 1900-5, the Department of Highways and Transport Act, 1945, 1945-12, the Local Government Act, 1958, 1958-55, the Local Government Authorities Miscellaneous Functions Act, 1958, 1958-56, and the other Acts which are mentioned in the Fourth Schedule to this Bill.

Provision is also made in this Bill in respect of transitional matters:- Clause 7, the vesting of assets and liabilities; Clause 8 - Compensation of Officers and Clause 9 the pensions of officers. This Bill is really just transferring the functions of the present Local Government Councils in so far as Public Health matters are concerned into the

hands of the Central Government, and the appropriate Ministry is the Ministry of Health; It also makes the proportionate reduction of the Trade Tax Fund to assist in carrying out these functions.

I take it that hon. members are fully conversant with the terms of this Bill and I hope that they have had the opportunity of looking through it. I beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

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

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: 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.
10.30 p.m.

Clauses 1 to 13 inclusive were called and passed.

The First Schedule was called and passed.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, there is a slight amendment in the Second Schedule. In amendment 59 paragraph (b) and (c) will be substituted for (a) and (d). I have drawn it to the attention of the Clerk.

I beg to move that the Second Schedule, as amended, stand part.

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

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

The Third Schedule was called and passed.

The Fourth Schedule was called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, seconded Hon. C. E. TALMA, the CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the Separate motions of Hon. C. E. TALMA, seconded in each case by Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, that concludes Government Business for today's sitting. Before I move the adjournment, I want to thank all hon. members for the way in which they corroborated with the Government in getting the Appropriation Bill passed. We have had some rough passages; after all this is Parliament; but we have accommodated one another.

With respect to the Adjournment, I would like to have been able to move the Adjournment as from now for some weeks, but I cannot. I must ask hon. members to come back next Tuesday for two reasons. We have a Bill to continue Various Expiring Laws to do which has not yet been printed and will be printed by then, and also a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Stadium which we would like to do next week, because we want to start the construction of this Stadium. When we have finished that, I hope to be able to recommend to the House an Easter recess, and I think we should be able to have two or three weeks just at that time; so I am asking hon. members to understand the situation and to come back next Tuesday so that we can get these two very necessary matters cleared off.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, 22nd March, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

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

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

10.40 p.m.