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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 10th January, 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. K. N. R. HUSBANDS; Hon. C. E. TALMA, (Minister of Health and Community Development); Mr. J. W. CORBIN; Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, (Minister of Trade, Tourism, Co-operatives and Fisheries); Mr. R. St.C. WEEKES, J.P.; Mr. W. R. LOWE; Mr. L. A. LYNCH, J.P.; Hon. N. W. BOXILL, (Minister of Communications and Works); Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, (Minister of Agriculture, Labour and National Insurance); Sir G. H. ADAMS, C.M.C., Q.C., B.A., D.C.L. (Hon.), (Leader of the Opposition); Mr. W. C. HINDS; Mr. C. A. E. HOPPIN, J.P.; Mr. L. S. CRAIG and Mr. J. B. SPRINGER.

Prayers were read.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that the Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday, 17th November, and Friday, 18th November, 1966, respectively, have been printed and circulated; but certain errors which I have discovered in them have made it necessary for me to require them to be reprinted. Hence, I am not asking hon. members to confirm them.

AMPLIFYING EQUIPMENT OUT OF ORDER

Mr. SPEAKER: I also have the honour to inform hon. members that the Clerk has drawn to my attention that something has gone wrong this afternoon with the equipment in respect of the speaking appliances in this Chamber. I understand that my speaking appliance alone may be working properly; at least that was the position a short time ago. I understand that expert assistance has been hurriedly sought.

Hon. E. W. BARROW and Mr. J. B. YEARWOOD entered the House and took their seats.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers:-

Barbados Statistical Service - Selected Monthly Indicators, May - June, 1966.

The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) Order, 1966.

Statement showing Net Customs and Excise Receipts for eight months ended 30th November, 1966.

The Civil Establishment (Teachers) (Amendment) Order, 1966.

The Drawback of Duties on Sale of Goods to Tourists (Jewellery) Regulations, 1966.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the Financial Statements of the Barbados Agricultural Society for the year ended 31st January, 1966.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay a Statement showing the sums advanced to the Postmaster General for the payment of Money Orders, the amounts repaid to the Accountant General, and the amounts due by the various Post Offices to 31st August, 1966.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of a Resolution to place the sum of \$2,367 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates, 1966-67 Part I - Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1966-67 No. 42, which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

I also beg to give notice of the following Resolutions:-

A Resolution to approve the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) Order, 1966.

A Resolution to approve the Civil Establishment (Teachers) (Amendment) Order, 1966.

A Resolution to approve the guarantee by the Cabinet of the payment of a principal sum not exceeding \$160,000 to be borrowed by the Barbados Development Board from Barclays Bank D.C.O., together with the interest thereon, for the purpose of meeting its obligations and discharging its functions.

A Resolution to amend the notes to Items 1, 2, & 3 of Head 105 - Home Affairs in Part II - Capital of the Approved Estimates for 1966-67.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of my intention to move the House into Committee of Supply at its next meeting in order to deal with the Money Resolutions of which Notice has just been given.

ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENTS OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the Accounts and Statements for the month of May, 1966, prepared by the Accountant General.

LETTER FROM AUDITOR GENERAL re EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

Mr. SPEAKER: I also have the honour to inform the House that I have received a letter from the Auditor General dated 5th January, 1967, addressed to His Honour the Speaker, General Assembly, Public Buildings, Bridgetown. It reads as follows:-

Auditor General's Office,
Barbados.

5th January, 1967.

His Honour,
The Speaker,
General Assembly,
Public Buildings,
Bridgetown.

Sir,

I should like to refer to my letter No: A, 1/1966/390 dated 5th December, 1966, and addressed to you (a copy of which is attached for easy reference) directing attention to the duties of the Auditor General under section 26 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act, 1964, as regards his reporting annually the results of his examination of the accounts of the Island and to confirm that it has not been possible to report within the time prescribed by law for the reasons stated in my letter.

2. It should be mentioned, moreover, that the position as stated in my letter under reference regarding the failure to submit statements/accounts for audit remains the same at this date.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) G. B. Brandford
Auditor General.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Resolution:-

WHEREAS the necessity for the establishment of a Housing Area at Lammings Pasture, in the parish of St. Joseph is becoming increasingly apparent, particularly in view of the recent heavy rainfall during the month of November, 1966, causing great damage to the land on which the people are living and posing a great threat to their lives and homes;

AND WHEREAS some of the honourable members of this Honourable House of Assembly and Officers of the various Departments of Government concerned have visited Lammings Pasture for the purpose of removing the homes of these people to safety, and have given the said site their approval;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House request the Government to purchase this parcel of land from the owners of Lammings Plantation immediately for the purpose of establishing a housing area for the people of the parish of St. Joseph and other surrounding parishes.
2.55 p.m.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that this House deplores the conduct of His Honour the Speaker in accepting, without reproach on his part, a gross contempt of the Chair by the hon. junior member for St. Lucy and Leader of the House when on December 15, 1966, he not only disobeyed a ruling by Mr. Speaker that he should withdraw words that he had spoken and to which objection has been taken, but added to his refusal to do so language completely destructive of parliamentary order and respect for the Chair.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House considers that His Honour in reversing a ruling which he had given with respect to language used by the Leader of the House with the result of freeing him from the punishment which the Standing Orders provide for a member guilty of gross disorderly conduct or of disregarding the authority

of the Chair was himself guilty of conduct unbecoming the dignity of the Chair and is deserving of the gravest possible censure.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: On a point of privilege, we can well understand, Mr. Speaker, a novice who has recently joined this Assembly moving a Resolution of that nature, but I am surprised to see a member of the hon. member's experience - the hon. junior member for St. Joseph - indulging in such unseemly conduct in moving a Resolution which he well knows is out of order just for the sake of cheap politics. I suggest to your honour that that Resolution is contrary to the provisions of the Standing Orders of this Chamber.

Mr. SPEAKER: At this stage, I shall allow no debate on this matter. There is a well established convention of the House of Commons that any Resolution purporting to be a vote of censure of the Chair be proceeded with without undue delay. I have noted the observations of the Hon. Prime Minister on the point of privilege upon which he rose.

I will give both matters full consideration and announce my Ruling at the next meeting of this Chamber. But I would like to say this. I would welcome very much a debate on the subject matter on which two incorrect reports appeared -- or were allowed to appear - in the Press.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

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

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

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

TWO MONTHS' LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR Mr. MOTTLEY

Mr. LYNCH: Mr. Speaker, I beg to ask for two months' leave of absence as from today for the hon. senior member for Bridgetown.

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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

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

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

SOIL CONSERVATION (SCOTLAND DISTRICT) (AMENDMENT) BILL

Mr. SPEAKER: The first Order under Government Business stands in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Andrew, and it is to move the Second reading of a Bill to amend the Soil Conservation (Scotland District) Act, 1958.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, Section 6(3) of the Soil Conservation (Scotland District) Act, 1958 (1958-37) provides that the Soil Conservation Officer, after considering such representations as may be made as a result of proposals put to him, may make such Orders or Order in writing as he may consider necessary to the Act.

It also provides that such Order shall be published and should take effect not earlier than 30 days after publication or such later date as may be fixed in the Order.
3.05 p.m.

The legal requirement that any Order made under Section 6 of this Act must be served on all persons occupying land or owning land in the prescribed area within thirty days makes it very difficult for the Soil Conservation Of-

ficer to carry out his work, and therefore this amendment which we are seeking to the Soil Conservation (Scotland District) Act, 1958, make it unnecessary to serve a notice on every particular individual affected as a result of the Prohibition Orders made under this Act, and all that is necessary for this section of the Act to be carried out is publication in the *Official Gazette*, and notice in one of the weekly newspapers and another paper.

Sometimes you found sixty or eighty people involved in an area affected by the Prohibition Orders under Section 6, and the Government feels that publication in the *Official Gazette* and in the Press is better than approaching sixty, eighty or one hundred persons individually in order to carry out section 6 of this Act.

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

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

Mr. HOLDER: Mr. Speaker, after going through this Bill very carefully, I am wondering whether thirty days is an adequate period of time for an occupant, especially where a home is on the land and the owner is out of the Island. Although notice may be published in the papers in due time, I would like to know what would be the covering issue to control that; and if no one occupies the home, I wonder whether thirty days is adequate time before steps are taken. I know from having read the Soil Conservation Act a long time ago that things are all right; but these are the two points which have occurred to me, and I would be glad to get a further understanding.

Mr. SPEAKER: May I suggest, because of Standing Order No. 40 (2) which reads: "On the order for the second reading of a Bill being called, a motion may be made 'That the Bill be now read a second time', and a debate may arise covering the principle and general merits of the Bill" that on the debate in respect of that particular Section, the matters raised by the hon. junior member for St. James might more appropriately be dealt with when the matter goes into Committee?

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

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Your Honour do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee on this Bill.

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

Mr. SPEAKER: Before the House goes into Committee, may I mention that I have just been informed by the Clerk that the technician has just arrived who may be able to fix the apparatus? It may be necessary for him to conduct himself in such a manner in his operations that it might affect the proceedings in this Chamber. We may let him proceed and if it does affect the proceedings, it might be necessary to suspend the Sitting for a few minutes.

The question that Mr. SPEAKER do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair, and the House went into Committee on the Bill, Mr. YEARWOOD in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and passed.

Clause 2 was called, it reads as follows:-

2. Section 6 of the Soil Conservation (Scotland District) Act, 1958, is hereby amended by the repeal of subsections (2) and (3) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following subsections -

"(2) Subsection (2) of section 2 of this Act shall not apply to the publication of an Order made under subsection

(1) of this section, but instead every such Order shall be published in the manner provided in subsection (3) of this section and shall take effect not earlier than thirty days after the date on which all the requirements in respect of publication have been completed (hereinafter in this section referred to as 'the date of publication of the Order') or on such later date as may be fixed in the Order.

(3) Every Order shall, in addition to being published in the *Official Gazette*, be published twice in one weekly and one other newspaper published in the Island and a copy thereof shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the district."

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Clause 2 stand part.

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

Mr. HOLDER: Mr. Chairman, earlier when I raised this question, I was out of order, and I am thankful to Mr. Speaker; but under Section 2 I am wondering, after reading it carefully, whether the period of thirty days after the notices have been published is sufficient time, especially in certain circumstances, because people may have to move their houses and may not have anywhere to go, and in moving around and looking for somewhere, the thirty days may expire. I am asking if thirty days is adequate, knowing the conditions in getting somewhere to live, I do hope I can get a reply.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Chairman, anyone leaving the island for a considerable length of time leaves his property in charge of someone. The hon. member wonders whether thirty days is enough time, and I would say that it is enough for anyone to get correspondence to any part of the world and back. If any Order is made affecting the person's land, the person in charge should get in touch with the owners of the land, and thirty days is enough time to make any appeal that would have to be made.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Chairman, what I would like to draw to the attention of this House is that some of this land that might be affected by these Prohibition Orders is owned by people some of whom are very old. Whereas in the past a notice had to be sent to each individual owner or occupier, as the case may be, and it was quite easy when these people received the notice by post to take it to a Solicitor or call in somebody to advise them, you will find that in this case these people are now being asked to read the newspaper. We know very well that some of these had land owners in the area affected by this Soil Conservation might read, but do not understand what they read; and they are being asked to go, perhaps, to the Post Office or the Police Station where the notice might be posted, and it is left to them to copy what is posted on the wall. While we might be trying to relieve the Soil Conservation Officer of having to send out notices -- and we realise it is not a question of the postage being paid on these notices -- it is worthwhile considering whether or not we are taking away too much of the rights of these owners just by putting a notice in the *Official Gazette*.
3.15 p.m.

I feel that in this matter, while we might be trying to relieve the Soil Conservation Officer of sending out postal notices, there is no question of any postage having to be paid on these notices, and it is worthwhile considering whether we are not taking away the liberty of people by putting this notice in the *Official Gazette*. I want to say that nobody reads the *Official Gazette*. The *Official Gazette* is hardly read by anybody, in fact, and it is better to put this notice in the newspaper. When you are putting notices in the newspaper, you have to see that such notices are put in the newspaper which the people are interesting in reading. We ought to think over this matter very carefully, having regard to some of these people who may be affected in this particular matter.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, If I were not a lawyer I would not raise this Question. Why is it that the draughtsman of this Section did not do the same thing as is done in the case of substituted service of persons who are

out of the island and who are involved in a law suit? You put the notice in the newspaper as well as putting it at the last known place of abode. Surely that is better. You post this notice in a conspicuous place in respect of a person who is living in the area, but what about the person who lives out of the Island?

The question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: I beg to move, Mr. Chairman, that you do now report the passing of one Bill in Committee.

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

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

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

On motions of Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, the Bill was read a third time and passed, and the title read and agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Mr. SPEAKER: The next order of the Day stands in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Lucy:— To move the House into Committee of Supply to consider the grant of sums of money for the service of the Island.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I am asking leave to take charge of this Order in the absence of the hon. junior member for St. Lucy.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister of Health is asking leave to take charge of this Order which stands in the name of the Hon. Minister of Education, and if there be no objection, leave will be granted. *(After a pause)* There being no objection, leave is granted the Hon. Minister of Health to take charge of this Order.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to move that Your Honour do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair, and the House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. YEARWOOD in the chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE 1966-67 No. 40

A Resolution for the sum of \$40,458 was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, this is a Resolution in connection with several Heads of the Estimates which will be taken separately.

HEAD 10 -- ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

Head 10 - Accountant General - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, under this Head there is a new item -- Item 27 - Extraordinary payments - and the sum of \$1,520 is required. The note sets out that due to an oversight, Mr. Bluck, formerly Regimental Sergeant Major of the Barbados Regiment, was paid through the Crown Agents the sum of \$3,206.94, which was \$1,519 in excess of that which was due to him. It is desirable that recovery of the excess payment should be waived since Mr. Bluck took this additional sum in good faith. The note as to this matter is quite clear and I therefore beg to move that Head 10 stand part of the Schedule.

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

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask whether any attempt was made to tell Mr. Bluck that

he was overpaid, and if so, what reply did he give. I should also like to ask whether the Government considered whether Mr. Bluck is in a position to repay this money; that is to say, whether they have discovered that he is a bankrupt and pauper and they did not worry with it. Just to say what is set out here is sheer nonsense. Many a person, since a mistake was made in overpayment, promptly gives you back the excess amount.

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

HEAD 15 -- STATISTICAL SERVICE

Head 15 - Statistical Service - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, under this Head there are four items. The first is Item 12A -- a new item -- Unestablished Staff -- for which the sum of \$875 is required. As the Note sets out, the sum of \$875 is required to pay the wages of a full-time Cleaner, instead of a part-time Cleaner, for the Department for the remainder of the financial year. The amount of service to be done in the Department has been increased and more cleaning has to be done. 3.25 p.m.

More cleaning is entailed as a result of extension of the office, and now, more furniture and equipment would be necessary owing to the extension. The amount required in this case is \$1,027. I think the note in the Addendum sets out the reason for the Supplementary.

I beg to move that Head 15 stand part.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: I beg to

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

HEAD 17 -- MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Head 17 - Ministry of Home Affairs - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, there are three items under this Head, Item 15, Stationery, is for the sum of \$3,000; Item 20, Government Advertisements, is for the sum of \$10,000 and Item 38, which is a new item -- Coat of Arms -- is for the sum of \$161.

The notes in the Addendum set out the reasons for these supplementaries; but if there is any additional information needed by hon. members, I would be willing to furnish it.

I beg to move that Head 17, Ministry of Home Affairs, stand part.

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

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

HEAD 18 -- POLICE

Head 18 - Police - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, under Head 18, the sum of \$720 is required under Item 58 -- Court. The Addendum sets out the reason for the increase and I beg to move that Head 18 - Police -- Stand part.

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

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

HEAD 19 -- FIRE SERVICE

Head 19 - Fire Service - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, there are three items under this Head, Item 12 -- Equipment and Appliances -- for the sum of \$4,600; Item 17 -- Travelling -- for the sum of \$1,900 and Item 19 -- which is new -- Fire appliances -- for the sum of \$1,881.

The notes in the Addendum set out the reasons for the increase and I beg to move that Head 19 -- Fire service -- stand part.

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

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

HEAD 23 -- METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

Head 23 - Meteorological Service - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, Item 14 under Head 23 is also a new item. It is for Air Conditioning Units for the sum of \$1,070 to purchase two air-conditioning units as recommended by the Government Electrical Engineer. The reason can be found in the notes and I beg to move that Item 14 under Head 23 -- Meteorological Service -- stand part.

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

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

HEAD 31 -- WATERWORKS

Head 31 - Waterworks - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Item 34 under this Head is for Refunds for which the sum of \$300 is required. As the note sets out:

"A sum of \$300 is required to supplement the provision under Head 31 Waterworks, Item 34 -- Refunds. The original provision of \$500 has proved to be inadequate to meet the cost of refunds to consumers due to the increased number of water services installed during the current financial year.

I beg to move that Head 31 -- Waterworks -- stand part.

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

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

HEAD 36 -- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION -- (5) SCHOOLS

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

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Under Item 10 -- Electricity, Water and Gas, the sum of \$5,300 is required.

I think I will give the House some information on this item although it may not be necessary. The school Dental Service has been re-organised and the Mobile Dental Unit is making the service available to schools in rural areas which cannot be properly accommodated at the Health Centre.

The Minister of Education is asking for a supplementary of \$5,300 in order to improve the Mobile Service and to extend the service. In June we had 547 extractions and 577 examinations. In July we had 581 extractions and 471 examinations and in August we had 1,208 extractions and 903 examinations.

Now, the service is to be extended to meet a long-felt need in the schools, and 21 schools in the rural areas are not fully fitted to meet the need. They are only fitted with one-phase current and for the satisfactory performances of this service, it is necessary to provide additional facilities. The first thing necessary will be to extend the current to two-phase current for these schools to be serviced. In other words, the Mobile Dental Unit is not fully equipped to deal with all the schools, and it is for that reason we are asking for this money on the advice of the Government Electrical Engineer so that the Mobile Dental Unit will be equipped to deal with the provisions of the Dental service.

A breakdown of the cost is as follows:-

Manual Labour --	
21 schools at \$167.82 each	\$3,524.22
Barbados Light and Power Co., Ltd., for extending supplies	1,762.86
	\$5,287.08

There are not enough funds and we are asking for this supplementary to give greater facilities to the children in this island.

I beg to move that Head 36 -- Ministry of Education -- (5) Schools -- stand part.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: I beg to second that.
3.35 p.m.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Chairman, on this matter of the Mobile Dental Service, I am going to speak constituency-wise first, and then relate it to the whole island as far as Primary Schools are concerned. As everyone knows, this Mobile Dental Service is of use to children of Primary Schools. Now what happens as far as I have been able to observe, again speaking constituency-wise, is that in the parish of St. Peter there is a Dental Service supplied by Government to children of Primary Schools, and these children have certain days to go to the Clinic in Speightstown for the service - extractions, fillings and what not. The children of the Boscobelle district where there are two schools - a Girls' School and a Boys' School, have a considerable walking distance to Speightstown; children of the Black Bess Combined School also have a considerable walking distance, and children of the Indian Ground district, and children from All Saints Boys' and All Saints Girls' in Mile-and-a-Quarter all walk in order to get there, because, as far as I know, there is no transportation given to these children.

Now I can well appreciate the Mobile Clinic going to Boscobelle and saving children having to walk down or pay their own expenses down and back up to Boscobelle, or similarly with the children of Indian Ground, Black Bess and even All Saints; but the Minister has just told us that just twenty-one schools are to be electrified for the expansion of this service. I would like to know from the Minister, if twenty-one schools are electrified whether it would mean that the service would be carried on in an up-to-date, modern and efficient manner, and how many schools the Mobile Unit would be serving. If you take the parish of St. Peter, as I see it, you may have to wire all the schools with the exception of those in Speightstown, unless the van is going to serve all the others save those in Speightstown. If you enlarge and you consider a parish like St. Philip and St. George where there are going to be many more Primary Schools than in St. Peter, you will see that many more than twenty-one schools will have to be electrified.

I welcome the explanation given by the Minister in that I have the information that the Mobile Unit will not be serving in parishes where there is a House Clinic as in Speightstown. In St. Lucy there is no House Clinic. I do not know where the children of St. Lucy assemble to get extractions and fillings. Maybe they do go to Speightstown. Now it appears to me that unless that unit is going to be working almost every day in the school year - because you cannot find the children during the vacation - more than twenty-one schools should be electrified to serve and accommodate the Primary school population of this Island.

Another question I want to ask the Minister is this: as far as electrifying these schools is concerned, is it going to be done through the Public Works Department or by contract? I want some enlightenment on something that is worrying me as far as these electrification expenses are concerned. Again I hope the Minister has understood me correctly and got my queries clearly. I explained to him what happened constituency-wise in St. Peter where there is a Centre, and where the Primary School population go directly to have dental treatment. I do not think there is one in St. James or St. Lucy, nor do I know that there is one in

St. Andrew; but it appears to me that since I have quoted Boscobelle's two schools, Black Bess' one, Indian Ground's one, and All Saints' two, all out of Speightstown, and presently they have to go to Speightstown and no transportation is provided for them - and I have seen them myself walking through Church Street in their uniforms, both girls and boys of the Primary Schools - and when I think of a parish like St. George, Christ Church and St. Philip, more than twenty-one schools will have to be electrified, or this Dental Mobile Service would have to improve on the number of vans.

I will repeat myself so that the Minister can understand me very clearly. I want to know if the work of electrifying these schools will be given out under contract or if the work will be undertaken by our Public Works Department. I think I have made myself clear to the Minister, and I hope he shows me the courtesy which I think I deserve as a member of this House.

The question that Head 36 stand part was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Head 38 - Ministry of Health and Local Government - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, the Addendum sets out the reasons for the supplementary provision. In one case, and in the other case it is a new item to implement an agreement which has been made with the University Hospital and the Government of Jamaica in connection with the training of Tutors and Administrators in Nursing. \$4,800 represent Barbados' share for the training of Sisters appointed by the Public Service Commission in order to take advantage of this course in Jamaica.

I beg to move that Head 38 - Ministry of Health and Local Government, stand part.

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

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

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that this Resolution for the sum of \$40,458 do now pass.

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

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

On the motion of Hon. C. E. TALMA, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Resolution in Committee of Supply, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

3.45 p.m.

On motions of Hon. C. E. TALMA, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, the Resolution passed in Committee was read a first and second time and agreed to.

RESOLUTION TO VARY CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT OF GRATUITIES TO CONTRACT OFFICERS

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day also stands in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Lucy.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, this Resolution.....

Mr. SPEAKER: I take it that the Hon. Minister is asking leave to deal with this Resolution.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Yes, Sir, I am asking leave to take charge of this Resolution.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister is asking leave to take charge of this Order standing in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Lucy, and if there is no objection, leave will be granted. (After a pause) There being no ob-

jection, leave is granted. The Hon. Minister may proceed with this Order which is to move the passing of the following Resolution:- A Resolution to vary the conditions governing the payment of gratuities to officers appointed on contract as set out in the Schedule to Resolution No. 38/1964, with effect from the 16th January, 1964.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, as the Addendum to this Resolution sets out, Resolution No. 78/1959 provides for the payment of gratuities at the rate of 20% of salary to officers appointed on contract to posts at the normal salaries payable to pensionable officers, on the satisfactory completion of their contract. The conditions governing the payment of gratuities to such officers are set out in the Schedule to Resolution No. 38/1964.

It is proposed to vary the conditions so that the amount of any terminal payment made in lieu of leave may be taken into account in the computation of an officer's gratuity.

That really sets out the objects of this Resolution and Condition (IV) of the conditions set out in the Schedule to Resolution No. 38/1964 is to be replaced by the following condition:-

(iv) The gratuity is payable in respect of the salary paid to an officer during his resident service and of any terminal payment made in lieu of leave on the completion of an officer's resident service."

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND DESIGNATION "VISUAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT" ITEM 92 HEAD 38 OF ESTIMATES TO "SPECIAL SERVICES"

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the hon. junior member for Christ Church:- To move the passing of the following Resolution:-

A Resolution to amend the designation "Visual and Dental Treatment" of Item 92 Head 38 - Ministry of Health and Community Development of the approved Estimates 1966-67 to "Special services" and to amend the note there-to.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, the Senior Specialist of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital has recommended that the service which at present obtains in schools should be extended so that children of all ages can benefit by way of receiving aid. It is intended that deaf children should be assisted at a very early age even before they attain school age, in order to reduce the incidence of deafness. It is for that reason that the Note to this Item 92 is being changed, and the Resolution is now before us so that these services can be extended to such cases. It is proposed to provide for the treatment of deaf children and to meet the cost of hearing aids from this vote. The programme involves the testing and treatment of children of all ages, including the pre-natal child or pre-natal children (which are children before birth), and children at a very early age even before they go to school, in order that the incidence of deafness may be minimised. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, I am in agreement with the principle which brings aid to anyone in this island, especially to those children who, by unfortunate circumstances, are not of the kind of parentage which can make early provision in the cases of children defined in this Resolution. This is an expansion of what presently exists and it is one in which I am in agreement. However, Sir, the Minister has referred to pre-natal children, but the Addendum to this Resolution refers to the children of pre-school age.

3.55 p.m.

I see in the Addendum that it is proposed to provide for the treatment of deaf children and to meet the cost of hearing aids under this vote. The programme involves the testing and treatment of children of all ages including the pre-school child who even when congenitally deaf, can benefit from the use of a hearing aid.

I do not know how you take that to mean a pre-natal child, but that is a stillborn child. I do not know if the Hon. Minister has a file on this, but I do not want to be misled.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: That perhaps might be a misunderstanding. It is, Sir, for children, even the ones who have not gone into schools whether they come from the ranks of the poor or the rich.

Mr. HUSBANDS: The Hon. Minister should be right in what he is saying. I am not in the Cabinet; therefore I want to know what is happening. The Hon. Minister has said that children from pre-school age will qualify whether these children come from the ranks of the poor or the rich.

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

BILL TO AMEND THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PENSIONS ACT, 1961

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the day is Order No. 5 and it stands in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Lucy, the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I am asking for leave to take charge of this Order in the absence of the Hon. Leader of the House.

There being no objection, leave was granted the Hon. Minister.

Mr. SPEAKER: This Order is to move the second reading of a Bill to amend the Public Employees Pensions Act, 1961.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: The Objects and Reasons of this Bill set out that it is proposed that provision should be included in section 16 of the Public Employees Pensions Act, 1961 (Act 1961-47) whereby gratuities may be paid to the legal personal representatives of employees who, while on probation, other than in the case of a first appointment in public service, die in the service after having completed five or more years of service either as public employees, or as casual employees within the meaning of the expression in the Casual Pensions Act, 1961 (Act 1961-44). It is also proposed that such provision should be effective as from the date when the said Act came into operation.

This Bill therefore seeks to amend section 16 of the Public Employees Pensions Act, 1961, to such an extent as is necessary to give effect to the above proposals.

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

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

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

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

Clause 1 was called. It reads as follow.

"This Act may be cited as the Public Employees Pensions (Amendment) Act, 1966."

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I am asking leave that the figures "1966" in this clause be changed to "1967".

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

Hon. C. E. TALMA: With that amendment, I beg to move that Clause 1 as amended stand part.

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

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

4.05 p.m.

Clause 2 was called and passed.

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

On the separate motions of Hon. C. E. TALMA, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, the Bill was read a third time and passed, and the title read and agreed to.

THE CASUAL EMPLOYEES PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1967

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day, No. 6, stands in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Lucy, the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister, and it is.....

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I am asking leave to deal with this Bill in the absence of the Hon. Leader of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: There is a request from the Hon. Minister of Health to deal with the next matter which stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House, and if there is no objection, leave will be granted.

There being no objection, leave is granted the hon. junior member for Christ Church to move the second reading of a Bill to amend the Casual Employees Pensions Act, 1961.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, as on the former occasion, it is proposed that provision should be included in section 15 of the Casual Employees Pensions Act, 1961 (Act 1961-44) to remove the hardship whereby the legal personal representative of an employee may not qualify for the payment of a gratuity on the death of an employee during a period of absence from work due to illness merely because the death took place after the end of the period of sick leave to which the employee was entitled. It is also proposed that such provision and the following provisions, that is to say -

- (a) the employees of the Agricultural Credit Bank and the Housing Authority becoming eligible for pensions and gratuities;
- (b) the service of employees who are transferred from local government service to be taken into account as pensionable service;
- (c) contributions to be paid into the Public Treasury in aid of the pensions of the employees referred to in (a) above;
- (d) defining the expression "continuous service" for the purpose of section 11 in order to clarify the meaning of that expression -

shall be effective as from the date when the said Act came into operation.

2. This Bill therefore seeks to amend the Casual Employees Pensions Act, 1961, to such an extent as is necessary to give effect to the above proposals.

This is merely bringing the Casual Employees Pensions Act in line with the other one which we have just done.

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

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

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

On the motion of Hon. C. E. TALMA, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee, Mr. YEARWOOD in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called. It reads as follows.

1. This Act may be cited as the Casual Employees Pensions (Amendment) Act, 1966.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, again I am asking leave to substitute "1967" for "1966".

I beg to move that Clause 1 as amended stand part.

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

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

Clauses 2, 3 and 4 were called and passed.

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

4.15 p.m.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this Bill be now read a third time.

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

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

On the motion of Hon. C. E. TALMA, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, the Bill was passed, and the title read and agreed to.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (EXPORT INDUSTRIES) BILL

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Lucy.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I am asking leave to deal with this Bill in the absence of the Hon. Leader of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister of Health is asking leave to deal with this Bill which stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House, and unless there be any objection, leave will be granted. *(After a pause).* There being no objection, leave is granted to the Hon. Minister of Health to take charge of this Order, which is: to move the second reading of a Bill to amend the Industrial Development (Export Industries) Act, 1963.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, as the "Objects and Reasons" of this Bill clearly set out,

"Under sections 3 and 4 of the Industrial Development (Export Industries) Act, 1963, 1963-28, the 31st day of December, 1966 is fixed as the date after which no product of manufacture or company may be declared an approved export product or, as the case may be, an approved export manufacturer for the purposes of the Act. This Bill would amend these sections in order to provide for the extension of that date by notification in the Official Gazette.

The Bill also seeks to replace the First Schedule to the said Act by another Schedule including only those countries

which, with Barbados, comprise the Caribbean Free Trade Area. Such provisions would however not come into operation until proclaimed."

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

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

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, the "Objects and Reasons" of this Bill read as follows:-

"Under sections 3 and 4 of the Industrial Development (Export Industries) Act, 1963, 1963-28, the 31st day of December, 1966, is fixed as the date after which no product of manufacture or company may be declared an approved export product....." That does not sound practical. This is language which is unknown to me and I would like to have it translated. It says: "after which no product of manufacture or company may be declared an approved export product or, as the case may be, an approved export manufacturer for the purposes of the Act."

That is not English and I think that the persons responsible should have these "Objects and Reasons" printed in English. I do not think that the Hon. Minister should ask us to accept this and that, and then the motion is moved and seconded and you call this English. I think that the Hon. Minister should tell us how this passage in the "Objects and Reasons" should be read. We cannot say that we understand this because it is meaningless. *(Pause)*

Mr. SPEAKER: Has the hon. member concluded his speech?

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, I will take my seat and let some member of the Government explain this.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, this Government was not elected to assist the hon. member in his comprehension of the English Language; that is a defect of education for which we are not responsible. This passage is couched in English and the hon. member has legal persons, I believe, in his political party and therefore he ought to be advised by them. But, Sir, quite apart from that, the "Objects and Reasons" of a Bill form no part of the legislation which is passed by this House. I beg to move that the question be now put.

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

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

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee on the Bill, Mr. YEARWOOD in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called. It reads as follows:-

"This Act may be cited as the Industrial Development (Export Industries) (Amendment) Act, 1966."

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I am asking that this Clause be amended by changing the figures "1966" to "1967". With that amendment, I beg to move that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

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

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

Clause 2 was called and passed.
4.25 p.m.

*Clauses 3, 4 and 5 were called separately and passed.
The Schedule was called and passed.*

On motion of Hon. C. E. TALMA, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On separate motions of Hon. C. E. TALMA, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

THE VICTORIA EMIGRATION SOCIETY (REPEAL) BILL, 1966

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the day is Item No. 8 standing in the name of the Hon. Minister of Health. It is to move the second reading of a Bill to repeal the Victoria Emigration Society Act, 1897.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, the Objects and Reasons of this Bill set out the reasons for this Bill. It provides for the payment of the funds of the Victoria Emigration Society into general revenue and for the handing over of the records of the Society to such person or authority as the Cabinet shall direct.

For the benefit of some hon. members who really may not have been in here for a long time, I think it is my duty to give a little resume of the Victoria Emigration Society. The Society was instituted in accordance with the provisions of the Victoria Emigration Society Act of 1887 and has existed for almost 70 years for the express purpose of assisting the emigration of poor women who were unable to earn their livelihood in this Island.

The Society was most active in the period 1922-35 when 26 persons benefitted. Since that period, however, only eight persons - the last being in 1948 - have received assistance from the Society. The latest applications for assistance under the terms of the Society was made in 1954.

The Victoria Emigration Society Act provides that an annual grant of \$720 shall be made from the Public Treasury towards the support of the Society. This amount has been provided annually in the Estimates of Expenditure, but no payments have recently been made to the Society since the financial year 1927-28 when it was decided to postpone such payments until the circumstances warranted. The amount standing to the credit of the Society is now approximately \$1,635.06.

It is proposed that the Society's funds should be paid into the general revenue on its abolition.

Hon. members would recall that emigration schemes are conducted out of certain funds which are voted and allocated, and in view of the fact that these emigration schemes should be in charge of one party, there seems to be no reason for the retention of this Society which will have to deal with only one particular phase of emigration. It has been decided, therefore, that this Act should be repealed.

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

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

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

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

Clause 1 was called. It reads as follows:-

"This Act may be cited as the Victoria Emigration Society (Repeal) Act, 1966."

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I am asking leave to amend Clause 1 by deleting the figures "1966" and substituting the figures "1967".

There being no objection, leave was granted the Hon. Minister.

I beg to move that Clause 1 as amended stand part.

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

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

4.35 p.m.

Clauses 2 and 3 were called and passed.

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

On the separate motions of Hon. C. E. TALMA, seconded by Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, the Bill was read a third time and passed, and the title read and agreed to.

THE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1967

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Michael, the Hon. Minister of Trade, and it is to move the second reading of a Bill to amend the Natural Gas Corporation Act, 1950.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, this Bill seeks to amend the Natural Gas Corporation Act, 1950 in order to provide for the appointment of a Deputy Chairman of the Corporation. This is actually to bring the regulations of this Corporation in line with other statutory bodies.

Clause 6 of the Natural Gas Corporation Act will be amended in the following respects: (a) by the repeal of subsection (1) and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:-

"(1) The Corporation shall consist of a Chairman, a deputy chairman and not more than five other members all of whom shall be appointed by the Cabinet;"

(b) by the repeal of subsection (5) and the substitution therefor of the following subsection --

"(5) The Cabinet may appoint any member of the Corporation to be temporary chairman during the temporary incapacity from illness or the temporary absence from the Island of both the chairman and the deputy Chairman;" and

(c) by the insertion in subsection (6) of the words, "the deputy Chairman" immediately after the words "the chairman".

3. Any appointment, whether temporary or otherwise, of a Chairman or other members of the Natural Gas Corporation which was made in pursuance of the provisions of the Natural Gas Corporation Act, 1950, at any time prior to the commencement of this Act shall not be affected by anything contained in this Act.

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

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

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

On the motion of Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, seconded by Hon. DaC. EDWARDS, Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee on the Bill, Mr. YEARWOOD in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called. It reads as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Natural Gas Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1966

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: Mr. Chairman, I am asking leave to substitute "1967" for "1966".

I beg to move that Clause 1 as amended stand part.

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

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

Clauses 2 and 3 were called and passed.

On the separate motions of Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, seconded by Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motions of Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

4.45 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMPULSORY
ACQUISITION OF LAND
MY LORD'S HILL

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I am asking leave to take charge of this Order in the absence of the Hon. Leader of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister of Health is asking leave to take charge of this Order which stands in the name of the Hon. Minister of Education, and unless there be any objection, leave will be granted. *(After a pause)*. There being no objection, leave is granted and the Hon. Minister may proceed to deal with this Order, which is to move the passing of the following Resolution:

A Resolution to approve of the compulsory acquisition by the Crown of certain parcels of land situate at My Lord's Hill in the parish of St. Michael for the purpose of protecting the water resources of the Island.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, as the Addendum to this Resolution sets out,

"The Government has agreed to purchase the plots of land in the above-mentioned schedules which are in the Zone 1 area adjacent to the Belle Pumping Station where building development is restricted, in order to alleviate cases of hardship arising from the declaration of prohibited areas under the Underground Water Control Act, 1951.

As hon. members are fully aware, there is a policy of restricting building development in Zone 1 area adjacent to the sources of supply of the water resources of the Island. This policy has been in effect for some time since 1962, and a statement of this policy was made by the Hon. Minister of Communications and Works in the House of Assembly on the 22nd November, 1962. No formal Order has yet been made under the Underground Water Control Act of 1959. This policy is based on the recommendations of the Water Board acting on the advice of Dr. H. Tullstrom, the United Nations' Consultant. One of the areas affected by this policy for which no planning permission is being granted for the development of land in such an area is in My Lord's Hill which lies in close proximity to the Belle Pumping Station. Prior to the declaration of this policy, a certificate and permission had been granted by the General Board of Health and the Town and Country Planning Officer, respectively, to Mrs. G. L. Eastmond for development by division into lots of certain land at "Vallambrosa" for the purpose of a residential building estate. In order to protect the water supply and in keeping with Government policy, the Cabinet has decided that these parcels of land should be compulsory acquired in the public interest.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS CONCLUDED

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, the consideration of that Resolution concludes Government Business for today.

THE ADJOURNMENT

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, 17th January, 1967, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

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

The question that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, 17th January, 1967, at 2.30 p.m. o'clock, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.

4.55 p.m.