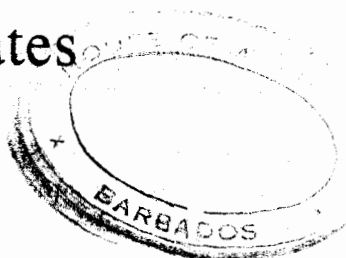


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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 29th August, 1967

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., F.Z.S., (Speaker); Mr. L. E. SMITH, J.P.; Mr. E. ST.A. HOLDER, J.P.; Hon. J. C. TUDOR, M.A., (Minister of Education); Mr. J. W. CORBIN; Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, (Minister of Trade, Tourism, Co-operatives and Fisheries); Mr. R. ST.C. WEEKES, J.P.; Mr. W. R. LOWE; Hon. N. V. W. BOXILL, (Minister of Communications and Works); Mr. J. B. YEARWOOD, (Chairman of Committees); Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, (Minister of Agriculture, Labour and National Insurance); Sir G. H. ADAMS, C.M.G., Q.C., B.A., D.C.L. (Hon.) (Leader of the Opposition); Mr. C. A. E. HOPPIN, J.P. and Mr. L. S. CRAIG.

Prayers were read.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS, Mr. HINDS, and Mr. MOTTLEY entered the House and took their seats.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 21st March, 1967, have been circulated; and if there is no objection, they will now be confirmed. (A PAUSE)

There being no objection, I declare the Minutes of this Meeting to be duly confirmed.

DOCUMENTS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour also to inform the House that I have received with respect to the Sugar Industry Agricultural Bank a Report and Accounts as to the 30th June, 1967, from Messrs. Fitz-Patrick, Graham and Company, chartered accountants.

PAPERS LAID

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

The Customs Duties (Child Care Committee) Order, 1967.

Statement Showing Net Customs and Excise receipts for four months ended 31st July, 1967.

And on my own behalf, the Barbados Citizenship Regulations, 1967.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. and Learned Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Minister of External Affairs, I beg to give notice of the following Resolution:-

A Resolution to place the sum of \$2,243 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates, 1967-68 Part I - Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimates, 1967-68 No. 17 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Also, a Bill to amend the Overseas Service Agreement Act, 1963.

REPLY TO QUESTION

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Minister of External Affairs, I beg to give notice that the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 82, asked by the hon. senior member for St. Thomas, is now ready.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of my intention at the next meeting to consider the Money Resolution of which notice has just been given.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED that this House, bearing in mind the inconclusive results of Conferences held by representatives of the four Caribbean independent countries to consider means of settling the present disputes in Anguilla, and being concerned to know the intentions of this Government with respect to further participation in such Conferences;

Demands that the Prime Minister make a Statement on the nature and course of, and decisions made at the aforesaid talks and declare what is the policy of this Government in this matter.

Mr. SPEAKER: There is a Notice of a Resolution by the hon. junior member for the City on my file.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the hon. junior member for the City, I am asking leave to give notice of this Resolution.

There being no objection, leave was granted the hon. member.

Mr. MOTTLEY: On behalf of the hon. junior member for the City, I beg to give notice of the following Resolution:-

WHEREAS an alarmingly large percentage of the candidates drawn from our Primary Schools gain low marks in the annual eleven-plus examination;

AND WHEREAS there has been a marked deterioration in academic standards in Independent Secondary Grammar Schools in recent years;

BE IT RESOLVED that a thorough and immediate investigation be instituted into the administration of the Department of Education.

QUESTIONS

Mr. YEARWOOD: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

Is the Minister aware that grave inconvenience is being suffered by the inhabitants of certain districts of the Parish of Saint John by reason of the fact that the water supply from the Government Mains is cut off between the hours of 9.30 p.m. and 5.30 a.m. every day?

2. Will the Minister explain the reason therefor and instruct the appropriate Department to take immediate steps to rectify the situation complained of?

BILLS READ THE FIRST TIME

On motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, a Bill to amend the Overseas Service Agreement Act, 1963, was read a first time.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY *re* PASSING OF Mr. G. B. EVELYN

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, before the House proceeds further, I would like to move the following Resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that this House place on record its profound sympathy at the death of Mr. George Birt Evelyn, C.B.E., a former Speaker and Member of the House of Assembly.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to his widow."

Mr. Speaker, I think hon. members must have heard with shock of the passing of Mr. George B. Evelyn, late Speaker of this House of Assembly. Mr. Evelyn in recent years had retired from public life, but nevertheless, he had a long record in public life. He certainly made a distinguished contribution to the life of this Island generally.

The late George B. Evelyn first entered this Honourable House in 1936 and then within two years, he acted as Chairman of Committees; and such was the general esteem in which he was held in this Chamber, that by 1942, he was elevated to the honour of Deputy Speaker. In 1944, he became Speaker of this Honourable House, a position which he held until his retirement in 1948.
2.55 p.m.

Before the end of that session he had the honour and distinction of representing Barbados at the C.P.A. conference in London. There was a long hiatus between his retirement from this House and his membership of the Legislative Council - as it then was; there he served with distinction giving his counsel and judgment in matters of policy. He was, of course, a member of the Christ Church Vestry, he had also been past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Barbados Mutual Life Assurance Society, and of the Y.M.C.A., and for several years a member of the Board of the Sugar Industry Agricultural Bank.

With such a wide range of activity for more than three decades, Mr. Speaker, it is quite easy to see how massive a contribution it was that Mr. Evelyn rendered to the Public life of this island, and especially to the public life of the parish of Christ Church. I am very sorry that I myself did not know him personally, having only met him once, but I believe that in this present House there are at least five hon. members who sat with him; Your Honour, the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the hon. senior member for St. Joseph, the hon. senior member for the City and the hon. junior member for Christ Church. It strikes me at the moment that there are only five members of the present House who had the honour of knowing him. I do not think that it will be too much to say that he was loved by all whom he came into contact with for his poise and bearing, and certainly by the high reputation which he enjoyed among members of his profession particularly, and among many of his contemporaries in this House and in the other Chamber.

Certainly, Mr. Speaker, the public life of this island has been enriched by many such as Mr. Evelyn but I am certain that he brought his own specific distinction up and will be remembered for his quiet and dignified air, and for the wide range of his interests, although in the last years of his life he kept rather to himself. Certainly hon. members, particularly those who had the honour and privilege of serving with him in this House, will feel his loss very deeply, and will certainly wish to transmit to his relatives the deep sense of loss which this Chamber feels. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I knew Mr. Evelyn pretty well as a practitioner, working, naturally, sometimes with him as a solicitor. I suppose the most interesting case that I had with him was the last election petition that has taken place in this House, an election petition brought by the late Sir Walter Reece against the return of a member for St. Lucy, Mr. Albert Hanschell, when I had the honour of appearing at the Bar, with Mr. Evelyn instructing me.

That was a historic occasion for more reasons than one, because it taught the people of Barbados the necessity for having an election petition tried before the Courts and not as a Parliamentary procedure where you will see results that may easily be perhaps not the right ones. Mr. Evelyn was quiet and thorough in whatever he did in his profession; I could think of no solicitor who was more thorough in his work than Mr. Evelyn and everyone connected with the law, from the Chief Justice down to the youngest solicitor, had the greatest possible respect for Mr. Evelyn.

In his private life I am told that he was of the same disposition - quiet, always serious and thorough with whatever he did. I happened to be in the House a couple of years before Mr. Evelyn became a member; I used to ask him before he became a member why he did not run for election because of the honesty and thoroughness with which he did his work as a solicitor. He was, of course, before he came into the House, a member of the Christ Church Vestry and did outstanding work with that body. In the House, as was to be expected, he did his homework; when he came into the House you could see that he studied the Order Paper before coming to the House.

He was a Conservative member; he had no prejudice as a rich man against others, and one never felt that he was an unfair man. One never felt that he said anything that was not what he really thought. You had to listen to him; he was so thorough, so calm, that maybe some of his closest friends would try to emulate him. I cannot remember ever having heard, nor has any member of the House of Assembly ever heard him raise his voice; he was one of those fast-dying race of old-timers brought up in the tradition of hard work, honourableness, loyalty and thoroughness, and everything he did he did it thoroughly in the best sense of the word. I can think of him as a perfect gentleman in his ways, in his thoughts, in his hopes and in his activities.

The hon. Leader of the House has mentioned his activities. One great thing that could be remembered of him was that he gave the first sum of money to form the Young Men's Progressive Club. He was rich, but he did not lower his fellow man, and I think that no matter what our political associations may be we must join in honouring such a great man as he was, a man who has done much to help the public life of this community. I second the motion.
3.05 p.m.

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my Party, I should very much like to support the remarks which

have been made previously in praise of Mr. George Birt Evelyn, now deceased. I did not have the privilege of knowing him intimately and he was known to me more by reputation. He was a man whom we would regard as the epitome of dignity. He was known for his impartiality when he sat in the seat which Your Honour now occupies, and his well deserved reputation has come down to us as a shining example of what a man in public life should be. It may be said of him that he has done his country service, and perhaps such a man was one who has set forth an example which we who are much younger in this field should emulate, and one who could contribute to the entire community which we all aspire to serve. I have been told that, in his youth, Mr. Evelyn was a very fine athlete and you, Mr. Speaker, will remember that he carried his athletic bearing until very late in his life. Anyhow, Sir, the talents which he gained in the field of athletics were most beneficial to him in his career not only in the field of athletics but also in politics. We think that this island is the poorer for the passing of such a man as Mr. George Birt Evelyn.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, very seldom do I join in these tributes which are paid to the very distinguished sons of the soil, because the Hon. Leader of the House has spoken on behalf of us all already. In this case, however, I should like to join in saying a few words on the passing of such a distinguished solicitor, such a distinguished member of this Assembly and such an amiable person, all by the virtue of his birth and his attainment. When we think of Mr. Evelyn and Cottle, Catford & Company, the House of Assembly and the parish of Christ Church, we think of Mr. Evelyn as one of the distinguished persons, and one who was duly elected by the electorate of Christ Church to fill a seat in this House of Assembly. He was for many years a member of this House of Assembly and he enjoyed his years in here. I came in here in 1944 and met him here with the Hon. Leader of the Opposition. When I came here, Mr. Evelyn happened to be the Speaker of this House of Assembly and he was eventually displaced two years after. That is history. Your humble servant had been sitting at the feet of Gamaliel. Mr. Evelyn has served his day and generation as a Conservative boss in the parish of Christ Church. I take off my hat to Mr. Evelyn; he was in the dark days of Conservatism which, I hope, have gone forever.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, in associating myself with the remarks of hon. members in paying tribute to the late Mr. Evelyn, I say that I only knew him after I had become a member of this House. I worked under him as Chairman of Committees, and if there is one who could be called a Speaker, you could certainly call him a Speaker. He knew where and when to rule; in other words, he knew his stuff. He was very dignified; he would not take sides and things of that sort. I will always remember Mr. Evelyn when I had to report to him. He would never allow me to report to him; he used to report to me, because it was the duty of the Chairman of Committees to report to the Speaker; whether it was a Resolution or a Bill that was dealt with. I repeat that, instead of allowing me to report to him, he used to report to me.

Mr. Speaker, I will go a little further. We are somewhat losing time in paying such glowing tributes to such noble men like Mr. Evelyn, and, you will pardon me, like the late Mr. J. A. Haynes. I think that these tributes should be paid to these gentlemen when they resign from their seats or lose their seats. We should then be paying tributes to these men so that they would know how this Hon. Chamber or members of this Hon. Chamber feel about them. All that we are saying or doing today these gentlemen will not know anything about. All of this should be done when these gentlemen leave this Hon. Chamber. Soon after they leave this Chamber we should make it possible to pass tributes to them and that would make them feel much better and live much longer. But all I would say now is "May he rest in peace."

Mr. SPEAKER: I would like to associate myself with the tributes which have been paid to the late Mr. George Birt Evelyn. I was the Deputy Speaker of this House during the time when Mr. Evelyn was Speaker and I want to endorse all the tributes which have been paid to him. I would ask hon. members as is customary in these cases, to signify their assent to the passing of this Resolution by standing for two minutes in their places.

Hon. members stood in their places for two minutes as requested by His Honour the SPEAKER.

Mr. SPEAKER: I declare this Resolution unanimously to have been passed, and I direct that the Clerks at the Table, with the utmost despatch, forward copies of this Resolution to the nearest relatives of the late Mr. Evelyn.
3.15 p.m.

BILL TO REPEAL WEST INDIES HOSPITAL FUND LIMITED ACT, 1964.

Mr. SPEAKER: This is now time for Private Members' Business.

The first Order of the Day stands in the name of the hon. senior member for the City of Bridgetown and it is to resume debate on the second reading of a Bill to repeal the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited Act, 1964.

The hon. senior member for St. James was speaking when Government Business was called on the 22nd August, this year. The hon. member may now resume his speech.

Mr. CRAIG: Mr. Speaker, Tuesday last week we heard in this Chamber a defence of the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited by the hon. senior member for St. Michael that Sir Hartley Shawcross would not have dared to make in his defence of anybody. The West Indies Hospital Funds Limited can safely go down in history as a company of corruption.

I have before me, in respect of what the hon. senior member for St. Michael said, some facts which I shall bring before the House of Assembly today. When one sits back in this honourable Chamber and hears the defence by the hon. senior member for St.

Michael in respect of that Company, all Barbadians and all West Indians should be ashamed and I maintain that the late George Washington in whose House such an organization is carried on might be sneezing in his grave.

What strikes me forcibly in this matter is that the hon. senior member for St. Michael made boast in this Chamber that he knows of no one who printed that estimate. I shall give you a lesson of not only who printed that estimate, but who compiled them.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am aware of who printed the estimates; I need no lessons.

Mr. CRAIG: Sir, I am aware that you need no lessons to preside over us. I am confident no hon. member on that side of the House is going to sit down and cast their vote against this Bill because it would go down in history as their recording a vote for corruption.

Mr. Speaker, the estimates are compiled by the individual Heads of Departments. Well, the hon. senior member for St. Michael said that he has the approval of the jury of St. Michael, the 12,000 people because they have made their choice. If they chose the hon. member to sit down in this hon. Chamber, they have that right. The hon. senior member for St. Michael should know that these 12,000 people would hang their heads in shame if anyone of them heard what he said in defence of the West Indies Hospital Fund Limited.

As I was saying, first of all, the Heads of Departments compile whatever expenditure that they desire for their individual departments. This is then sent to an Estimates Committee who goes through these estimates and make recommendations to the Cabinet. The Cabinet then approves the Estimates.

On the 14th March, 1967, the Cabinet approved of the Estimates for 1967-68 and the hon. senior member for St. Michael was then a member of this Chamber. They were then laid before the General Assembly on the 16th March, 1967, by the Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and on the 22nd March, 1967, they were passed.

He has the deceit in his crass ignorance to say that he had no idea of who printed them, but they were printed by the Government Printing Office.

Mr. SPRINGER: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am not going to prevent the hon. member from speaking because he has that right, But, I never said that I had no idea of who printed the Estimates. I said that I did not read what was put in the Estimates. I repeat, I am not responsible for what was printed in the Estimates.

Mr. CRAIG: Sir, that gives me ammunition. "Simple Simon met a pieman." You are responsible for recording your vote against this Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: If the Hon. Minister would not mind, let him address the Chair.
3.25 p.m.

Mr. CRAIG: I beg your pardon, Mr. Speaker. The hon. senior member for St. Michael in his defence made it abundantly clear that \$380,000 was paid to the Government; the Estimates reveal there \$135,000.

Mr. SPRINGER: Mr. Speaker, on another point of explanation. I made it clear that from time to time approximately \$380,000 were paid, not was.

Mr. CRAIG: I will accept approximately, Sir. That is quite alright; it could be \$365,000, \$350,000, \$340,000, but in the Estimates here it reveals that \$135,000 was paid. I am calling on the Government to make an investigation into the Audit Office, into the Accountant General's Office, into the Inland Revenue Department, and foremost into the corrupt West Indies Hospital Sweepstake Ltd. of which the hon. senior member for St. Michael is Assistant Manager, Sir.

The hon. member made boast of having nine gentlemen from the *Advocate*. Even that he has distorted, since Mr. Speaker, he said he has carried away nine and he is going back for seven more. Let me tell you, Sir, the Bynoes, Chesterfield Young - even this he must distort - Stephen Leonard, Charles Best, Rawle Hunte and Keith Birkett - six; but the hon. senior member in his address is telling this Assembly that because he had employed nine - I know it is six people at the West Indies Hospital Fund Ltd. as printers. In this country they must suffer the humiliation of corruption and crookedness which has gone throughout the world.

The hon. member made boast on the floor of the House that 50 per cent of the people were paid the prizes, but he never told us, Sir, if 50 per cent of prize money was paid. Surely one can safely figure this one out. 100 people, 50 at \$10 each, but what about the \$175,000 U.S. first prize money? I challenge the hon. senior member for St. Michael to bring in documentary evidence and I risk my seat as a member of Parliament. I challenge him on this to tell us ...

Mr. SPRINGER: Mr. Speaker, I want to explain this to the hon. member. Prizes are paid - if he reads the Act - in proportion to the sale of tickets. A unit is \$1 million, and if any unit is less, you pay in proportion to that. This is commonsense. Anybody would know that you cannot sell a million dollars in tickets and pay out \$325 in prizes.

Mr. SPEAKER: That I deem to be a point of elucidation.

Mr. CRAIG: Mr. Speaker, nowhere at all in either of the newspapers or even on the radio we have ever heard that the hon. senior member for St. Michael who is Assistant Manager of a company of corruption, a company of deceit, a wicked company, to use the words mildly, Sir, boasted Mr. Speaker, of paying out \$175,000 U.S. I do not care how much he may get up and explain about units, tens or thousands - that is a matter entirely for the hon. senior member for St. Michael. What I am asking members on the other side is not to support this Bill. He is robbing this

country of revenue and then he expects us to sit down here and support this Bill. We are not going to, and let me warn the hon. member for St. Michael.

Mr. SPRINGER: Mr. Speaker, on another point of order. I expect the hon. member to support the Bill before the House, what is he asking so much about?

Mr. SPEAKER: I am afraid I do not deem that a point of order, but rather a point of interruption.

Mr. CRAIG: Mr. Speaker, I am confident, Sir, that you could spend Your hours very well in this Chair listening to something worthwhile; but when one is completely ignorant of what is happening around him, Mr. Speaker, you have your job to do in hearing points of order, points of explanation and points of privilege and points of elucidation. I am prepared to make my mark in here whenever I leave. I have a duty to perform to the 2,568 people who supported me and my Party in St. James. I shall never go down as a complete political clown in Parliament. Let us, Mr. Speaker, take this into consideration. The hon. senior member for St. Michael's speech in his defence of a company of corruption made slight remarks which is characteristic of his platform speeches. People put you in here

Mr. SPEAKER: Again I implore the hon. member, please, to address the Chair.

Mr. CRAIG: Sir, if I have failed it is just because of my inexperience, and you can rest assured Mr. Speaker, that I shall never on any occasion disrespect you and your very high office. Sir, I bow whenever you rule, whether you rule rightly or wrongly, and I am confident that you are always right in your Rulings, though on this side you might appear to be wrong.

If I may quote, Sir, the hon. Prime Minister in his Budgetary proposals, this is what the hon. Prime Minister said in here on the floor of this Assembly when he was presenting the Budgetary proposals, and with your permission I ask leave to read this. Listen Sir, "Mr. Speaker, I make no apology for reviving the memory of what we have passed through. In a country where freedom of the press means only freedom to destroy our moral standards and to engineer the destruction of the legally appointed Government of the people, it is necessary to uncover what has remained covered; to open up what has been closed; to let the fresh breezes blow in the nasty corridors of corruption, and let the light shine in the dark corners of conspiracy."

3.35 p.m.

I am confident that the Prime Minister - I have a very deep respect for him because I am not the type of person who believes that he is all wrong. I respect his office. But how can he expect to come in here and record his vote against the repeal of this Act, when in his speech in relation to the Budget proposals, he goes on to say that he is prepared to uncover those things which have been covered, and let

the fresh breezes blow in the nasty corridors of corruption, perhaps like those of the West Indies Hospital Fund Limited of which the hon. senior member for St. Michael is Assistant Manager? It would go down in history that he is defending corruption. May I remind the hon. member that many people would have probably broken down the commandment "Thou shalt not kill". I am sure that the hon. member will agree with me also that "Thou shalt not beat thy father." The hon. senior member for St. Michael has disclosed in this Chamber that he has people working in his office for \$32.50 per week. I ask the hon. member: How many people has he got there earning \$32.50 per week and how much is his taking; if he speaks about \$380,000 being paid to the Government? I confess that it is a challenge to the integrity and definite interest of the Prime Minister to say something which the hon. senior member for St. Michael has contradicted. The hon. member's Company has paid in \$380,000: and who are we to believe the Hon. Prime Minister or the lack of knowledge and crass ignorance of the hon. senior member for St. Michael? Imagine that he is priding himself that his job is to take care of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, but in what? In crookedness? The hair of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition does not want any cutting. What we are concerned with in here is that we must have our national prestige kept at the heights to which it has soared during the years when this country was even a Crown Colony.

Can you imagine any one person, who might have come to this country with the hope of investing money here, walking into Seawell Airport and buying a ticket? - As a matter of fact, he will never see a newspaper. This investor buys a ticket and is told that he has won the first prize of \$185,000 and then he hears that it is not paid. I have had the very unpleasant situation of going on a trip to the United States of America with a former Fireman by the name of Cecil Brandford, who used to play cricket for Police, who met me in Brooklyn and asked me how he could get his money from the West Indies Hospital Fund. He bought 100 tickets for the purpose of selling to his friends and then he heard that he had won a prize, but could not get his money.

The hon. senior member for St. Michael boasts that he has paid 50% to the people, but we would like to hear if he has paid 50% of the prize money. (ASIDES). Let the hon. member make his slimy remarks outside. This is a country in which he has shouted for Independence, and now he should cast a vote in favour of this Bill to repeal the Act. The income which you are earning from the West Indies Hospital Fund Limited will be paid to you. The hon. member makes me remember what he said, that he could have been the Prime Minister's Personal Aide instead of Nigel Barrow. The job is now vacant and the hon. member is entitled to take that job.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am afraid that that is not presently, and in fact, has never been, before this Chamber.

Mr. CRAIG: Mr. Speaker, I should be able to develop my argument. I am quite sure that hon. mem-

bers of the Government are all aware of their responsibility to this country. They are well aware of the fact that this is not a Government Bill to which they will have to toe the party line. Their allegiance to their country first, and to the party after. I am imploring the hon. senior member for St. Michael to cast his vote in favour of the repealing this Act. I am confident that the spiritual belief of the hon. junior member for St. Andrew will not allow him to vote in favour of anything that is corrupt. I am not sure whether or not the hon. senior member for St. George will say anything at all on this Bill, and I shall even overstep and by-pass the hon. junior member for St. Thomas. I implore him as a young man of this country who has something to offer to the country, to support the repeal of this Act. I am confident that the hon. junior member for St. Michael, with his years of experience, will also vote for this Bill. I have heard him speak on public platforms and he has always detested corruption and fought for the good name of Barbados. I am told that when the people did not get any food, he risked his life at sea with boats and gunpowder to bring food to Barbados.

3.45 p.m.

When the people of Barbados could not get things, he risked his life on ships to bring food to Barbados, and I am confident that the hon. junior member for St. Lucy, the Leader of this House, would not lower this House. He would not go to such depths as to vote against this Bill. I am convinced that the hon. junior member for St. John has a conscience and I think they are not going to vote for any particular party, but they are going to vote for this Bill which is for something from which the people of Barbados and the country are suffering as a result of the actions of the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited.

Mr. MOTTLEY Let your conscience be your guide.

Mr. SPEAKER: Before the hon. senior member for Bridgetown exercise his rights to reply, let me see if there is any hon. member desirous of speaking, as is my custom.

Mr. MOTTLEY: It does not matter to me.

The Hon. Leader of the House rose to speak.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Leader of the House caught my eye.

Mr. MOTTLEY: How can he catch your eye first?

Mr. SPEAKER: I have not said so.

Mr. MOTTLEY: But I did not say that you said so.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Leader of the House intimated that he was prepared to speak first.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I have listened to the hon. senior member for St. James and it was not until I heard him that I understood what this de-

bate was all about. I thought we were debating a motion introduced by the hon. senior member for Bridgetown, the purpose of which was to persuade the House to repeal the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited, but having listened to the hon. senior member for St. James, it would appear that we are debating not the repeal of the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited, but the repeal of the hon. senior member for St. Michael - which is a different thing altogether.

As I listened to the speakers from over on that side, I am a bit more confused because the hon. senior member for St. James took a considerable time and a lot of energy, if I may say so, trying to find out in so far as he could, if hon. members on this side had followed him closely enough to be able to be persuaded by him.

Fortunately, we are debating a Bill for the repeal of the West Indies Hospital Fund Limited, and not the repeal of the hon. senior member for St. Michael; so we do not have to take seriously the fulminations of the hon. senior member for St. James. Since we are discussing a Bill to repeal the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited Act, we might direct our minds to that and find out whether we are justified in repealing that Act.

Normally, the one thing which we can safely say in this respect is that the Government has no case to answer, because judging from the speeches made so far - and if I remember correctly, the hon. senior member for the City spoke on the Bill seconded by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, then the hon. senior member for Christ Church and the hon. senior member for St. Thomas and certainly the hon. senior member for St. James - judging from those four speeches, the Government is not under attack at all.

Since no Act of the Legislature can be erased from the Statute Book except by the majority Party's assent, and since the majority Party is not convinced it ought to assent to the repeal of the Act, it is well that the Government's attitude be made known.

Now, of the four speeches that were made in favour of this Bill - and I may say here that they were of considerable length and in some instances very strong, in some instances quite unfair attacks were made on the organisation in question, and in some other instances some attacks were made on the hon. senior member for St. Michael who, when he was allowed to make his position made known to this House, made it clear what his interest in the matter under discussion was. He made it clear that he was not speaking in his own vindication because he had nothing to vindicate himself of, but he was merely taking the opportunity to set the record straight in respect of the two preceding speeches which were made on the Bill.

It is fortunate that the House had the opportunity of listening to the hon. senior member for St. Michael because, I believe, in listening to him, a factual, dispassionate and quite complete account of the transactions of the organization to which he is connected was given by him.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of explanation. Did the hon. member suggest that the hon. senior member for St. Michael made a factual dispassionate address? How would he reconcile the statement made by the same hon. member that the figures of \$380,000 had been allegedly paid into the Treasury by the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited, and the Estimates only show a sum of \$135,000?

Mr. SPEAKER: That, I am afraid, is not a point of explanation. I was hoping to hear the hon. senior member for St. Thomas as to whether he was offering explanation to some material part of his speech which was misconstrued. I have not heard any such thing. Neither do I deem that as a point of order or a point of elucidation.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I am very grateful to Your Honour for your answer, as I cannot remember any part of the hon. member's speech as to the suggestion that \$380,000 was paid into the Treasury.

I was saying, Sir, that the hon. senior member for St. Michael, though under no obligation to defend himself personally - nevertheless, treated the House to a concise reply by going out of his way to give a factual and dispassionate reply to important issues in connection with the organization to which he belongs.

It seems to me that if the hon. members on the other side wanted to share the honours of this debate and to show some knowledge of the question before the House, they should have changed their tactics immediately after hearing the hon. senior member for St. Michael because they ought to have seen from his speech that there was no basis for the attacks which they made on the organization because his speech refuted the points raised in the speeches which preceded his and the speech made by the hon. senior member for St. James. The hon. senior member for St. Michael answered quite fully all the charges which were made before his own speech against the organization, and he even anticipated any made in subsequent speeches.

The point is simply this. It is not an impassioned appeal to hon. members opposite. The hon. member merely disclosed that the funds of the organization are before the House. What they have succeeded in doing is showing their design, but they have fallen over. They have not been able even to suggest that some of the charges made against the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited were true. They have not succeeded in identifying the Government of Barbados in any shape or form to be in conspiracy with what they were alleging or complaining of. As I have said, from the reply made by the hon. senior member for St. Michael, they have failed to prove all the charges which they have made.

3.35 p.m.

They have not succeeded in identifying the Government of Barbados in any shape or form with what they are allegedly complaining of, and as I have said, Mr. Speaker, from the reply made by the hon. senior

member for St. Michael, they have been fully answered on all the points they have raised.

(Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS IN AN ASIDE:) Even on Estimates!

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I would be grateful, Mr. Speaker, if I could not be interrupted by honourable members who do not know what is going on, secondly, Mr. Speaker, not having succeeded in identifying the Government with what they are allegedly doing, they have now fallen back, if the last speech is any indication, on an attempt to discover whether any honourable member on this side have reservations about the matter. Well, if this is all that they can manage to do, it is a very poor purpose indeed.

Mr. Speaker, as I said just now, in 1964 the House passed an Act and passed it unanimously, the terms of which were to provide for the operation in the island of a company to be known as the West Indies Hospital Fund Ltd. and for various matters connected thereto. The provisions of the Act includes that for the incorporation of the company, for the imposition of taxes on it, for the imposition of taxes on the winnings or the earnings of prize winners, provision also for the care and management of the taxes imposed by the Act, stipulates as to what records are to be kept by the Company and how these records are to be kept, provision for the inspection of these records, for the penalties which under the Act may be imposed, for any failure with regard to any or all of these provisions, of the Act, even, after conviction, for failing to comply with the provisions. Also the liability of the directors of the Company under the Act limitation of the fund, the circumstances under which they could be exempt from income tax, their relief from interim traders licence fees and from trade tax, Mr. Speaker, the provisions setting out what the Governor-in-Executive Committee, in other words, the Cabinet may prescribe, minimum price of tickets, the powers given to the Governor-in-Executive Committee to say what provisions or projects they wish to have voted, at what time and in what circumstances.

This, Mr. Speaker, is the whole set up of the Act. I would have thought that if you wished an Act of Parliament repealed, your first duty - so it would seem to me - ought to be to show that in some material way - because whether the breach is technically a small one or a large one, it is still a breach of an Act of Parliament - to show in some way that the law is being breached, and that in addition to the fact, that the law is being breached, you have to show that the law enforcement agencies of the country can neither cope with the breach, nor can inflict or cause to be inflicted penalties for such breach of the law.

In other words, if the hon. senior member for Christ Church can show not only that these people have broken the law, but worse than that, having broken the law they are getting off scotch free, and that the law enforcement agents of the country are either unwilling or unable to enforce the law, he will have made out a case. But this is not what he is say-

ing at all., because - make no mistake, Mr. Speaker - what the hon. member is obviously setting out to do is to convince the majority of the members of this House that the law ought to be repealed. There could conceivably be a strong case put up for this, but if there is such a case, the hon. member has failed miserably to present that case.

4.05 p.m.

I did expect that at least since this is the second time that this Bill has been before this House - it came before this House in the last parliament and the hon. senior member for Bridgetown made the same points on that occasion as he made last week.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I object to that. The hon. member had misrepresented me by saying that I made the same points as I made

Mr. SPEAKER: On what point has the hon. member risen? On a point of order, a point of explanation, or a point of elucidation?

Mr. MOTTLEY: All three. The hon. member has misrepresented me by saying that I made the same points today as I made on the last occasion. I purposely said that I was introducing the Bill and I would make all the points in the reply.

Mr. SPEAKER: I do not deem that to be a point of order. Let the Hon. Leader of the House proceed.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: If the hon. member says that he did not make the same points as he made on the last occasion, I apologise, but they sounded to me like the same points. In other words, I did not detect in his speech last week any change from the speech which he made in September last year. Then, as now, there was no attempt to take the Act of 1964 and show Clause by Clause how its provisions were being set aside. If, of course, you did not want to be dispassionate on this Bill, and if the whole purpose of this Bill is to find one more occasion for attacking the Government, it does not matter. If you are going to attack the Government it is part of the general strategy; but if the whole purpose of introducing this Bill is to be able to persuade hon. members to lay aside Party Allegiance and to look at the matter objectively and dispassionately, then certainly, in introducing it in the way in which it has been introduced, and in defending the Bill in the manner in which it has been defended, hon. members opposite cannot be said to be laying aside Party feelings. It would be unfair to ask us on this side of the House to lay aside Party feelings, Party outlook and Party allegiance in order to vote with them when they are getting us to see in their way. Even if I were not a member of the Government but an ordinary member of this House with no Party ties or Party allegiance, I would have to examine them to see whether they could convince me on the facts of the case, that they had made out their case for the repeal of this Act. That is a point which should be considered, and it should not be cast out through the window because it is coming from this side. If you can show any part of the law dealing with this Organization that is not

being obeyed, and, in addition to that if you can also demonstrate that the law enforcement agencies are both unwilling and unable - or either - to enforce the law, then I think that the best of all possible cases would have been made out for the passing of this Bill. But those are not the facts. At least there might have been breaches of the law, but penalties have also been applied, and since penalties have been applied and the law as prescribed in the Act has lost none of its vigour, and the people who are to enforce it have not been reluctant to enforce it - so long as that is the case, the argument for the repeal of the Act must rest on the other grounds.

Hon. members opposite, possibly for reasons of political strategy, have not chosen to argue for the repeal of the Act on the ground that the laws have been broken and penalties have not been imposed. They have chosen the other ground, that there is something wrong with the Organisation itself, and it is within their knowledge that people have been cheated, and that unless all of this is halted, the good name of Barbados will suffer, and so on. They have chosen to urge the House to repeal the Act and they have been rebutted by certain facts which have certainly not been argued against us in the one speech which we have heard. I do not know what the hon. member himself has to say about the points made by the hon. member who spoke last, but his contentions have not been touched. We are all politicians and it will be a sorry thing if, in place of argument, we substitute dislike and abuse of individuals.

4.15 p.m.

I think that all sides of the House of Assembly would agree with me that if there were one issue on which there could have been a national debate, it was this one. However, we welcome this debate because it shows that the Government is in no way involved. If the hon. members could have shown that the organization had broken the law in any form or serious form or was shielded from the effects of the penalties for breaches of the law, well, that would be a most telling point. Not only would it show that the law could be broken with impunity, but it would also show that its provisions can be dishonoured by the Government. But that is not the case.

I would therefore welcome when the hon. senior member for the City gets up to reply, if he would tell us just what is the case against the Government on this matter. I see what is the alleged case with respect to the organization itself, but that case is all wrong, and it has been answered fully by the hon. senior member for St. Michael.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Bring in a statement that the tax was paid by the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited to the Commissioner of Income Tax.

Mr. SPEAKER: Am I to understand the hon. member that he is about to rise on a point of elucidation?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: The best case for the repeal of any law firstly, is to show that the law has been

broken, and, secondly, that the penalty which applies to the breach had not been properly applied.

(LOUD ASIDES)

Mr. SPEAKER: Let me remind hon. members of Standing Order No. 29 (6) - and this is not the first time in this Session that I have reminded hon. members of this Rule - "While a Member is speaking, all other Members shall be silent or shall confer only in undertones, and shall not make unseemly interruptions."

I think English words are well known to every hon. member.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: From the statement by the Hon. Leader of the House, obviously, he is filibustering. If the position is that the hon. member is speaking at length until Private Members' Business time ends, then the hon. member is out of order.

4.25 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I am very grateful to the Leader of the Opposition for his interruption; more grateful than I care to express at the moment. Mr. Speaker, the point I was making is this

Mr. MOTTLEY (Aside): It is reckless dishonesty for any man to get up in here and say what you said today. You will get half of the newspaper men to the stage where you will get a lot of dishonest reporting in this House.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I must say I really cannot appreciate the agitation which seems to bother the hon. senior member for the City.

Mr. MOTTLEY (Aside): I hope you would be honest; if I come in here and you say that money is paid, I would withdraw the Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: Would hon. members observe Standing Order relative to members who are not speaking? I look in the direction which my ears lead me. Will the hon. senior member for Bridgetown and the hon. junior member for St. Thomas observe all Standing Orders particularly that which is applicable to members not speaking?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Yes, Mr. Speaker, despite the interruptions I return to the point I was making. That point is, Mr. Speaker, that the strongest case made for the repeal of any Act, is that the Act itself is worthless because it cannot be properly enforced; but this is not the case here.

Mr. J. M. G. ADAMS: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Minister has repeatedly got up and said the law has not been broken. The law was broken open, for it remains in a state of breach because the money has not been paid under the provisions of the Act.

Mr. SPEAKER: I do not regard that as a point of order as there is nothing which has been brought to

my notice, and nothing was submitted to me for a decision.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, as I said before, the hon. senior member for St. Thomas - if he would be good enough to repeat, I might be able to grapple with it and to answer, but not having myself understood, at least not having yet understood it, I cannot take into account

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, if he wants the point made

Mr. SPEAKER: On what is the hon. and learned member speaking?

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: A point of explanation, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER: That is of something which the hon. member.....

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I gave way temporarily.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: The explanation is this. If the hon. Minister requires an amplification; when a fine is imposed for breaking the law and the fine is not paid, you go to prison if you do not pay the fine.

Mr. SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. Will the hon. Leader of the House proceed?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I am very grateful to the hon. senior member for St. Thomas, but I think it is very difficult to make a speech

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: (*Aside*) It is 4.30.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will suggest to the hon. senior member for St. Thomas not to attempt to time or distime.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I thought the hon. member as mover of the motion was fully entitled to speak again and to wind up this debate; I did not know he would be interrupting me all the time.

Mr. MOTTLEY: (*Aside*)

Mr. SPEAKER: Surely the hon. senior member for Bridgetown has been a member of this House long enough to learn to observe the Standing Orders, particularly as that hon. member has the right of final reply. It is now after 4.30 and the time for Private Members' Business is concluded.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: On a point of order.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I would like to know what the hon. member has risen on.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: The Hon. Leader of the House cannot speak the truth if it is forced out of him. He cannot help lying.

Mr. SPEAKER: That remark must be withdrawn.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: The hon. member has not objected.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: He is an ungrateful old man; that is what he is.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I said "On a point of order". I rose on a point of order and I said so.

Mr. SPEAKER: Has the Hon. Leader of the Opposition withdrawn the remark he made?

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I said the hon. member did not object to it. If the hon. member objects to it, I will withdraw it.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Chair objects to it. I deem that it be withdrawn.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: But I rose on a point of order and it was this; to ask Your Honour to rule as to whether all this filibustering is contrary to the Standing Orders - this irrelevance and repetition.

Mr. SPEAKER: We are now dealing with Orders of the Day - Government Business. Any matters submitted to me for a ruling may be, unless it is actually in respect of something which is instantly taking place, submitted to me in Chambers and I shall give my Ruling. With reference to anything which is instantly taking place, Orders of the Day - Government Business, the first Order of the Day

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: You rose after I got up and rose on a point of order.

Mr. SPEAKER: It was after 4.30 when the hon. Leader of the Opposition rose.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: And the House was still sitting.

Mr. SPEAKER: And it was in Government Business, and the first Order of the Day in Government Business stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House and it is to move the House into Committee of Supply to consider the grant of sums of money for the services of the island.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: On a point of order. I give notice that on any point of order I will rise at the appropriate time, and I suggest that Your Honour refresh your memory as to procedure and the Standing Orders of the

Mr. SPEAKER: May I suggest that you should refresh your memory as to procedure and Standing Orders?

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Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Order No. 2 be the first Order of the Day.

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER: Order No. 2 is the instant Order of the Day and it stands in the name of the hon. junior member for Christ Church, the Minister of Health.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I am asking leave, Mr. Speaker, to take charge of this order.

Mr. SMITH: Before the hon. member proceeds with Order No. 2, I am drawing to the attention of the House that this is a Bill that is very voluminous. There are a lot of bills that are going to be repealed and hon. members, especially the young ones who have time enough to study them, do not have the volumes at home to check up on the necessary Bills, and Sir, for myself, I did not have sufficient time. One would not expect that you receive a Bill of this nature on Saturday afternoon and expect to do justice..... Mr. Speaker, I am speaking; I would like you to give us - I am speaking and I must be heard.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am hearing the hon. member.

Mr. SMITH: I do not think so, because you are looking over the other side of the Table.

Mr. SPEAKER: But I was listening out of an ear.

Mr. SMITH: As I was saying, this Bill is very voluminous. You are repealing, it seems over 200 Acts and Bills and things of that sort. For myself, I did not have time enough to read the Bill because I was not in the island and I only saw the Bill for the first time this morning. Sir, other hon. members received theirs very late; I do not think that the Government should rush it like this.

4.35 p.m.

Hon. members should have time to read and digest this Bill. The Government might have been dealing with this Bill for the last six or eight months and they know what they are doing, but we do not know. There are a few lawyers who may know what it is all about, but we have more laymen than lawyers, and the laymen should be given a chance. I am asking the hon. member not to proceed with this Bill today. It would not be fair to throw this Bill at us within 24 hours and ask us to say "yes" to it when we do not know what is the meaning of it. You look through this Bill and you will see in connection with Local Government, valuation lists and all sorts of lists, and what must we do? I want the Government to understand, speaking for myself and the Opposition, that we are not prepared to sit here and be made puppets. I will not stand for it. I am prepared to make history on the floor of this House when I see that my rights are being taken away. The people of Barbados will stand behind me in whatever I do. I am quite willing to co-operate with the Government at any time and the Government must be willing to co-operate with us too.

I am appealing to the hon. member not to proceed with this Bill now because it will not serve a justifi-

able purpose as far as some of the members on this side of the House are concerned. Even some of those hon. members on the Government side do not understand it themselves but I am in sympathy with them. I am appealing for the fifth time to the hon. member not to proceed with this Bill. If he proceeds with it, I will exercise my rights and privileges in this House, and things may not end too well.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, my appeal to the Hon. Leader of the House is that I got this Bill last night and my colleague has informed me that he also received his Bill last night. This is a Bill which is repealing obsolete spent and unnecessary laws and so on. As a matter of fact, this would mean going through the various Acts which you are repealing and seeing what we would agree to and what we would not agree to. I am appealing to the hon. member that this Bill should not be dealt with today. It seems to me that it would be a matter for the lawyers to go in Select Committee or along with members from the Government side and members from the Opposition side. You cannot just repeal these Acts without looking at the Statutes and seeing what should be done. I am doing now what the Hon. Leader of the House did when he was in the Opposition. When we get our papers late, we said that this Bill should not be done.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I suggest that this Bill should be sent to a Select Committee comprised of all the lawyers just looking at this Bill, any lawyer would say that this or that should not be repealed. I suggest that this Bill should be referred to a Select Committee at the appropriate time.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, what I resent more than anything else in the House is that hon. members know me well enough to know that it takes quite a lot to make me resent the things in this House. I resent the attitude which hon. members have tried to attach to the Government and make it appear that everything is being done from this side to take away their rights. To hear hon. members talking, one would not have thought that this Bill was circulated in this House three weeks ago. I have a duplicate copy in my hands. Last week I did not proceed with this Bill because it was not printed, and knowing the nature of the Bill, I said that even although hon. members have already had it for two weeks beforehand and the hon. senior member for Christ Church asked for an extension of the time, I would not deal with it. I extended the time for today because the Bill had not been printed. Of course, hon. members got their printed copies last night, but we all had a copy of the Bill in our possession.

Mr. MOTTLEY: On a point of Order, Mr. Speaker I cannot subscribe to that. If hon. members are served with Bills after they get in the House, that is not the proper way for them to receive these Bills. Some of us may be here and others may not be here, but it is not the way in which to serve hon. members with copies of a Bill.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I resent the implication that I tried to force this Bill down the throats of hon. mem-

bers opposite. I postponed it at the instance of the hon. senior member for Christ Church because the Bill had not been printed. The hon. member did not say that he did not study the Bill; he suggested that it should be postponed. As to the point made by the hon. senior member for St. Joseph, I think that that was a reasonable point, but the Bill has now been printed and hon. members have had it in a different form for the past three weeks.

Having made that clear, I want to say this with respect to sending this Bill to a Select Committee: I do not see any reason why I should oppose that suggestion, but I would point out to hon. members that since the purpose of this Bill is to expedite the Law revision process which is going on, they should try their best to get this Bill out of Select Committee as soon as possible. When the Select Committee is appointed, I am suggesting that some expedition should be done with the Bill in such Select Committee. I therefore accept the suggestion for sending this Bill to a Select Committee.

4.45 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: The position is to decide whether this Order be the next Order of the Day. If that can be resolved in a certain way, then there must be a motion for the second reading of the Bill and then if seconded and passed, then there must be a further motion that the Bill be sent to Select Committee.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I made the point that the majority of us are willing to say that this Bill be agreed to; but if it is going to be the rule for hon. members not to be served with documents at a proper time, well then we would not proceed with this now. It is a question of our not having this document. I am saying that it is for Your Honour to rule.

Mr. SPEAKER: The official record of the House shows that a motion that this be the next Order of the Day had been carried; and after that was carried, the Hon. Leader of the House asked for leave to take charge of this matter which is in the name of the hon. junior member for Christ Church.

The Hon. Leader of the House has asked for leave to take charge of this Bill which stands in the name of the hon. junior member for Christ Church. If there is no objection, leave is granted the hon. member.

Mr. SMITH: I dare suppose, as I remember it, when you called the Order, I got up and said "before the hon. member proceed."

Mr. SPEAKER: That is not the case by the record. That Order was made the next Order of the Day and then the Hon. Leader of the House asked leave to take charge of it. I will put the question again:-

If there is no objection, leave is granted the hon. member.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, you will pardon me. Before the hon. member got on his feet, I got up. I did not hear that.

Mr. SPEAKER: I accept the hon. member's word that he did not hear the hon. member's words.

I direct the Clerks at the Table to read the note according to this matter.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I did not ask that you read the note.

Mr. SPEAKER: That does not really matter.

The DEPUTY CLERK read the note.

Mr. SPEAKER: If there is no objection to the Hon. Leader of the House granted leave, then leave is granted the Hon. Leader of the House to take charge of that Order.

Mr. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker -

Mr. MOTTLEY: No, Mr. Speaker, that is not going to happen.

Mr. SPEAKER: What is the hon. member speaking on?

Mr. MOTTLEY: If you shout hard at me, I will shout harder. On the question of the Hon. Leader of the House taking charge of the Order.....

Mr. SPEAKER: Will the hon. member indicate on what point is he speaking?

Mr. MOTTLEY: On a point of explanation.

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes, all right, go ahead.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, you said that the point has not arisen. The Hon. Leader of the House has asked for leave to take charge of the Order under the name of the hon. junior member for Christ Church.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would not say that is a mistake.

Mr. MOTTLEY: That should not happen at all. If the hon. member is going to preface his remarks by saying "he is going to agree to the second reading of the Bill," that is a matter in which Your Honour must rule. If I cannot get a ruling from Your Honour, how are members to be served with documents of this House. I would like Your Honour to rule on it as to whether that is the appropriate moment.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have said that the Hon. Leader of the House has been given leave to take charge of this matter. He has not had the opportunity, as he proposed, to proceed with it.

Mr. MOTTLEY: If Your Honour approves of that, where are we heading?

Mr. SPEAKER: I must confess that I do not approve of the manner in which certain remarks are made. There is only one member presiding in this Chamber at one time. I am always grateful for advice,

but it must be given in an appropriate and decorous manner.
4.55 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, the House has given me leave to proceed with the second reading of this Bill, and I now do so. The point which the hon. member is raising has nothing at all to do with what I am going to do now; his point, it seems to me has to do with whether or not hon. members can be said to be served with Parliamentary documents. If all hon. members have not been served with documents, this is another matter.

As far as this Bill is concerned, the hon. member need not have any qualms because it is going to a Select Committee. It seeks to repeal in whole or in part some Acts which are obsolete, spent, unnecessary, etc. All this is to prepare the way for the publication of the new revised edition of the laws of Barbados. If the Bill had not been going to a Select Committee, I should, of course, give the House a full explanation of the reasons for the Acts which are to be repealed. The Acts which are mentioned in the schedules - there are 338 of them - but inasmuch as the Bill is going to a Select Committee, I will see to it that each member of the Committee has a copy of these explanatory notes to guide them in their labours.

Hon. members will see that in the Schedule there are numerous laws which it is proposed to repeal. Just to deal with some of them for the purpose of accepting the principles, take, for instance, the Highways Bill. All of these have been repealed; these laws are always of one year's duration and cease to be operative at the end of that particular year; but it has been found desirable not to repeal the Income Tax Acts for 1963 onwards since the Commissioner of Inland Revenue still need to make assessments in relation to these years. Then there are several Personal Pensions Acts, for the recipients of which provision is made under other statutes. For instance, there are again Acts of Parliament which were on the Statute Book for longer than most of us care to remember - the Church Prohibition Act 1892 which is obsolete, there is the Colonial Life Charter and this is no longer in existence. There are other Acts of 1928 which are no longer in existence. This will give hon. members some idea of why we are repealing such a large number of Acts; obviously it is a sensible thing to do if the law revision is to be streamlined, and this has been gone into very carefully. We are satisfied that it has been done with great care, and secondly, so far as the Schedule is concerned, we have taken into account all we can possibly repeal.

There is a slight amendment which the Select Committee might wish to deal with. Reference is made to the Local Government Electors Postponement Act 1964. These notes will be readily available to the members of the Select Committee, and it will be helpful to them in dealing with the several Acts which it is proposed to repeal under this Bill. I now beg to move that this Bill be read a second time.

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

(ASIDES)

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: There are occasions when he intervenes; he does not interrupt.

Mr. SPEAKER: I understand that the motion has been seconded by the hon. and junior member for St. Michael. Let the hon. and learned member for St. Thomas proceed.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we on this side welcome the fact that this Bill is going to be sent to a Select Committee, because clearly the Committee of the whole House is not the most appropriate place to deal with 338 Acts, some of which require individual consideration, and it might not have been appropriate during the second reading to go into certain of these Acts and to enquire the reasons why certain of them are being treated in this measure.

Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, there are one or two small matters which certainly in my view amount to matters of principle. It might be inappropriate for a Select Committee to deal with, and before I am prepared to give my wholehearted support to the principle of this Bill, I should be glad to hear from the Leader of the House as to why exactly the Acts relating to compensation for the Rector of St. George and for the Rector of St. Philip in respect of certain Glebe lands are being repealed; certainly in respect of compensation for the Rector of St. Philip who, according to our understand, may or may not be the plaintiff in an action dealing with the very question of his emoluments; an action which has arisen out of a statement said to have been made by the Leader of the House. This is a sort of sensitive area where the Leader of the House may be able to make an explanation on the floor of the House, whether exactly the Act provides for the Rector of St. Philip to receive compensation for the use of the land as a burial ground in St. Philip 100 years ago, and as to why the Rector is being deprived of that today.

We would like to be sure that this is not a round-about way of reducing some of his mistakes, and I hope I can give the Leader of the House a reference - 1868-6, he may be familiar with it from other transactions, of course. Then Mr. Speaker, the Act 1960-5 dealing with the Special Jurors List.

I know that a member of this House, the hon. senior member for St. John, who is a plaintiff in a libel action - I was myself present in the Registry one day when at the behest of the hon. senior member for St. John, members of the Registry staff in my presence went and looked up this Act, not sure whether they were in fact obeying the orders of the Prime Minister, or looking up the law for an everyday litigant.
5.05 p.m.

I would be glad to hear if the difficulties were met and faced by the legal advisers of the hon. senior member for St. John, and by the members of the Registry Staff who were running about looking up

points of law for the Prime Minister. I advised the members of the Staff that they should not expect me to forget that I was present. I hope that the difficulties of the law in respect of Special Jurors are now being ironed out, because the legal advisers of the Prime Minister had some trouble to understand it.

Now we come to the 1966 - 31 (Restriction) Act. I see that there will be some repeal of this Act. At the appropriate stage, it will mean that Section 2 will be deleted from the Act and a whole Act included. When I see that Act restricted in this Bill, I thought of the nonsense that you cannot let off fireworks on the 5th November. The Chinese let off fireworks on the 4th July, and on the 5th November in Barbados, the English people who choose to celebrate Guy Fawkes Day will be forbidden. I do not expect that the Minister will give any reply to the Fireworks (Restriction) Act, but, I hope he will give an assurance as to the 1713 - 1 Three Houses Spring Act, before it is decided to repeal that Act, in relation to the successors of John Brathwaite and others being consulted. I suggest that the Hon. Minister and hon. members of the Select Committee should consider that. I have been informed by a plantation owner in Barbados that some parts of the conditions laid down are still useful. I observe in passing that the Government will not leave the Porey Spring Act, 1864, alone and that they are repealing the whole Act. I hope that they will allow my constituents to continue to wash their clothes there. I hope that that will not affect the determination of the Minister of Communications and Works, we will wait for ever.

I hope that the Hon. Minister of Health will provide a bath for Porey Spring. The very site of Porey Spring is a suitable site for the erection of a bath. At the same time that they are repealing that Act which gave the Vestry certain rights over that area, they should not turn away from developing the area. I am asking the Government to forget the political reputation of Porey Spring, and do not deal with it as harshly as the Minister of Communications and Works has dealt with it since his movement in relation to the Moravian Church last year. (*Asides*) I hear asides suggesting that the Minister should be invited to have a bath at Porey Spring. I am sure that they will permit him to wash away his sins at Porey Spring.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am afraid that that has become irrelevant.

Mr. J. M. G. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, as to the others of these Acts, no doubt the Select Committee will deal with them better than what will be suitable here and now. And if the deletion of the Rectory Acts means a surreptitious reduction of the revenue of the Rectory, I felt that the Hon. Minister should say so on the second reading of this Bill. We support the spirit of this Bill, subject to a careful analysis and explanation of every Act which is to be dealt with in the Schedule hereto.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I daresay that quite a lot of the points made, if not all of them, by

the hon. senior member for St. Thomas will be fully covered and explained in Select Committee; but I must say to hon. members that I expect that this Bill will be back before the House for the third reading on Tuesday next. I am therefore asking the Select Committee to meet as expeditiously as possible when it is appointed to deal with the Bill. The notes which have been supplied to me by the Crown Law Officers will be available to the members of the Select Committee. I should like to say that more than half of the hon. member's questions will be answered when he peruses that information. I think that most of his questions were in respect of the Porey's Spring Act and the Rectory Acts, but I shall seek the information and make it available to the Select Committee.

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this Bill be now referred to a Select Committee.

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

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

5.15 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: Subject to the approval of the House, I invite the following hon. members to serve on that Committee:-

The Hon. Leader of the House, the hon. junior member for St. Lucy, (Hon. J. C. TUDOR); The Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the hon. junior member for St. Joseph, (Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS); the hon. senior member for the City of Bridgetown, (Mr. MOTTLEY); the hon. junior member for St. John, (Mr. YEARWOOD); the hon. senior member for Christ Church (Mr. ST. JOHN); the hon. junior member for Christ Church, (Hon. C. E. TALMA); the hon. senior member for St. Thomas (Mr. ADAMS); the hon. senior member for St. Philip, (Mr. WEEKES); the Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Hon. and junior member for St. Philip, (Mr. SARGEANT).

May I take it that these hon. members who have served with this notice, would be willing so to do.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I would like to decline from serving on that Committee, but I am asking that the hon. junior member for St. George be asked to serve in my stead.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. senior member for the City of Bridgetown has declined and I would heed the prayer that he be forgiven and the suggestion that he has made. I am grateful for that, and I would ask the hon. junior member for St. George to serve on this Committee.

Mr. HOPPIN signified his agreement.

Mr. SPEAKER: I thank the hon. member for so readily stepping into the breach.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House; To move the House into Committee of Supply to consider the grant of sums of money for the service of the Island.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I beg to move that Your Honour do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee of Supply to consider the grant of sums of money for the service of the Island.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1967-68 No. 15

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, this is a seasonal revote. It arises out of a Resolution previously passed by this House reminding that compensation was to be paid to certain officers deemed to be redundant when certain persons who were connected with Local Government were not retained in the Highway Department under the Ministry of Communications and Works.

At the end of the financial year, a Resolution providing for this compensation was introduced and it was in the Draft Estimates; but it was inadvertently omitted from the 1967-68 Estimates. Therefore, Supplementary provision is therefore required to enable the continuation of the pension in the financial year.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

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

On motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Resolution in Committee of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, and reported accordingly.

On motions of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE UNDER SECTION 10 - BARBADOS HARBOURS ACT

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. and Learned Prime Minister To move the passing of the following Resolution:-

A Resolution to approve under Section 10 of the Barbados Harbours Act, 1960, the expenditure of \$700 required to supplement the Estimates of the Port Department for the year 1967-68 as shown in the Schedule to the Resolution.

5.25 p.m.

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

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Leader of the House is asking leave for the Hon. Minister of Communications and Works to take charge of this item. If there is no objection, leave will be granted. (AFTER A PAUSE) There being no objection, leave is granted for the Minister of Communications and Works to move the passing of a Resolution to approve under Section 10 of the Barbados Harbours Act, the expenditure of \$700 required to supplement the Estimates of the Port Department for the year 1967-68.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, you have already read out the Resolution. What has happened is that there was a water fountain

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, what language is the hon. Minister speaking in? I cannot understand a word he has said.

Mr. SPEAKER: The point to me for decision is what language. I rule the English language.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: The idiot got up

Mr. SPEAKER: Let the hon. member not use such a word with reference to this House.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: I was talking about an idiot that got up; it was not anything I said about a member in here.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: On a point of order. There can be no doubt that the hon. junior member for St. Thomas was referring to me when he got up and said that the idiot got up. I take objection to the remark and I would ask him to withdraw it.

Mr. SPEAKER: In respect of that, I cannot agree that there can be no doubt that this reference was to the hon. senior member for St. Thomas, and apart from that fact, the hon. member has stated categorically that he does not refer to any hon. member. I cannot regard any hon. member as being untruthful.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, when I said those remarks I was not referring to the senior member for St. Thomas, and I would not argue with him; he would know better than I would.

Mr. SPEAKER: Let the hon. member proceed.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: At the Port there was a water cooler that is being used by all and sundry - tourists, people who work there, people who go there, and so on, even people who have no right there; but what has happened is, that, as you know, these things only last for a certain time, and the one they had at the Port, when it was placed there it was not envisaged that so many people would have been using it. as a result the capacity is not up to standard and it broke down. To be truthful I have never seen any of

these water coolers being repaired successfully, and so the Government Electrical Engineer has advised that there is a heavy duty water cooler that might be able to serve the purpose of the Port, and as a result that is why I am here asking the House to approve this \$700 for the purchase of this water cooler.

As the Addendum sets out, this sum is required to meet the duty free cost of a Water cooler to replace the one located in the Customs Baggage Hall at the Deep Water Harbour. The water cooler is for the convenience of the public and visitors to the island. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, this Addendum - I cannot understand it too clearly. I want to find out if they are replacing this new one because the other one is out of order, or if it is too small and cannot measure up to its requirements. I cannot remember the Minister telling this House if this particular one that is there now is out of order completely.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: If the hon. member would give way, in my opening remarks I said it was to replace the water cooler, because not only is it inadequate, but I even went on to say that I have never, and I stressed the word "never", seen one of these things repaired successfully. Whenever they go bad we have to get rid of them. I went on to say that the one for \$700 is a heavy duty water cooler that we are hoping will be able to suffice.

Mr. SMITH: I do not know if I cannot understand the hon. member or if he cannot understand me. Because he never saw one like it before, is that why he is buying another one?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: On a point of explanation, Mr. Speaker, what I have said I will repeat again. The water cooler that was formerly in the Port is absolutely no use; nobody would even buy it for scrap; therefore we have to replace it with a new water cooler for \$700.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, this is the first time I understand him. I will have to agree with the hon. senior member for St. Thomas; you say he is speaking English, but it is not the English that I know or I was taught. The hon. member has now explained himself; he says it is absolutely no use. If he had said that I would not have asked him, but he said that he never saw one like it yet.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

Mr. SMITH: Let him say what is the point of order before I start to talk.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member has said "on a point of order."

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: The hon. member has misquoted me. I never said I have never seen one like it; I said I have never seen one successfully repaired.

Mr. SMITH: Because he never saw one successfully repaired, they can be successfully repaired. It is not for him to see it. Because he is the Minister and he has never seen one successfully repaired, must we buy one? Everyone of us over here will understand him to mean that.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. The hon. member is deliberately misquoting...

Mr. SPEAKER: Withdraw the word 'deliberately'.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: The hon. member has misquoted what I have said.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: (ASIDE): So I withdraw the word 'deliberately'.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Know your place.

Mr. SPEAKER: Let the hon. junior member for St. Thomas realise that, when he stands, he is standing to address the Chair.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we all know that, but the aside was never meant for your ears.

Mr. SPEAKER: Asides are never made standing. Please let the hon. member proceed with this comparatively insignificant Resolution.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: I said that the Government Electrical Engineer said that the water.....

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member has now made his point. Let the senior member for St. Joseph proceed.

Mr. SMITH: I would not go any further; I do not want to embarrass him any further.
5.35 p.m.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, after hearing the performances of the hon. junior member for St. Thomas, they really remind me of a person whom all the King's horses and all the King's men could not put together again. Humpty Dumpty would do a better job of presenting this Addendum than the Hon. Minister whose chief term is describing hon. members as "idiot", and he does not understand that persons sitting on the same side of the House as he, think it improper for the Hon. Minister of Communications and Works to look at some hon. members and pass his asides which cannot account for fair words. Nevertheless, the hon. member is here and we have to bear with him for a few more years. The Minister does not understand certain things about introducing Resolutions for Supplementary Estimates. He has not got any conception of the fact that when you are supplementing an amount of \$32,500 by \$700.00, you owe some explanation to hon. members as to what is embraced in the \$32,500, even if there is a note in that respect. You need to give hon. members some indication that this is an extraordinary expenditure. If the case is that the \$32,500 is an exclusive amount

for a particular item or series of items, obviously, there is a deficiency in budgeting in the Port Department. Increases in wages and machinery must necessarily take place in any Department. I expect that miscellaneous pieces of machinery which are knocking about the Port Department will become obsolete in the course of the financial year. This is an insignificant Resolution, as Your Honour has said. This Resolution is occupying the attention of this House, and all of this should be dealt with by proper estimated procedures in the Port Department itself.

The Hon. Minister must tell us that this \$32,500 is specifically earmarked for specific things, in which case you would have to go through an item in the Annexed Estimates dealing with the Port which could cover such expenditure as repairs to marine and other equipment, breakdown and so on; otherwise this item is meant to cover all of that, and some explanation is due to us as to why the item is not in fact covered. There is a note in the Estimates in respect of this item for the provision of certain items including, air conditioning, purchase of bicycle and so on, and when these items were being prepared, it was the duty of the Minister under this Head, "Non-recurrent" extraordinary services, to provide something for repairs to these pieces of equipment in exactly the same way in which something is provided for the general maintenance of lighthouses, roads and other expenditure in the Port Department. It is not enough to give an explanation as to whether they were repaired before or not and whether the Government Electrical Engineer says that they should be repaired or not. I appreciate Your Honour's charitable ruling when the hon. member was speaking, and I quite appreciate that at some time he must be campaigning in Welchman Hall, and he was thinking that he was appealing to the voters, the inhabitants, of Welchman Hall. I have not heard the hon. member say when the machine went bad or when it was first noticed, whether it was before April or after. He has not said how long it has been there, or shown that the subordinate officials are farsighted enough to work out how long a water cooler should last and how long complaints have been made about the water cooler. It may be that complaints have been made about the water cooler for over a year, and it is only now that the Minister has got around to do something about it. The hon. member is more concerned about victimising the poor postmen in St. Thomas than doing his business.

Mr. SPEAKER: I do not think that the hon. member should use the expression that the Hon. Minister is victimising anybody.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: I withdraw that, and I say that by accident the hon. member was victimising these people, instead of concerning himself with how to run the Department efficiently. This Resolution is suitable to the calibre of the Minister with whom we are dealing, but its very significance means that it is something which the Minister should try to do better. However, I am not going to deny the Port Department this water cooler; the port should have its water cooler.

5.45 p.m.

I do not know what is the present condition of the water cooler at the Port. Nothing has been told us. The Hon. Minister of Communications said that the old water cooler was broken down because it was used by all and sundry. I hope that he would pay the same attention when complaints reach him about people snatching things from postmen.

These things do not happen suddenly. These are the things which we want to know about. Have they ordered a water cooler already? All of these things are the meat and bones of Resolutions such as this. Let the hon. member take a guide from the example of other Ministers in other territories. To come to the House for a vote to acquire a water cooler only is really a waste of time.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, this Resolution for the sum of \$700 to purchase a water cooler might be considered as one not worthy of the money voted for it. But the hon. member in introducing it, laid emphasis on the fact that the water cooler had no longer been able to provide cool water, and made the House to believe that the broken down state of the old water cooler had been due to its being used by all and sundry and by persons who had no right to use it.

Mr. Speaker, the very Addendum to the Resolution seems to my mind not to be very clearly understood by the Hon. Minister because the Addendum tells us in the last paragraph that the sum is required to meet the duty free cost of a water cooler to replace the one located in the Customs Baggage Hall at the Deep Water Harbour. The water cooler is for the convenience of the public and visitors to the Island.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if the old water cooler had broken down because it was more or less used by all and sundry, the new water cooler would also break down because it is to be used by the public and visitors; so one cannot understand the Hon. Minister when he talks about its being used by all and sundry.

What we want to know is whether this new heavy duty water cooler has arrived in this Island. What is the advice which the Hon. Minister got that encouraged him into the decision of getting a heavy duty water cooler which would be catering to the public?

We believe that this water cooler is a necessity and in view of the fact that it is going to serve the public, we on this side of the House will be most willing to support this Resolution; but there are one or two things which we would like to be apprised of before we cast our vote.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Nobody wants to deprive anybody from using this water cooler. But what the Minister said was that the last water cooler was used by all and sundry, which caused it to breakdown. Now, if we are going to get a new water cooler, in view of what the Hon. Minister said, will he tell the House who is going to use it? Will he also tell the House from whom he is going to get it?

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: That concludes Government Business for the day.

Mr. Speaker, you will recall that I did say in reply to a question asked by the hon. senior member for St. Thomas that I will deal with the reply to a question put by him later. I would like to go back to Question Time.

I therefore beg to move that Question Time be now taken.

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

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

UNSUITABILITY OF GARRISON SAVANNAH SQUARE USED FOR MILITARY PARADES

Mr. SPEAKER: It is now Question Time and I understand that reply to Question No. 82 standing in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Thomas is now ready.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: To enquire of the Minister of Communications and Works:-

1. Is the Minister aware that the part of the Garrison Savannah used for ceremonial military parades and regimental drills is very uneven and unsuitable for its purpose?

2. Have any steps been taken to level and improve the area concerned since the Independence celebrations?

3. Will the Government give consideration to preparing a hard surface parade square large enough to satisfy the drilling and ceremonial needs of the Barbados Regiment?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, the reply is as follows:-

1. Yes, Sir.

2. Yes, Sir.

3. The provision of an adequate parade ground is already receiving consideration.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I did not quite hear the reply to part three.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: I said: "The provision of an adequate parade ground is already receiving consideration."
5.55 p.m.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, may I thank the Government for its answer, and may I en-

quire further of the Minister whether by his answer to part 3 he means that a parade square is being built or is its provision being considered?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: That is what has been said:

The area of the Garrison Savannah north of the Polo Hut which has been used in the past for ceremonial parades, as well as the area in front of the concrete stand which was erected for the Independence celebrations, have been reported on by the Commanding Officer of the Barbados Regiment as being uneven and unsuitable for ceremonial military parades now. Therefore, for the occasion of the Queen's Birthday Parade on 24th April, 1967, which was held on the area in front of the concrete stand, steps were taken to level and improve the area.

In view of the complaints of the Commanding Officer about the unsuitability of the Savannah now for military parades, as well as complaints that the hard surfaced area to the east of the Drill Hall is inadequate, consideration is being given in the Ministry responsible for the Barbados Regiment to providing an adequate parade ground."

It is expected that this will be done shortly.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at 2.30 p.m.

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

Mr. SMITH: Am I in order to move that this House now revert to Private Members' Business? My reason is that at this rate that we are going on, there are quite a few Orders on the Order Paper under Private Members' Business which will soon be off due to the time; and if we should go on meeting at half past two, Government Business take us at least to half past three for Private Members' Business, and all the business under Private Members' Business will automatically be moved off the Order Paper.

Mr. SPEAKER: Did I understand the hon. senior member for St. Joseph was asking me if it would be in order to move that the House do now revert to Private Members' Business?

Mr. SMITH: Yes, and I was giving the reasons.

Mr. SPEAKER: Why it should be in order?

Mr. SMITH: I was giving the reasons for asking.

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes?

Mr. SMITH: I will await your instructions.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member is entitled to explain why he is asking.

Mr. SMITH: Since I have explained I will now move that we revert.....

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member has given his reasons for asking for my ruling. My ruling is that inasmuch as Standing Orders have not been suspended today, and inasmuch as this is now time for Government business, that motion would not be in order. That is my ruling; but I will point out, that it is entirely in order now to move that the time be not 2.30 p.m. but whatever earlier hour you require.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, since you have ruled, I will not be in order. Sir, the hon. Leader of the House has moved that this House do now adjourn until 2.30 p.m. today week. Sir, I am moving now that this House adjourn until 12 o'clock next Tuesday. My reasons now, Sir, in moving that is that you will notice that in our Standing Orders that the House shall sit every Tuesday at 12.00 noon. I cannot remember, Sir, seeing a Standing Order that it shall sit every Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. Now I have raised the point and I would expect you, Sir, to protect hon. members on this side of the Table. Last session when we met, all Private Members' Business was struck off due to the tactics of this Government. Well, Sir, if we have Private Members' Business on the Order Paper, we should be given a chance to discuss it and clear the Order Paper.

Now if the present Government wants to help us above here, and every Tuesday wants to move an adjournment until 2.30 and still wants to take - 2.30 is our time, but they still want to take away our time to do their business, which is unfair to us. If they want to do business they can adjourn the House, say, until 1.30 and they will have time enough to get through with theirs and we will have our time allotted to us; but it is unfair to be moving every Tuesday the adjournment till 2.30 and robbing us of our time. Today I am sure when we finished with the introductions and the necessary procedure of the Government, it was a quarter past three; Question Time had gone. Now, Sir, it is not fair, and I am warning the Government not to continue doing it. I would like - and would always like - to co-operate with the Government, but if it goes on - as I have said and I intend doing it; I have everything planned already - I am going to make it difficult for everyone here in this present Chamber and then, if you take me to Glendairy, it will be for the rights of my people. I am not going to stand for it; I am a man, and they are men and they are taking advantage of us because they have their numbers.
6.05 p.m.

They are taking advantage of us because they have their numbers. Every Tuesday that is being done. If they do not have sufficient business to start at 12 o'clock noon, they should adjourn until 1 o'clock p.m. so that when they get through with the necessary formalities and any time is left, they can carry on with their business, and that would look like co-operation in this House. But in adjourning this House until 2.30 o'clock p.m. they can take our time to do their business, but we cannot take their time to do our business. That is the Government. Is it that they have been elected and we are not? I want this thing to be changed completely; otherwise we will find our-

selves looking in one direction. Let us be fair. It is myself to whom they are being unfair, and I am talking for myself, and for the people of Barbados. If they want to adjourn, let them adjourn until 1 o'clock next Tuesday or until 12 o'clock noon. It is a question of the people's business, and the people have sent us here. The people of St. Joseph did not send me here on a stretcher; they sent me here by their vote. Why should the Government try to make us look like ten-cent boys, because they have the numbers? That is not fair. (Mr. CORBIN: That is enough, Smithy.) Mr. Speaker, I am being interrupted by the hon. member who is referring to me as Smithy.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am afraid that that is not in order.

Mr. SMITH: You heard it.

Mr. SPEAKER: I was listening to the hon. senior member for St. Joseph.

Mr. SMITH: If it is sufficient, he can go outside and get a drop to his home. I am speaking for my rights; I will not stay here and let them be taken away from me. I am not a puppet; otherwise, I would be on the top of the House. But I am on the floor of the House, and I am not prepared to let this thing go on any longer. The Hon. Leader of the House can get it straight. As soon as you try to be unfair to me, the gloves are off and I will fight. This Order Paper is full of Private Members' Business, and I am sure that at this rate the next Budget proposals will come down before the reply to the present Budget Speech is finished. Is this a trap to muzzle us, and keep us quiet in this Chamber? We have lawyers about here; they are decent and they do not want to make a noise, but I will make a noise. I cannot speak for them because they went to a school to which I did not go. I will speak for myself and my people. I will not let this continue to happen; it has happened for five years and is it going to continue for another five years? It cannot happen. I am not allowing the Government to represent their people and I am not representing mine. The whole thing will be broken up and I can be locked up. I am prepared to go to my head, my feet, my knees and everything else. Give me my time and you take yours. What is the good of trying to let people know that we are not dead and then you have the Government's Party trying to muzzle us by moving the adjournment of the House until 2.30 o'clock p.m. every Tuesday? Why can't we spend a day in each week to represent the people in this House? From the time that I was in this House, we used to meet at 12 o'clock noon, and where has this 2.30 o'clock p.m. come from now? If my Government used to adjourn the House until 2.30 p.m., I say it is time to finish that. If this present Government has brought it in, I say it is time to finish it. I respectfully beg to move that this House do now adjourn until 12 o'clock noon next Tuesday?

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I beg to second that. I have made an appeal to the Hon. Leader of the House to see that the adjournment of the House until 2.30 o'clock p.m. is absolutely unfair to the Opposition

because Private Members' Business cannot start at 2.30 p.m. o'clock. I now appeal to Your Honour as Speaker of this House. You are there to see that the rules are observed. Your Honour knows that the Speaker of the House of Commons has had, on more than one occasion, to correct members of the House for an abuse of the rules of the House, and the Prime Minister has had to say that it is an absolute abuse of the rules by hon. members rising on what they call points of order when there are not points of order. (ASIDES) After all, the hon. junior member for St. Thomas is not the only person in this Parliament. I call upon Your Honour to use your authority to see that to adjourn this House until 2.30 o'clock p.m. is plain, blunt infringement of the Rule that Private Members' Business has a right to commence at 2.30 o'clock p.m. If you ignore the Rule and start Private Members' Business at 2.30 o'clock because you have numbers, is that not a confession of weakness? When you cannot persuade a man, you knock him down; that is how this Government is being run. Mr. Speaker, can anything be simpler than to ask the Government to play the game?

6.15 p.m.

Why adjourn until 2.30 o'clock? Because at 2.30 o'clock, Private Members' Business begins! Unless the Government is prepared to say that "I am going to see to it that the first Order is Private Members' Business". Nothing so! The Government is continually ignoring the rights of the Opposition.

I am appealing to those hon. members who understand what I am saying to see that the Rule distinctly says the time you are to begin and the time to adjourn. It is wrong and immoral to adjourn the House until 2.30 o'clock. It is the duty of Your Honour to see that the Rules of this House are observed. It seems to me that Your Honour acquiesces in it. It is obvious this Session that to adjourn until 2.30 o'clock is wrong, immoral and dishonest.

I therefore agree that this is a deliberate attempt to hold up what is on Private Members' Business. An hon. member a little earlier asked when it is proposed to have the adjournment for the summer recess. It is the business of the Hon. Leader of the House to tell us the day when he is going to adjourn for the recess. Instead of that, what did he do today? He gets up and talks and talks, breaks the rules, reading a section of an Act, just purely filibustering. He did that so that hon. members on this side would not be able to speak any more on it today. He was trying to curtail it by talking out the time so that the hon. senior member for Bridgetown would not be able to reply. This matter has been on the Order Paper all this time.

I accuse this Government of deliberately using its weight to ignore the Rules of this House or get around them. This Government is deliberately doing things that any Administration would be ashamed of.

What is the state of affairs? Questions not answered; Questions cannot be discussed. I know that every Question cannot be discussed. I have on the

Order Paper a Vote of Censure against Your Honour, and everything is being done to push the Vote of Censure off the Order Paper. If they think anything they do is going to stop me, it is not going to stop me; it is going to make it worse. What are you getting? Wrong decisions, wrong rulings, giving the reverse opinion to what it should be; some are ignorant, some are perverse; some are just not in order. By their actions, they just show that this Government is silly.

I may seem to appear very serious, but one has to take politics seriously. I ask for the last time the hon. member not to continue to do it. The hon. member, I believe, read these things such as "Notes on the History of Parliaments."

I repeat, the Government is just using its weight to ignore the Opposition. When you prevent the hon. senior member for Bridgetown from replying today, it shows how silly the Government is. The hon. member just goes on talking and talking, just filibustering; when speaking, taking twice as long to pronounce a word; all that sort of thing you are doing; acting as a little child.

They do not see that we said from the first debate that we have come in the House to pull it back up. We came into the House to collaborate, but this is the sort of representation you get. The Government is using its weight to break the Rules of this House.

7.00 p.m.

We must not meet at 2.30 to do public business. For that reason I have great pleasure in seconding the motion that the House meet at 12.00 next Tuesday, as an amendment to the motion that we meet at 2.30.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, some months ago, the hon. member who has just sat down told this House that he considered it his duty to torment the Government. The time that he said it I did not take it seriously, I thought it was his way.....

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS (ASIDES): I said that? You can never speak the truth.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: And you are an ungrateful old man! When he said, Mr. Speaker, that it was his duty as he conceived it to torment the Government, I did not take him seriously at the time, but now, after I have heard him, I take it very seriously. He has done so here this afternoon in that he has properly assumed the role of tormenter. You can imagine the hon. member has addressed this House for the last 20 minutes, and he is the last person in this island who should have caused Parliamentary institutions to be what they are today.

The hon. senior member for Bridgetown who has been sitting in this House since 1947 could tell you how the hon. member used to say to us, to him, to me, the hon. junior member for Christ Church, the hon. senior member for St. Joseph, to all of us - the rest of us - the hon. junior member for St. Joseph re-

maining silent all the time. He used to say: "You could talk all you like; we have the numbers." On the 1st February, 1954, the Ministerial system was introduced in this island; after it came back from the Other Place, he made a speech in which he said that the B.L.P. would last for 30 years.

I cannot remember the times it was said in this House, but Your Honour must recall it as well; you must have heard him say that it does not matter what we do, he has the numbers; well, we have the numbers now. I would not even talk about what he said when the City Council first met; this is one of the things I cannot understand in politics, how the hon. member for the City can find himself supporting that hon. member - I can understand him disagreeing with us - not after what he has tried to do him.

The present Prime Minister and I addressed this House from 8.30 one night till a quarter to seven the next morning and the question was only put because - well, this is an old story and I do not want to say anything about the hon. senior member for St. Joseph. At that time he was Chairman of Committee and he brought the debate to a close by what I call a clever trick. But they used the numbers then, and I want to set on record that no Opposition in Barbados in the last 20 years - certainly in the last 12 - no Opposition in my time has been as well and as decently treated as this one is treated. Talk about consulting, when did the hon. junior member for St. Joseph ever know about consulting the Opposition? The insulting remarks he himself made about the Opposition - how they are numbskulls, they are not capable of understanding high matters - he got on public platforms all over the island and made his snide remarks both of the B.N.P. and of the D.L.P. when we were in the Opposition, and I would not have it said because it is not true that this Opposition is badly treated. I have said it and I say it now, if the necessity to get the Government's business through remains with my judgement, it does not mean that because I move the adjournment for 2.30 next week. I am necessarily depriving the Opposition of their time.

Earlier in this session I did start by moving the suspension of Standing Orders almost every Tuesday. It was the Prime Minister who said to me that he did not agree with me, and that if he were on that side he would give me the most strenuous opposition. I am only telling you that it was only at the instance of the Prime Minister - I myself changed that practice which I had started. Well now, for the last three or four weeks - it may be three, it may be four - we have been meeting at 12 o'clock; therefore the contention that we meet every week at 2.30 is simply not true. We even met at 10.30 last Wednesday, and certainly it is not true that when we meet at 2.30 Private Members' Business is necessarily curtailed. Even this very day we started Private Members' Business; what made it impossible for us, Mr. Speaker, to do Question Time was that by general consent we did the obituary, the Government's motion to the late Speaker of this House. This prevented

Question Time from being taken; if we did not have to do this, Question Time would have been taken in its usual form.

I have no intention of depriving hon. members - in fact I have no power to deprive hon. members of what is rightfully theirs; it is not therefore fair for the hon. senior member for St. Joseph to say that his rights are being trampled on.

I can understand the difficulties which have beset the hon. senior member for St. Joseph, and I warn the House that half the vindication is not properly meant for this side. A civil war is beginning in St. Joseph, and I am neutral so far as that is concerned. Therefore I certainly will not be a party to preventing the hon. member from exercising his rights, and he should not be unfair to the Government to say that the Government is stifling the Opposition. If the House meets any day at 2.30 I will not, except for grave exceptional reasons, move a suspension of Standing Orders because I will understand that if we meet at 2.30 we meet in Private Members' time, and Private Members' time it must be.
6.35 p.m.

Of course, if I have to move the condolence motion, that might easily take away some of the time, and, as I have done today, I have asked the House to bring back Question Time so that the hon. senior member for St. Thomas should not be deprived of the opportunity of asking his question because Question Time has elapsed. Far from being unfair to the Opposition, I have always tried to be as fair as I can be in the circumstances while I appreciate the special propriety of the hon. senior member for St. Joseph, I certainly resent the remarks made by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition because of hon. members, he is the last qualified to talk about democratic proprieties.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker

Mr. SPEAKER: Is the hon. member asking the leave of the House to speak, after the Hon. Leader of the House has exercised his right of final reply?

Mr. MOTTLEY: I am speaking on the amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER: A motion was made by the Hon. Leader of the House and that motion was seconded by the hon. junior member for St. Michael. To that motion an amendment was made by the hon. senior member for St. Joseph and that amendment was seconded by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition. (ASIDES) After the amendment was moved and seconded, I looked around the House, as usual, to see if any other hon. member rose (Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: No, Mr. Speaker,) (After a pause). and no other hon. member rose. The Hon. Leader of the House then rose and exercised his right of final reply. (Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: I have been in this House for only nine months and I know that you are wrong). (After a pause).

Mr. MOTTLEY The Hon. Leader of the House exercised his right of final reply on what?

Mr. SPEAKER: On a motion which he made in respect of which an amendment has been moved, but the amendment is not another motion; it is all part of the same discussion on the motion for the adjournment. The motion is that this House do now adjourn until 2.30 o'clock p.m. next Tuesday, and the amendment is that the House do now adjourn until 12 o'clock noon. (ASIDES).

Mr. MOTTLEY: If Your Honour so rules, should I ask permission to speak? (After a pause).

Mr. SPEAKER: I gather that there is no objection.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I had no intention of speaking at all, but since the Hon. Leader of the House referred to me and said that he does not know why I supported the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, I want to say that after my years in here, I have been taught that it is not necessary to carry hatred about in your breast. The Hon. Leader of the House will learn that. When I was in this House and the Hon. Leader of the Opposition was in the Government, I supported more strongly the present Government than I have ever given support to the present Leader of the Opposition. What the Hon. Leader of the Opposition had to say about the Election for the Bridgetown City Council is a matter of indifference to me. What has happened is that they are afraid to let me contest the elections again and win them again; but during that entire episode, I have never had one single member of the Opposition to help me in one single iota in respect of that fight which I had to put up all alone. Therefore what is the hon. member worried about? He says that he cannot understand how I must be in the Opposition.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member will give way, what I said was that I can well understand the hon. member opposing this Government, but what I cannot understand is the hon. member aligning himself with or supporting the Hon. Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I have been abused upside down in this country, but if I come in here and the Hon. Leader of the Opposition said something that is right, I will support it. I have always been in the Opposition in this House; as a matter of fact, I would feel strange in any Government in this House. I am not going on with some of the things I see going on in this House. If I see that the Hon. Leader of the Opposition is right in something, I will support him, but I also have the courage to oppose him if there is anything with which I do not agree. I have something in the Order Paper and I will do it if I stand alone. I do not think that I will be singing any solo in that. It does not pay to carry hatred around. When you are finished with something in this House, it means that you are finished with it. It is nationally known that I gave my support to the present Government Party - in fact, I have given more support to the present Government Party than I have ever given to any other Party in this country or in the history in this island. When the hon. member says that he cannot understand how I

could support the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, I want to say that since I have been in here, my colleague and I have voted against the Opposition. Your Honour knows that I went through that battle alone, and whatever may have been the views of the Leader of the Opposition, he found in Barbados two of his stalwarts who had made glaring errors and I admired him then for taking them up and not casting them to the wolves.

Sir, if at any time, he or any of the hon. members of his party has given me any support in the particular constitutional issue which has been raised, as far as I am concerned, I have no reason to walk about with any hatred in my breast. If I live long enough and I remain in the opposition, I will be voting with the hon. member. I have certainly done more in this country politically supporting the present Government than at any time - as a matter of fact, at no time in my life have I ever supported the present Opposition. If I have to make a long speech congratulating the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, I do so. If it hurts other people, then that is a matter for them. I have never been friendly with the Hon. Leader of the Opposition; I cannot say the same thing with respect to the Hon. Leader of the House or the Prime Minister.
6.45 p.m.

I certainly could not, but I have never at any time thought the whole of the time when I was in this House, asked for any favours. At the time that the present Opposition was in power, there were two members of the then Government whose attitude aggravated me, whenever they came in here, by the way they presented things.

The then senior member for St. Michael used to be always telling us that they had the numbers. I did not speak to him on account of his attitude. I never asked him any favours. I was elected just as he was.

The Hon. Leader of the House would say that we have the numbers. As far as I would say, I have had no help politically or otherwise from them. That is all that you can say about me.

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendment would be put first. The question is that this House do now adjourn until 12 o'clock next Tuesday. Hon. members in favour will please say "Aye" and hon. members not in favour will please say "No". Methinks the "Ayes" have it.

The question was put and resolved in the negative the House dividing as follows:-

AYES: Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MOTTLEY, Mr. HINDS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS, Mr. HOLDER, Mr. SMITH and Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS - 8.

NOES: Mr. YEARWOOD, Hon. J. C. TUDOR, Mr. SPRINGER, Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, Hon. N. W. BOXILL, Mr. LOWE, Mr. CORBIN, Mr. WEEKES, and Mr. HOPPIN - 10.

The question that the House do now stand adjourn until 2.30 o'clock Tuesday 5th September, 1967, was put and resolved in the affirmative, the House dividing as follows:-

AYES: Mr. YEARWOOD, Hon. J. C. TUDOR, Mr. SPRINGER, Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, Hon. A. DaC.

EDWARDS, Hon. N. W. BOXILL, Mr. LOWE, Mr. CORBIN, Mr. WEEKES and Mr. HOPPIN - 10.

NOES: Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MOTTLEY, Mr. HINDS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS, Mr. HOLDER, Mr. SMITH and Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS - 8.

Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.
7.00 p.m.

