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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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

PRESENT

His Honour J. E. T. BRANCKER, Q.C., (*Speaker*); Mr. L. E. SMITH, J.P.; Mr. F. C. GODDARD; Hon. C. E. TALMA, (*Minister of Health, and Community Development*); Hon. J. C. TUDOR, M.A., (*Minister of Education*); Mr. J. W. CORBIN; 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. L. A. LYNCH, J.P.; Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, (*Minister of Trade and Labour*).

Prayers were read.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: Once again regretfully I have to inform the House that there are no Minutes available for confirmation.

PAPERS LAID

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

Barbados Statistical Service Quarterly Digest of Statistics, No. 35, September, 1965.

Barbados Statistical Service Selected Monthly Indicators, October - November, 1965.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. and Learned Premier and Minister of Finance, I beg to give notice of a Resolution to approve the Draft Constitution of Barbados, March, 1966.

Also on behalf of that hon. member, I beg to give notice that Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 92/1964 asked by the hon. senior member for Bridgetown, is ready.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice that Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 79/1964 asked by the hon. senior member for St. Michael, is ready.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice that Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 93/

1964 asked by the hon. junior member for St. Joseph is ready.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

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

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

QUESTION TIME

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

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER: I am informed that Replies are ready to the following Questions: Nos. 79, 92 and 93.

Parliamentary Question No. 79 stands in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Michael whom instantly I do not observe to be in his place.

Parliamentary Question No. 92 stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the hon. senior member for Bridgetown.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Hon. Minister who is to reply to that Question would prefer to be present when it is asked. So I am asking the hon. member's indulgence to defer it until later in the afternoon.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I agree with the hon. member that the Hon. Minister dealing with this should be present; but I should like to say.....

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member cannot make a speech now.

Mr. MOTTLEY: This is not a speech.

Mr. SPEAKER: Anything is a speech, although it is not realised that a speech may be short.

Mr. MOTTLEY: All I am saying, Sir, is that I do hope that if I happen to be out, the Minister will give the same concession.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Oh, yes.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Leader of the House has given that undertaking.

Mr. SPEAKER: Parliamentary Question No. 93 stands in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Joseph.

QUESTION *re* WORKERS AT SEDGEPOND PLANTATION

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, the Question reads as follows:-

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

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

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

"Sedgepond Plantation became vested in the Agricultural Development Corporation on 1st October, 1965. The Corporation is charged with the development and management, on a commercial basis, of such plantations and other agricultural land as may be vested in it.

Commercial plantations do not pay workers for Bank Holidays unless they actually work on those days and this practice has been adopted by the Agricultural Development Corporation."

Mr. SPEAKER: That concludes the Questions to which Oral Replies have been laid and which are available for answer at this present time.

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.

2.55 p.m.

BARBADOS NATIONAL STADIUM CORPORATION BILL, 1966

Mr. SPEAKER: The first Order of the day stands in the name of the hon. senior member for Christ Church: Second reading of a Bill to provide for the establishment of a National Stadium Corporation to stimulate, facilitate and improve the standard of athletic, aquatic and other sport and for matters incidental thereto and connected therewith.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, as the Objects and Reasons set out, this Bill provides for the establishment of a body to be called the Barbados National Stadium Corporation the functions of which will be, as set out in paragraph

(a) to stimulate, facilitate and improve the standard of athletic, aquatic and other sport; and

(b) to secure the most favourable arrangements for the promotion of sport (clause 10).

Clause 3 provides for the establishment and constitution of the Corporation which will consist of not more than seven members to be appointed by the Cabinet. No member of the House of Assembly may be a member of the Corporation. A member of the Corporation will hold office for a period not exceeding five years but will be eligible for re-appointment.

Clauses 4 and 5 confer corporate status on the Corporation with power to hold land and other property, and provide for it to sue and be sued in its corporate name, a common seal, the keeping of the seal, the manner of affixing the seal and the authentication of documents. Provision for the remuneration of the members of the Corporation is contained in clause 6, whilst clause 7 provides for the ap-

pointment of officers and servants. Clause 8 relates to the meetings of the Corporation and the procedure thereat. The chairman or deputy chairman and three other members of the Corporation will form a quorum - subsection (4). Clause 9 contains the usual provisions giving certain protection to the Corporation and the members in respect of certain acts done or proceedings taken.

The Corporation will have power to carry on all activities the carrying on of which would be requisite, advantageous or convenient for the discharge of its duties (Clause (11) and, with the approval of the Cabinet, to make regulations generally for the better carrying out of the purposes of the Bill. Any such regulations will be required to be laid in both Houses of the Legislature (clause 12). Clause 13 will give the Cabinet, after consultation with the Chairman or deputy Chairman, power to give general policy directions to the Corporation.

Clause 14 defines the funds and resources of the Corporation. Under subsection (3) of that clause the power of the Corporation to borrow sums for capital purposes would be subject to the approval of the Cabinet. Clause 15 sets out the purposes for which the funds of the Corporation may be applied. A reserve fund will be established by the Corporation (Clause 16) and the Corporation will have power to invest any sums standing to its credit in securities approved by the Cabinet (clause 17). Clause 18 relates to the audit of books of the Corporation and clause 19 provides for the submission by the Corporation of an annual report to the Cabinet. Clause 20 seeks to transfer to and vest in the Corporation the land described in the Schedule. Clause 21 provides for the provisions of the Bill to be brought into operation by proclamation.

These are the general provisions of the Bill, and the principle of the establishment of the National Stadium is such that I think it would be more or less be accepted. It is requisite that this Bill be passed as quickly as possible to expedite the building of the Stadium. Until this Bill is passed and is put on the Statute Book, it is not possible for the Stadium to function.

I hardly think that this is a controversial matter. This is a matter which all the people of the island are looking forward to and, so far, it would be a means of attracting the tourist trade and providing entertainment of a healthy nature for the youths of this country.

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

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

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Speaker, I would like at this time to make a comment on one of the provisions of this Bill. The principle of this Bill is first dealt with in the Objects and Reasons, and one of the principles which would not perhaps meet with universal approval is the fact that no member of this Honourable House can be a member of the Corporation. What in effect that means is that people who belong to the Other Place, the people who have been spurned and rejected by the electorate and elevated to the Other House, would be eligible to be members of this Corporation; but we, the members of this Honourable Chamber who have been elected by the people and sit in this House are not eligible to be members of the Corporation. Perhaps the Hon. Minister can tell us what activated the minds of those who inserted this particular clause in the Bill.

I will even go further and say that the same Party which has now elevated to the Senate people who were rejected by the people, was the same Party which made some stringent remarks against that principle when a certain gentleman was elevated to the Other Place by the then Party in power.

Now that they have come into power, they have done the same thing. I am referring to certain members of the body and other people who are liable to sit on this body while the elected members, who enjoy the confidence of the electorate, are not so eligible. That is the very negation

of democracy in that the will of the people is thereby flouted and ignored. These people in the Other Place take themselves so seriously that no account of their proceedings has been available since October, 1964. That is not to say that the public waits with baited breath to know what goes on in that particular Assembly, but surely you should be aware or should hear what goes on in the Other Place.

It would perhaps be wise at this time to ask the Hon. Minister in charge of this Bill to see to it that there are representations on this Corporation of bodies like the Service clubs - one of which gave the majority of the money necessary for the establishment of the Stadium - and the various sporting organizations in this island which have been signally ignored in the past. This is an anomalous situation about which we on this side would like to hear. 3.05 p.m.

Let it not be thought that the establishment of a Stadium will be a guarantee of a necessary increase in the sporting expertise of the people of this community. It must not be forgotten that the neighbouring territory of Trinidad has not yet got a stadium, but in Switzerland there are over 300 stadia; yet they have had no signal success at Olympic Games which is of greater importance than the mere establishment of the physical plant. I hope that the Minister will bear that in mind when he is making his selection of the members of the Corporation. Let it not be felt that this selection can be made by Party hacks and people jumping on the bandwagon and those who have gained favour with the Party in power, but by people who know something of the subject under discussion and who would be willing to contribute something for the good of the community.

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Speaker, I share some of the views of the hon. junior member for the City - not necessarily in the same manner, because in the hon. member's closing remarks he spoke about these parties. He belongs to a Party which is famous for utilising the Party hacks because the Conservative Party is conspicuous for their method of maximizing the Parties. There may be something in that, but I agree with the hon. member that this Bill is too much of a copy-book Bill. They have copied a Bill like this because it is a Corporation and they have used all the legal phrases and the same type of "Objects and Reasons" as they have used in all the other things which I regard as political Corporations. In theory, we can appreciate the point in a general way because we do not want a member of the Assembly to serve on a Corporation. In theory we understand the reason for it, and the reason is that a member of this Chamber can criticise, and he has the right to criticise, any member of this Corporation. When we are free from that, we are free from criticising ourselves and we can take an objective view. In a small community like the one in which we are, there is no surplus of people taking interest in public affairs; there are not enough people here who take interest in public affairs to deny members of the community what they are entitled to. Unlike the hon. member, I do not understand the logic in the division of the Legislature. I cannot see why a member of the Senate would be eligible to be a member of this Corporation and not a member of the House of Assembly. If members of the Senate are going to be eligible for membership of this Corporation, then members of the Assembly should also be eligible for membership of the Corporation; and, conversely, if members of the Assembly are not eligible for membership of the Corporation, then members of the Senate should not be so eligible either.

The hon. junior member for the City holds completely diametrical political views to mine, but I do not believe that you can find a man in Barbados who is more knowledgeable of sporting matters in a broad way than the hon. junior member for the City. Therefore, if he has a contribution to make on a matter like this and he cannot make it because he is a member of this Assembly, that is nonsense. If Jessie Owens had been available to this Chamber, the fact that he is a member of this Assembly should not mean that we should disqualify him from being a member of a Corporation such as this, or if Joe Louis was a member of

this Assembly, that should not disqualify him from membership of this Corporation. I do not like hon. members of the House being disqualified from serving on these Boards and they should be examined from Board to Board. All of these political Parties in Barbados have their Party Bandwagon, and they look out for their own people. Some of us in modern days had to kill that, but it is a different concept. The mere placing of a Party member on a Board is nothing wrong because you do not like to put your name to something which you are running and then be accused of the thing not being run well. In established political Parties you look for people who share your political views.

I do not subscribe to people saying things when it suits them to say those things. The Conservatives have taught us this vicious habit of looking for your friends at all costs. Because something is done in England, it does not mean that it should be done here. My view is that a member of this House of Assembly should be a member of the Corporation. I would like to throw out this idea. I do not think a stadium is purely for the purpose of having Olympic medals. You build a stadium because you do not have a central place where games can take place. A decent stadium and civic hall are places where civic things can take place. If I were the Mayor of Bridgetown, I would have an assembly hall erected for the purpose of dignifying this place. I may say that my wife nearly broke her neck in coming down one of the places which you have here. This is only an indication to show what we have. 3.15 p.m.

We need a Stadium because we do not have proper facilities in this Island for young people to participate in the various avenues of sport as they should. The necessity for a stadium therefore becomes great, and the people who run it should be knowledgeable of these things. In the past Government put playing fields in the hands of Vestrymen who did not know north from south, or how to put down a cricket pitch, with the result that the position of some cricket pitches had you looking at the sun. This was a convenient arrangement, and you have the said spectacle all over the island where the lands and grounds put into the hands of these people are in the majority of cases disgracefully kept, because these people are not motivated in these things by the same thing that motivates people who have an interest in sport. They do not have the kind of Chairman or people who have knowledge about these things, and the Central Government has no authority over them. If you go to Belleplaine or the other areas, you will find that the grounds are not being properly used. The halls have been used for dances, but nothing has been done to preserve the grounds and make proper playing fields. Some time ago a cricket pitch was put down without seeking advice from someone who would know, and when they had finished, it was neither north and south nor west and north-east.

There are people in this island who have spent their whole lifetime in these things and who find it a pleasure in serving on these Boards. They have raised the standard of sport in Barbados through their own efforts and without any aid, and now that the Government sees the necessity for this, I would not like it to be taken over by the Government. I have spoken to the former Minister of Community Development with regard to a football coach. I do not know who are the powers-that-be, but they have been running around looking for a football coach when Barbados had produced a footballer to get on a West Indian team. It is true that the Minister of Communications almost represented the Island, but he had to be taken away to sea; otherwise he would have been an Island right-winger. Of course I only heard this about twenty years after, but I have never seen his powers. We have this spectacle of a good footballer withering in the dust before the powers-that-be can grant the facilities of making him a football coach, and I hear so much jazz, as the Americans call it, about why you cannot make him a coach. On the other hand, cricketers have been blooming up and flourishing because they have been given the scope and opportunity to flourish.

The hon. junior member for Bridgetown may be more optimistic than I am, but owing to the climatic conditions

in Barbados and in this part of the world generally, I doubt very much if we will produce real athletes in field events until they go outside. Trinidad has not produced any, either, of top class, because it is a lot different when a place has a temperature of 82 degrees, and another can get down to a temperature of 30 degrees or 40 degrees. If you see cyclists cycling in Europe, you would have to tell yourself that it is impossible for cyclists in the West Indies ever to build up the stamina that a cyclist builds up in Europe, with the opportunities offered and the climate he has to live in. It is a question of being born in the right place for the right things. I am not saying that we will not turn out good athletes, but I do not believe that overnight we will get Olympic medals. We need a proper Boxing Board rather than this bogus thing we have now. I am sorry to say that you, Sir, grace some of these Boxing Boards, because sometimes the Boxing Board might in ordinary circumstances be carried before a Court and charged because of the bouts they put on. The weights which they allow in Barbados are very near to murder in some cases or to aiding and abetting such a crime, because they put some people to fight outside their class, or pick up somebody and put him in the ring to fight. I think we have the people in the community whom we can utilise, and for that reason I would like to see this being run by people who will control boxing, athletics, cricket and so on.

Mr. Speaker, where I find the Stadium is going to be of benefit to this island is if you put men with knowledge to run it as a business so that from the rentals you get, the stadium will pay for itself. I am satisfied in my mind from my knowledge of and participation in sports as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Football Association that we are making more money than many of the other organisations in sport, though we do not have the facilities. We have to rent Kensington Oval, and each time a football match is played, it cost \$40 an evening and between \$80 and \$100 per evening for an international match. You, Mr. Speaker, are also a Vice-President; so you are aware of what we undergo; and football makes a very substantial contribution to the sporting life of this community. Lots of people like the game, though the standard is not nearly as high as it could be if we had proper facilities.

I would like to tell the Minister that I am not at all happy about the Clause excluding members of the House of Assembly, because a stadium is not a political thing. If any member of this Chamber is qualified to serve on this Corporation, I do not feel there should be any barriers. What would be the position of a member of the Senate holding our interest serving on the Corporation? At one time, Mr. Speaker, you were Chairman of the Boxing Board of Control, Vice-President of the Football Association and President of one of the oldest football clubs in Barbados. You were all these things outside the House of Assembly, but being elected by the people disqualified you from these things - which means that if you follow this to its logical conclusion, you should resign from these offices because you cannot carry that representation any further.
3.25 p.m.

This is a copy of what has been copied in other Corporations, but you have only copied the House of Assembly; so I want to know why it is that you have copied only the House of Assembly and not the Legislature. I cannot accept that today because in the Senate, the Hon. Leader of the Opposition has members on that body and the Senate is just the same political body as this Honourable Chamber. I do not subscribe to what some Senators say that they are not politicians. They are not elected politicians, but you are a politician when you are dealing with public affairs. The Senate is part of the Legislature.

I am in favour of the Bill, but I would say this. This is one of the Corporations which I feel that you cannot treat like the other ordinary Corporations; and as it is dealing with many facets in sport, you should try to make the representation to this body as wide as you possibly can.

If I am not mistaken, this Bill provides that the Corporation should be comprised of not more than seven members. When it comes to the particular Clause, I would be

speaking on it as I like; but I would like the Hon. Minister to know now as a matter of principle that I feel that as so many kinds of sports would be taking place in this stadium, this Corporation should be represented by as many sporting bodies as you can make possible on the Board. This is a small island; and when you have a Board like this, you get the populace waiting to see who would get a seat on the Board.

Actually what you want on this Board is a group of people who are going to serve on the Committee, and you want an Executive Director of the place - one who is a man who knows how to run a place like this. You do not want the members of the Board to run it because the people whom you are going to put on the Board are busy people. You want a man who knows the business with a small staff to run it. You want a man who can go out and sell the idea. You want the public to make maximum use of the ground. When I say "maximum use", I mean the sort of use of the ground which would give you an income. Your national Stadium should be just like the Madison Square Garden which is used for other purposes than sports. Your stadium should be a place where you can use it for big rallies where thousands of people can be seated. The Yankee Stadium in the United States was used when the Pope visited New York. Therefore, the Director of this stadium must be a man who knows about running this stadium.

I would say that it would pay the Government to look for a qualified man to do this job, a man with drive and initiative. Pay him a good salary. Pay him \$800 to \$1,000 for the job which you want him to do. If you are going to spend this money, look for the man with the size. Do not look for any fob-pocket man. As soon as you get this little hip-pocket man with a purse we are looking for a penny from this stadium. You do not want that kind of man. You want a man walking about with a cheque book, one who can go and talk with people about the use of a stadium. You do not want a man who can talk of saving five cents. Show other sporting organizations how they can make money from sport.

Then again, Sir, you must get the public accustomed to pay you for sport; all this freeness must come to an end. Any person who cannot pay for sports must stay at home. In this island, you have to rent an army of policemen for the protection of the crowd. You must have an army of policemen to protect the people. I would say of the hon. junior member for the City that he is a very knowledgeable man in athletics, and he has risen to a high and commendable standard. He has been exposed to more Olympic Games than anybody else in this island. We do everything different from the other people. We run in the reverse when the other people run the other way. We are a little different from others. We have to change now that we are building a stadium. These are things which people have to know about.

I am sorry to see that a seat in the House of Assembly should debar people from sitting on a Board like this. It is not an explosive political Board that one can say that membership of the house would be in conflict with the duties of this Board. It is going to preclude people who have the time and who knows about sports from serving. The hon. junior member for the City is one of the members of this Honourable House who is outstanding for his position in sport, and I feel that there may be more members in this Chamber from time to time who may be outstanding in sports. That is why I ask the Hon. Minister if he can state why is there this distinction between members of the House not serving on this Corporation as distinct from members of the Other Place.

Sir, I support this Bill because I think that it is worthwhile. I would like to see this stadium succeed and I believe it can make money. I will plead with the Government not to put this Corporation in the wrong people's hands. To get sport organized in Barbados, you have to galvanise the sporting sections in this community in a manner which they have not done before. Barbadians do not know you can make money by sport.
3.35 p.m.

I would travel with the Barbados team to India and make so much money that when I came back I would give every player

a thousand dollars and I would have a thousand dollars for myself; but you must have the drive and the foresight to know what to do. In order to celebrate some of the things which the West Indies or Barbados have just done, you must have people with the drive to bring them off. I would like to see the Hon. Minister relax this Clause about a member of the House of Assembly not being a member of the Corporation. It is not necessary to have this Clause at all. You want the best people whether they come from the House of Assembly or not; I do not feel that we have enough experience as to preclude any person who is a member of the House from serving on this Corporation, and I may say that there are lots of people outside the House of Assembly who take an interest in public affairs.

Finally, I would ask the Government to be extremely careful about copying this sort of thing as was enacted in England. In communities where you do not find large numbers of people participating in public affairs, you have to be careful that the kind of legislation which you pass does not preclude these persons from rendering their services. We have demonstrated that we take interest in public affairs. There are people who criticise the membership of this House, but they are not doing anything to make it any better. They are not taking any part in public affairs and only when a crisis arises they come out and some of them talk stupidity; but when you have to make a projection of ideas they have nothing to offer. They are like the boy who failed and when he was asked why he failed he said that just as he was going to pass they stopped the work. Sir, we have people like that in this community. We say that you cannot allow people who are without any interest in public affairs to be granted the privilege of coming into public affairs in a cheap way, and then they spoil everything. I do not mean that only persons in this House of Assembly are interested in public affairs. There are people who are outside of this Chamber who are as interested in public affairs as any member of this House of Assembly, but those people are to be found in the minority.

For that reason, Mr. Speaker, I am asking the Hon. Minister to be extremely careful, in a Bill of this kind, in precluding members of this Chamber from making their contribution to something as new as this, in which you need the best that the community has to offer; we should be careful about precluding any person in the community from offering what is needed for the community.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, there is very little which I can say now in this matter because the last two speakers have covered all of my ground; but I will still have to voice my opinion in this matter of the precluding of members of the House of Assembly from being members of the Corporation. I know that as soon as I have finished speaking somebody will get up and say that this was happening long before now, and not only now in his time. I cannot help saying that when the last Government was in power and they were going to appoint the members of the Transport Board, I voiced my opinion and my protest relative to the precluding of any member of this House from being a member of the Board. Sir, I am very glad that the hon. senior member for St. Peter has voiced his opinion in the matter for the very first time. When you consider that all of us here sitting around this Table have been elected by the people, in fact, we cannot become members of this hon. House before an Election has taken place, and we are elected by the majority of votes. If it were not so, if we were not elected by the majority of votes, then a lot of people would be in here already.

You can consider that the Cabinet is comprised of members of this House - the same members who are elected by the people and they have more power than the Corporation. There are only a few members of the Cabinet more than the members who are here and they have all the say in this matter; but because other members are not members of the Cabinet, they are not placed on the Board. By this Act the members of this Assembly will be precluded from membership of the Board. Members of the Cabinet have so much power that the Corporation cannot sack the Manager with the approval of the Cabinet. In other words, if the Manager does not suit the Corporation and the

Corporation by a majority vote decides to sack him and the Cabinet cares to say 'No', who has the most say? The Cabinet; and they are members of this Honourable Chamber. 3.45 p.m.

I am saying, Sir, that if they have a say, we should have a say also. I am building up my argument to see if I can convince the members on the Other Side and the Minister in charge to take a more serious view of this Bill and to amend this particular section.

Mr. SPEAKER: May I just interpose? I have listened to the point made by the hon. junior member for Bridgetown, the hon. senior member for St. Peter, the hon. junior member for St. Joseph about the ineligibility of a member of the House of Assembly to serve on this Board, but may I venture to suggest without in any way trying to restrict any one member more than another that when it comes to actually suggesting what may be done, which of course might be done on a motion by any hon. member when this House goes into Committee, that it might well be more appropriate for any hon. member when we deal in Committee with Section 3 subsection 2 to move any amendment that that hon. member may see fit? Because of Standing No. 40 (3), such words must be strictly relevant to the principle of the Bill - those words in the second reading speech - and not deal with its details. Try and avoid dealing with this matter as a detail. I am not trying to curtail or restrict.

Mr. SMITH: I thank you very much for your ruling, Sir, but it is not my intention to go into the details of the Bill. As a matter of fact, I am only dealing with the Objects and Reasons, and I am sure that one of us will move an amendment; so we are throwing the matter out so that he can consult his colleagues and see how they feel about it. Being Cabinet members does not mean that they are not members of the Chamber, because we all passed through the ballot box. In a matter of this kind members of the House of Assembly should be given an opportunity to serve, because they would be responsible to this Chamber, and if there is any criticism to be levelled at the Corporation, it would be done by us through the member who is serving on the Corporation, and when he knows that he will have to give an account of his stewardship to us in this Chamber, he would know how to acquit himself on the Board with his other colleagues.

We are elected here, Mr. Speaker, to represent the people and we should in no way and at no time be debarred from so doing. I will not go into the details of the Bill, but there is something else of which we will have to take a serious view, because I am always afraid of putting too much power in the hands of two or three people. The time is fast coming for us to open our eyes widely and be very careful, and, when we are passing legislation in this House, to make provision for rights of appeal so that one can appeal to somewhere instead of leaving it to a body of three or four men to decide the fate of a few people or all the people. This provision must be made because we have been seeing, hearing and listening to all of these power-mad people. All that has happened already has happened, but we must now be careful, because, knowing human nature as I do, sometimes too much power makes a good man bad and a bad man worse. There is always some truth in old sayings, and there is an old man in my neighbourhood who always says: "Never take off your clothes before you are ready to go to bed!" We have therefore to be very careful in giving the Board authority to appoint and to debar people.

You would pardon me, Sir, but from the time I was a boy I was hearing and reading that you were a regular "sports" and you still are. The hon. junior member for Bridgetown and the hon. senior member for St. Peter also fall in this category and, to a lesser extent, the hon. junior member for St. Andrew. I cannot bring in myself because I only know one kind of sport. It is not right, therefore, that these members who know about the administration and ins and outs of sport should be debarred from this Board because they are representatives of the people, and it is our duty to point out to the Government that it is not fair to debar them from having a say. If the members of this House were asked if they would prefer to be in the House of As-

sembly or to be on that Board, some, if not all, would say that they prefer to be on the Board because they like sports; so we are here now to amend it and to "fix-it-right". I sincerely hope that members of this Chamber will be given an opportunity to serve on this Board.
3.55 p.m.

I think one hon. member referred to members of the Senate and asked, if you can appoint a member of the Senate, what there is to prevent you from appointing a member of this House. This may not sound too nicely in the ears of some hon. members, but we have to remember that the members of the Senate are up there in an honorary capacity, if they are appointed on this Board, there is a chance to get a berry.

Sir, there is another point. The hon. junior member for the City warned the present Government to beware of Party hacks forgetting that the Party has boots too. I would also warn them to be careful about party boots.

At this stage, we have to warn them again to be careful, as the hon. senior member for St. Peter said, and do not appoint anyone on the Board who does not know anything about sports. It can cause you to lose by it. It cannot cause me to lose by it. It may cause you to lose by one vote, and if a member of this House loses his seat by one vote, believe me, he deserves to lose because he has no right winning by such a narrow margin.

There are a lot of Party hack men who are waiting and looking for an appointment on this Board. I think their mouths are wide open already for the berry to drop in from this stadium. There are one or two who have begun to wait already and we have not yet passed the Bill; so I am warning the Government to be careful and do not put the tools of a carpenter into the hands of a tailor. Let us get on. We are travelling very quickly when you compare ourselves with Trinidad. As the hon. junior member for the City has said, Trinidad does not have a stadium yet; and Trinidad by far is worth more than us. It has more than us, yet we have passed out Trinidad by establishing a stadium. If we are travelling forward, there is nothing wrong about that; but do not make a mess by putting, if I may use two favourite words, "yard fowls" on this Board. You must always put at the head the ones who can stay up.

We can have some very strong chairmen and some weak ones. I am not going into the Bill now, but you will notice, Sir, in the Objects and Reasons that there are certain instructions to be passed on to the Chairman and they are leaving the entire Board outside. That again can prove dangerous because, as I have said, we may have a weak Chairman, and I am afraid to say that I can only talk, but that would not mean much.

As I have said already, there are one or two things in this Bill with which we do not agree. At the same time, we agree to most of its provisions. I am not going any further on this because the last two hon. members who spoke have said quite a lot about it and I am in agreement with them. I believe it may cause a little controversy if the Hon. Minister is strong-headed and does not want to accept an amendment. On this side of the Table, I think that we have tried to prove to him that by debarring members from this House, you may be doing the Board an injustice.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, I am in general agreement with the principles of this Bill, but I would like to make a few remarks on it. I think I am permitted to make certain remarks because other speakers who have preceded me have dilated to some appreciable extent on the principle initiated in the Objects and Reasons referring to the non-inclusion of members of this House of Assembly. I will not stick my head out at that. I am surprised about it; but I am not lukewarm, nor am I sanguine. As a matter of fact, I look upon it as an intelligent working arrangement because I think the new trend, when it comes to members to serve on Boards or Committees is that you include the people who have some knowledge of the business in hand.

This is a Bill for the erection of a stadium, and I feel that, although from this Chamber there are to be found hon. members who have had very much to do with sport and who maintain a great interest in sport, in the community there still can be found a sufficiently large number of people interested and knowledgeable who can form part of the membership of this proposed Barbados National Stadium Corporation; therefore, I am not really quite sticking my head out or cavilling about the non-inclusion of members of this House, nor would I for the sake of it agree to an amendment because the members of the Senate can participate in the membership of this Board.
4.05 p.m.

The composition of the House of Assembly may change, and it does change from time to time. In the community we can make use of numbers of people who are intelligent and interested, and they are ready at any time to put their services at the disposal of this Board. I notice that the services of the people other than members of this Board can be used by members of the Board and that is clearly set out in subsection (7) of Section 8 of this Bill. This is what that subsection says:-

"The Corporation may co-opt any one or more persons to attend any particular meeting of the Corporation for the purpose of assisting or advising the Corporation in any matter with which the Corporation is dealing, but no co-opted person shall have the right to vote."

That means that the services of members of the community, who may be members of the House, can be used by the Corporation. I hail the establishment of a National Stadium. I know it is something which has been needed for a long time. The hon. junior member for St. George has been hinting at this, and the hon. junior member for the City is known to be very active in matters relating to sport in and out of Barbados, and I know that his services will be and can be available on any particular occasion that lends itself to the Board. I hope that the Board will see fit to use the services of the hon. member on any occasion that they are necessary. Therefore I do not stick out my head because there is no provision made for including members of this Chamber as members of the Board. As I have said, the composition of this House changes from time to time.

I am very glad to see that the functions of the Corporation are very wide, dealing with the promotion of any kind of sport, and I feel that if the Corporation is given the right support and the right membership, it should do well. Sports such as cricket, football, and lawn tennis are fairly well organised in Barbados, and there are other forms of sport taking shape and becoming popular. However, I think that when this Corporation begins to function, greater assistance will be rendered to other forms of sport. I do not think that the cyclists use the services of Kensington Oval as well as they might prior to the date of the particular competition. I hope that this stadium will keep them off the road. When the Corporation has its plans well laid out, I think that the standard of sport will improve with the establishment of this stadium. I agree with the hon. junior member for the City who is very knowledgeable in these matters, that the erection of a stadium does not mean that we will find ourselves with Gold Medallists in this island. I think that we have got to appreciate the establishment of this Barbados National Stadium, the setting up of the Corporation and all that it intends to do. I repeat that I am not particularly hurt by the non-inclusion of members of this House as members of the Corporation. I feel that hon. members will be relieved when they appreciate that the services of people who can give advice in any direction in sport will be called upon by the Board, and I think that, after all, what we really want is the services of those who can render them and give of their best. If that is done I do not think that we will have cause for complaint. To argue that if we, as members of this House, are out, members of the Senate should be out as well, that evinces a spirit that because you cannot get what you think is yours, you do not think that anybody else should get it. (ASIDES) I do not agree with this idea of "all or none". The decision behind asking people to serve

on Boards is arrived at by coming to the conclusion that those people can give the necessary assistance, I see that there are two hon. members of this Chamber - on my left and on my right - who can give their services to this Board and there is also another such member who is absent from this Chamber today. Nobody knows who will be in this House during the next session because, as I said, we change from time to time. I will not go so far as to say what the hon. junior member for St. Joseph has said; I would say that if there is any member of this House whose services could be used by this Corporation, then those services should be obtained. Of course, no member of this House would be able to receive any fees for serving on this Board; if any member of this House were to receive fees for such services, then he would be breaking the law.

4.15 p.m.

Because of the present composition of this House, we have two or more knowledgeable and interested members as far as sports are concerned, but you cannot make a law and say that members of the House of Assembly should serve on this Board. In a general way, members of the House have been debarred from serving on Boards, especially those that provide fees for members attending meetings. Actually I think that is the attitude by Government towards Boards for some long time, and even School Boards tend to appoint people who have sympathy towards the school, who have some knowledge of teaching and the administration of schools, people who really can be of some assistance, and people who have some reason to take some interest in the particular school. So too with sports, and I should not have to repeat this to become tedious and boring even to myself. Because two or more hon. members are knowledgeable does not mean that ten years from now this House might contain a single member who is interested in sports. If they are not included, according to subsection 7 of Section 8, their services can still be applied. Members of the Other Place are not debarred, but I do not agree with the idea of debarring every member of the Legislature. I am sure that the hon. senior member for St. Peter the hon. junior member for Bridgetown or some other member may at any time be called upon to give assistance because the provision is there.

Mr. Speaker, I find no fault with the Government in this, because I have been made to understand that the present trend in making such appointments is to appoint people who are knowledgeable, interested and capable of giving good service. Now that ipso facto does not go with the fact that you have been elected by the people. It is not consequent upon that. The hon. junior member for Bridgetown is knowledgeable of sports - not consequent upon being elected. I do not think that the Board is going to be any worse off because he is not a member or because another member is not a member, and provision is made for any member of the House to be included on occasion when the Board may profit from any specialised experience or knowledge which may be brought to the Board for the good running of the Corporation. That is why I have struck a note somewhat different from my preceding colleagues, because I do not see any argument that can sway me from what I have been saying. I do not think that an amendment should be made to say that no member of the Legislature should be debarred because it so happens that members of the Senate have not been debarred. I do not agree with it; I just cannot follow it, and I do not think that any member of the House would suffer for that, and again I hope that members are relieved when they read subsection 7 of Section 8, if they care to read that.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot repeat myself any more although I am tempted to do so. I think what I have said is crystal clear to every member, and I am not going to stick my head out for the inclusion of hon. members of this House to serve as members of that Board.

Mr. SPEAKER: If there is no other hon. member who desires to contribute to this debate, the Hon. Introducer may now exercise his right of final reply.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I am very grateful for the suggestions which have been made by hon. members

who have spoken, and more especially the replies given by the last Speaker who more or less gave a reply fitting for the Government. In order however to relieve hon. member of their fears, I will say in the first instance members of the House of Assembly may feel that they are being discriminated against in that they are not eligible to sit as members of this Board, but this is really in keeping with recent Government policy as adhered to on the Development Board, the Housing Authority and many other Boards where members of the House are debarred from membership as such. It may be that members of the House of Assembly are in receipt of some sort of remuneration and cannot therefore enjoy offices of profit under the Crown, as payment from these Boards for each meeting attended may be regarded as an office of profit under the Crown. However, Sir, as pointed out by the hon. junior member for St. Peter on five or six different occasions, the services of members of the House of Assembly can be co-opted, and there is a specific clause dealing with that. This is clearly set out in subsection 7 of Section 8.

4.25 p.m.

For fear lest the House may feel that the constitution of this Board may not be a competent one, for the benefit of hon. members I will give some indication how the membership of it will be chosen. The Corporation will in all probability, to which due consideration will be given, include one person appointed by the Cabinet to be Chairman of the Corporation. I am not saying that he will be appointed by the Cabinet, but I am dealing with the thinking of the Cabinet. Then, there would be two persons who would be nominated by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Barbados; the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Community Development; the Government's Sports Officer; and the President of the Barbados Olympic Association. I can now see why there is this great apprehension. Surely the President of the Barbados Olympic Association happens to be a prominent member of this House and I take it that if it happens to be a coincidence that the President of the Barbados Olympic Association happens to be a member of this House, that is merely a coincidence. He may well give his advice to serve on this Board and give of his valuable experience and knowledge.

Then, there is one other person, not being a Government official, to be appointed by the Cabinet after consultation with the Junior Chamber of Commerce. That is the thinking of the Cabinet; so although the Board would be vested in the Cabinet, it would be along that line that the Cabinet will exercise its powers.

The hon. junior member for St. Joseph spoke of the approval of the Cabinet. If the hon. member read the Bill thoroughly, he would have seen that all the posts of \$6,000 and upwards can only be made with the approval of the Cabinet; and if such posts may be created, in like manner and only with the approval of the Cabinet can dismissal take place.

The hon. junior member for St. Joseph almost gave the impression that it is only members of the Cabinet who would be members of the Board.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I never said that members of the Cabinet would be members of the Board.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Members of the Cabinet have more power in all matters. The Cabinet is the highest policy-making body in all the land; therefore it must have power. A suggestion made by the Cabinet can be made with every other Bill and every other matter of Government.

I would like to say, Sir, that there were no strong points made by hon. members, and it may well be that hon. members felt that the proposed members of the Stadium Board would be a means of diversion and recreation as such, in contradistinction from other Boards where there is hard work to be done. Hon. members of the House, unlike members of the Other Place, would not be eligible for membership, but they can be co-opted if needed, and render assistance if we see fit.

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

Mr. SPEAKER: I would just say in view of the remarks made by the hon. junior member for the City of Bridgetown to the effect that there was no Hansard published in relation to the Senate since October 1964, as Chairman of the Debates Committee, I will point out that there has not been any debate published even of the proceedings of this Chamber since the debate of the 20th July, 1965.

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

Clauses 1 to 6 were called separately and passed.

Clause 7 was called. It reads as follows:-

"The Corporation shall appoint and employ at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit such officers, agents and servants as it deems necessary for the proper carrying out of the provisions of this Act:

Provided that --

- (a) no person shall be appointed general manager without the prior approval of the Cabinet;
- (b) the Corporation shall have power to dismiss the general manager subject to the prior approval of the Cabinet;
- (c) no salary in excess of the rate of six thousand dollars per annum shall be assigned to any post without the prior approval of the Cabinet;
- (d) no appointment whether permanent or temporary shall be made to any post to which a salary in excess of six thousand dollars per annum is assigned without the prior approval of the Cabinet;
- (e) except with the prior approval of the Cabinet, no person shall be dismissed from any post specified in paragraph (d) of this proviso;
- (f) no provision shall be made for the payment of any pensions, gratuities or other like benefits to any officers or servants or to others by reference to their service without the prior approval of the Cabinet;

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to move that Clause 7 stand part.

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

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, Clause 7 (b) reads as follows:-

"The Corporation shall have power to dismiss the general manager subject to the prior approval of the Cabinet."

I think the Hon. Minister can help me. As I understand it, I do not think the Corporation can call up the general manager and refer dismissal to the Cabinet and the Cabinet dismiss him just like that. I am wondering if the manager would have the right of appeal and some one to represent him. Let us say that the manager is charged and he is brought up before somebody. I wonder if he would be allowed some one to represent him and if he has the right of appeal from dismissal by the Corporation.
4.35 p.m.

I would like to know if the Hon. Minister could help me with that. Sub-clause (a) reads as follows:-

"no person shall be appointed general manager without the prior approval of the Cabinet;" and Sub-Clause (b) says:

"(b) the Corporation shall have power to dismiss the general manager subject to the prior approval of the Cabinet;"

I would understand that to mean that if the manager is dismissed, he is dismissed, and that is the end of it.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, this Section is in keeping with all recent legislation. The Corporation shall have power to dismiss the general manager subject to the prior approval of the Cabinet. The reason for the prior approval of the Cabinet is a very simple matter. The matter is also in respect of salaries not exceeding \$500 a month and that will be the salary of the general manager. If the hon. member will look at the Section he will see that the next paragraph says this:

"No salary in excess of the rate of \$6,000 per annum shall be assigned to any post without the prior approval of the Cabinet."

That speaks for itself. The general manager of the Corporation will probably be in receipt of a salary of \$6,000 per year which is \$500 per month, and with respect to any such salary it is the settled policy of the Government that any such salary should not be assigned to any post without the prior approval of the Cabinet, and that in this case the Corporation cannot dismiss the general manager without the prior approval of the Cabinet. I do not think that in this case there is any appeal.

Mr. SMITH: Then the Corporation can call up the manager, write his discharge and recommend it to the approval of the Cabinet. I suppose the Corporation may be wrongly advised, and on that score they would be doing the dismissal and the manager would not have any right at all of an appeal. For instance, Sir, I am the manager of the Corporation; something goes wrong; the Chairman or members of the Board may understand something which is wrong; the Board is wrongly advised and they will be discharging me as manager. A recommendation is made to the Cabinet who may approve of it and the manager is dismissed without having a chance of defending himself. This means that the Corporation can sack the manager whenever they care to do so and that is the end of it.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member has misunderstood what has been said. If the Corporation were to do anything wrong, the manager would find himself at the Minister fast enough and the Minister would put the matter before the Cabinet in order to do what is right and fair to all concerned.

Mr. SMITH: Will the manager appeal to the Cabinet then? (MEMBERS: Yes.) That is what I wanted to know.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: The Cabinet will review the entire matter. That is the position. When one is dismissed who is receiving a salary of \$500 a month, that is the case with him. That is the case with anybody. The matter will be reviewed by the Cabinet. What further can I tell the hon. member?

The question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Clause 8 was called. It reads as follows:-

8. (1) The Corporation shall meet at such times as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of business, and such meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Corporation may determine.

(2) The Chairman, or in the event of his being absent from the Island or for any reason whatsoever unable to act, the deputy chairman, may at any time call a special meeting of the Corporation and shall call a special meeting within seven days of a requisition for that purpose addressed to him in writing by any three members of the Corporation.

(3) The chairman, or in his absence the deputy chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation.

(4) The chairman, or in his absence the deputy chairman, and three members of the Corporation shall form a quorum.

(5) The decisions of the Corporation shall be by a majority of votes and, in addition to an original vote, in any case in which the voting is equal the chairman or deputy chairman presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote.

(6) Minutes in proper form of each meeting shall be kept by the secretary or such officer as the Corporation may appoint for the purpose, and shall be confirmed by the Corporation at the next meeting and signed by the chairman or deputy chairman as the case may be.

(7) The Corporation may co-opt any one or more persons to attend any particular meeting of the Corporation for the purpose of assisting or advising the Corporation in any matter with which the Corporation is dealing, but no co-opted person shall have the right to vote.

(8) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Corporation shall have the power to regulate its own proceedings.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Clause 8 stand part of the Bill.

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

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, Sub-clause (7) of this Clause reads as follows:-

"The Corporation may co-opt any one or more persons to attend any particular meeting of the Corporation for the purpose of assisting or advising the Corporation in any matter with which the Corporation is dealing, but no co-opted person shall have the right to vote."

Lest the Minister should think that we are so naive as the hon. junior member for St. Peter, I would enquire if the Minister could inform me of any person who has been co-opted on any Board during the last four years who is not of the same composition or complexion of the Government in power. The specialised knowledge of any member of the House might well be called upon, but those of us who make a study of these affairs will be aware that we would welcome a higher complexion when certain members are co-opted as members of any Board.

Mr. WALCOTT: I think I will take the opportunity to reply to what the Hon. Minister has said. Those of us who are in general agreement with this matter - well, the hon. junior member for St. Peter spoke in general terms, but you have to be specific. The Minister must attempt to relate this Bill in the same way as you are talking about the Barbados Marketing Corporation or the Development Board; you are not calling them by the same name, but the legislation to guide them is the same. I know that both Houses of the Legislature have been excluded by legislation from serving on Boards because you do not feel that you should serve on Boards, just as hon. members are exempted from jury service. Some of us are precluded from serving on Boards because you pay members of the Board, unless you make a special provision that we should serve as members of the Board. It need not be a matter of the exclusion of every Act in order to carry out this policy; it just depends on what you want done. There is no harm in these things. This is something new which you are going to do in Barbados and that is why I said I know why I stipulate members of the House of Assembly, because I do not think the exclusion is necessary. If the Hon. Minister were to look up the Acts he will find that there are Acts which we have passed which state that both this House of Assembly or the members of it and the members of the Other Place are exempted from serving on these Boards. That is why I was asking the hon. member if it is only a member of the Senate.

4.45 p.m.

The hon. junior member for St. Peter was very illogical. We were not propounding the exclusion of any person; we were really propounding that there should be no exclusion, but if there was going to be the exclusion of a branch of the Legislature, we wondered which branch it should be, and we wanted to know from the Minister what were the good reasons for dividing the Legislature, because in other respects it is not divided. About two or three weeks ago we passed a Bill in which we said neither a member of the House of Assembly nor the Senate shall do so-and-so - I do not remember the exact Bill; so I want to know what is the particular merit for keeping the Senate in this Bill if the Minister says that this is consistent with this type of legislation we have passed, because quite recently we passed legislation excluding both branches of the Legislature, and this could be an over-sight.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: The Corporation may co-opt any one or more persons. I think that one hon. member said that within recent months no one had been co-opted, but the power to co-opt rests with the Corporation and not with the Cabinet as such; so if the Corporation needs any assistance, they can ask for it. If they do not need assistance, it may well be that the composition of the Board has been so complete that they did not need outside assistance. In other words, these Boards are well constituted - which is a credit to the Boards. It is hoped that when this Board is constituted, they will not need much advice or have to co-opt people. The Transport Board, for instance, has its own Accountant, Solicitor, and people from the various Parties, people who are not interested in politics at all, who know only about machinery and mechanism; so when one member says that these Boards are composed of yard-fowls of some political Party, it is not really so. The members of the Transport Board, the Tourist Board and many other Boards are drawn from people with little or no political affiliation, but from people with experience in hotel business, in travelling, in advertising and organising or promotional business and so on. We hope that this Board, if it sees fit, will co-opt and give people who are prominent in athletics and sport an opportunity to help.

So far as the last point made by the hon. senior member for St. Peter is concerned, I see that he keeps his notes very well. He wants to know why we are discriminating against members of the House in contra-distinction to members of the Senate. You will remember that when I rose to speak I intimated that I was grateful for the suggestions made and that certain points were valid. Well, that happened to be the only valid point made of which a clear note has been made, and I will have that matter investigated and see why the distinction or discrimination exists between members of the House who are elected and members who are nominated and have never faced the fire.

Mr. LYNCH: The point I raised earlier, and what I object to, is not only members who were not elected, but members who were spurned and rejected by the electorate and have since been elevated to the Senate. That was the burning point over here. I should not like it to be felt that the observations I am making are being put forward because I am jealous of not being appointed to the particular Board. Far be it from me, I thank the Hon. Minister or whoever placed my office as one which would demand a seat on the Board, although it would immediately be negated by the fact that I am a member of the House of Assembly; but we are legislating for posterity - that must be borne in mind - when there will be members in this House who can make a valuable contribution to the deliberations of the Corporation in years to come. We must not think only of *ad hoc* legislation, who is put on what Board or who is not put on what Board; but we must bear in mind at all times that we legislate for posterity. I have no hard feelings about it. Indeed I would have anticipated this, but for the future we must make legislation which will not hamstring the Board of some of the best talent which perhaps in future years might be available.

Mr. Chairman, the Hon. Minister was careful not to mention one of the Boards, the Marketing Board, when he said that these Boards, the Marketing Board, when he said that these Boards were so well constituted. Of course he

meant numerically and not intellectually or otherwise, because some of them have been the subject of public ridicule as the years have gone by; but at no time have they made an attempt to co-opt knowledgeable people who did not happen to be of the same political complexion as a great percentage of the Board members.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: The hon. member who has just sat down touched specifically on the Marketing Corporation, but I should like to draw to his attention that from my experience as former Minister of Agriculture, there are a few business people who had been consulted and asked to serve on that Corporation, but they declined because they did not have the time. The hon. member should not therefore pick on the Marketing Board because I spoke of the Development Board, the Tourist Board and the Transport Board which all have knowledgeable people, which shows that at least 50 per cent of the Boards are well constituted. Those people who were asked were so busy with their own private enterprise that they did not have time to serve; so do not think that none has been consulted.

The question that Clause 8 stand part, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Clause 9 was called and passed.

Clause 10 was called. It reads as follows:-

10. It shall be the duty of the Corporation -
 - (a) to stimulate, facilitate and improve the standard of athletic, aquatic and other sport; and
 - (b) to secure the most favourable arrangements for the promotion of sport.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Clause 10 stand part.

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

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw to the Minister's attention that this is a very important section, because it is to stimulate, facilitate and improve the standard of athletic, aquatic and other sport, and secure the most favourable arrangements for the promotion of sport.
4.55 p.m.

I heard the hon. member mention how he would compose the thinking of the Board. I would like to draw to the hon. member's attention that the reason why the Government is bringing down this Bill is not because they wish to control sports, but because they are establishing a stadium. You have to think about income. I was a bit surprised when there was not the inclusion of a member from one of the biggest sources of income - the Football Association. Football is the biggest money spinner, so far as I am concerned. Unfortunately, no part of the world athletics draw the income as compared with football, even in countries where athletics are at an extremely high standard. For example, crowds go to athletic sports in Sweden and the European countries, but football draws the biggest crowds.

I have no objection to the Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees and those Service Clubs being represented on the Board, but let us be quite frank. The Chamber of Commerce really does not run games. You must get the people in those organizations who know something about the particular sport. The Football Association will play their games there because they want somewhere to hold their sports. To give you an example, the Football Association is going to play a triangle match here some time in August, and you are going to find some of the biggest crowds going to Kensington during that time and those crowds are bigger than what you find going to cricket although the Barbados Cricket Association has just won the Shell Shield.

I therefore hope you would ask this organization to submit the name of someone who can be a member of this Board so as to make them feel that they are regarded.

Those are the ones who are going to make the stadium a success.

I am very glad to hear you mention that you are thinking of the President of the Barbados Olympic Association being a member of the Board. The best facility you have to offer are people who are in the field today because these are the sort of people who can give you the sort of advice you need. They are actively engaged in the field of sports; therefore do not keep them out and bring in the Chamber of Commerce. If a member of this body does not have sport as his background, he would not be able to give you this stimulus. Members of the Chamber of Commerce are taken up too much with the question of the making of money in private fields to be worrying with sports.

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to apprise the Hon. Minister that early in the erection of the stadium it should be floodlit if it is to fulfil its function and play a more favourable part in sports. In Barbados, having athletics during the daytime is traditional; but in other territories in the West Indies, athletics are generally held at night in keeping with conditions more like those to be found in temperate countries. In Jamaica all athletic games are held at night as well as in Cuba.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I would like on a point of order to tell the hon. member that the stadium is going to be floodlit because we expect that most of the activities taking place in the stadium will be held at night. I would like to let him know that it is planned this way.

Mr. LYNCH: I thank the Hon. Minister for that information, but I know in Barbados generally everything is done the other way. We have a way of doing things the other way.

The question that Clause 10 stand part was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Clause 11 was called and passed.

Clause 12 was called. It reads as follows:-

12. (1) The Corporation may, with the approval of the Cabinet, make regulations generally for the better carrying out of the purposes of this Act and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may make regulations providing for -

- (a) the maintenance of order on any premises kept or used for any public sport;
- (b) the conditions under which any premises may be kept or used for any public sport;
- (c) the powers and duties of officers appointed to carry out the provisions of any regulations made under this Act.

(2) Regulations made under this section shall be laid before both Houses of the Legislature as soon as may be after they are made and if within a period of forty days beginning with the day on which any such regulations are so laid before it either House of the Legislature resolves that the regulations be annulled they shall thereupon cease to have effect but without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder or to the making of new regulations.

(3) In reckoning any period of forty days specified in subsection (2) of this section in relation to the laying of regulations before both Houses of the Legislature no account shall be taken of any time during which either of the Houses of the Legislature is dissolved or prorogued.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to move that Clause 12 stand part.

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

Mr. WALCOTT: Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw to the Hon. Minister's attention paragraph (a): 'the maintenance of order on any premises kept or used for any public sport.'

I take a very serious view of this matter. Not only would I like to see public order being maintained, but I would like to see you face this matter quite bluntly and boldly. The people who organise sports in Barbados suffer many grave difficulties. Some time they find that under our laws the Police cannot act as they should, and some people come to games with the understanding of taking control of the people who run the games. They overrun people's property, push down the gates, jump on the walls and if you tell them anything they want to turn around and beat you.

This old-time bogus outlook must be put to an end. I attend a great lot of sports. You have to save people from themselves and to save the country from this riotous behaviour. You cannot say that because it has happened in some countries it can happen here. You should not allow people to pay money and enter into a public place and the places are not fit for crowds of that size. There should be a limit to your taking in people.

I see people strung around walls. You must make these things public statutory offences now. When some person gets on a wall or a place like that, you should let it be known that he can be charged or prosecuted. Do not let anybody believe that he has a right to stand up on somebody's wall. He should be prosecuted for so doing. Those are statutory provisions which should be made in order to give the people the protection which they want.
5.05 p.m.

I think the Hon. Minister is aware that when we were boys we would build up things around the place and you cannot prosecute anybody. All of that old-time Jaz should be cut out and people must be made to realise that we must protect them from themselves. We have been going on football grounds, assaulting referees and that sort of thing, and if you do not put a halt to that sort of thing it might end up in a way in which we may not like. I hope that the Hon. Minister will make these things very tight. It should be a public, statutory offence for people to molest people's premises when you have games taking place. I would say that if you do not have money with which to pay for seeing the games, then you should remain at home. There was a man who nearly lost his life some years ago because he was in charge of a place and he told another man that he could not enter there, and the man in charge of the place nearly lost his life as a result of his trying to carry out his duty. The few people who do these things can give the wrong image to sport. I hope that when these Regulations are made they will give the authorities and the people who are participating in the games the freedom which belongs to them. We have instances in which people have lost their temper and some of these people even assault the players. The authorities can deal with the players, but the authorities cannot deal with the spectators.

Mr. Chairman, it is essential for us to see that these things are looked after. You have instances where people will run across a race track and endanger their lives. I say that you must tighten up these laws; it is necessary that you should exercise these controls. In some cases you prohibit the sale of liquor, but that is a part of some people's entertainment. They do not see a ball bowled or a ball kicked but they go in for this drinking entertainment. I would be glad to see the law tightened so as to make it extremely tight for those persons who think they have the right of way to make people unhappy and then the policemen say: "We have no authority to put them out."

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I have made a careful note of all the points which have been made by the hon. senior member for St. Peter, and we will see that the Regulations will be carefully drafted and properly executed.

The question that Clause 12 stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Clauses 13 to 21 inclusive were called and passed.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to move, Mr. Chairman, that you do now report the passing of this Bill in Committee.

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

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

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

5.15 p.m.

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

THE EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUANCE ACT, 1966

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day, No. 2, stands in the name of the Hon. and Learned member for St. John.

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

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Leader of the House is seeking leave of the House to take charge of this item on behalf of the Hon. and Learned member for St. John, and if there is no objection, leave will be granted.

There being no objection, leave is granted. Let the Hon. Leader of the House proceed to move the second reading of a Bill to continue various expiring laws.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I think the House is well aware of the fact that at this time of the year we have to do this. The Bills which expire and which only have force from year to year are set out in the Schedule, and this is the customary form in which it is done.

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

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: I beg to second that.

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

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

The Preamble was postponed.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed.

The Schedule was called and passed.

The Preamble was called and passed.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, with respect to Order No. 3, that Bill has not yet been printed and circulated and therefore cannot now be dealt with. This therefore concludes Government Business for today's sitting.

I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, 29th March, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Speaking on that motion, Mr. Speaker, I would like through you to have Select Committees summoned to meet and dispose of their business so that Bills can be brought to the House and be done. We would like to clear the Order Paper both in Private Members' Business as well as Government Business next Tuesday.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will give the undertaking to inform the Clerk through the Deputy Clerk who is in his place to have Committees summoned and see that it is carried into effect.

Before I put the motion which has just been made by the Hon. Leader of the House, it has been drawn to my attention that in an Official document the Barbados Civil List, revised to 1st May, 1965, on page "X" there appears what purports to be a list of members in order of seniority.

That refers to members of this Chamber, and there is an omission in that list of members in order of seniority of the hon. senior member for St. Peter who does not appear in that list as a member of this Chamber. Hon. members are well aware that he was at all material times in 1964 a member of this House, but only twenty-three names appear as members of this Chamber in 1965.

I may mention quite incidentally that on page vi of this same official document, there is a list of Speakers of the House of Assembly, which list ends at 1875. There have been Speakers since then.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, if I may also say, on page X which you mentioned in contra-distinction to page viii where a Senator who happens to be a Parliamentary Secretary is so described, the Hon. Minister of Communications and Works who at that material time was Parliamentary Secretary was not so described, and I think for accuracy's sake that should be so.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am grateful to the Hon. Leader of the House for drawing that also to my attention.

The question that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, 29th March, 1966, at 2.30 p.m., was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.

5.29 p.m.