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

PRESENT

His Honour J. E. T. BRANCKER, Q.C., F.Z.S., (*Speaker*); Hon. C. E. TALMA, (*Minister of Health and Community Development*); Hon. J. C. TUDOR, M.A., (*Minister of Education*); Mr. J. W. CORBIN; Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, (*Minister of Trade, Tourism, Co-operatives and Fisheries*); Mr. R. ST.C. WEEKES, J.P.; Mr. W. R. LOWE; Hon. N. 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*); His Honour G. E. SARGEANT, (*Deputy Speaker*); Mr. C. A. E. HOPPIN, J.P.; and Mr. J. B. SPRINGER.

Prayers were read.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS, Mr. St. JOHN, Mr. HUSBANDS, Mr. HOLDER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. HINDS and Mr. LYNCH entered the House and took their seats.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that the Minutes of the Meetings for Thursday, 17th November, and Friday, 18th November, 1966, have, I am informed, been circulated and if there is no objection, they will be confirmed. (A PAUSE)

There being no objection, I declare the Minutes of each of these Meetings duly to be confirmed.

DOCUMENT

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

PAPERS LAID

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

Statement showing Net Customs and Excise Receipts for nine months ended 31st December, 1966;

Financial Statements of the Urban Development Corporation for the period 25th October, 1965, to 31st March, 1966;

The Public Officers Loan and Travelling (Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1966;

The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1967;

The Customs (Amendment) Regulations, 1967;

The Customs (Revocation of Obsolete Orders) Order, 1967.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, I am commanded to lay the following Statements:-

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 30th September, 1966.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Honourable and Learned Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and Minister of External Affairs, I beg to give notice of a Resolution to approve the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1967.

Also, a Resolution to approve the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1967.

Also, a Resolution to approve the rates of salary and travelling allowance payable with effect from 1st April, 1966 to the Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister as set out in the Schedule to the Resolution.

Also, a Resolution to place the sum of \$5,146 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates, 1966-67 Part I - Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1966-67 No. 44 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, with respect to the first two Resolutions - to approve Civil Establishment Orders - these would be circulated to hon. members shortly and I would be asking the House to deal with them in all their stages today.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following:-

A Resolution to approve the guarantee by the Government of the repayment of the sum of \$300,000 to be borrowed by the Transport Board, together with interest thereon, for the purpose of meeting its obligations and discharging its functions.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of a Resolution to place the sum of \$273,808 at the disposal

of the Government to supplement the Estimates, 1966-67, Part I - Current, as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1966-67, No. 43, which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Honourable and Learned Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Minister of External Affairs, I beg to give notice of a Bill to repeal the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration) Act, 1964, and to make provision for revised salaries for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries.

Also, a Bill to make provision in respect of the emoluments appertaining to the Office of Governor-General of Barbados.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of my intention to move the House in Committee of Supply at its next sitting to deal with the money Resolutions of which notice has just been given.

QUESTIONS

Mr. HINDS: To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

1. Is Government aware of the possible retardation in the recovery rate of certain patients, or the increase in the death rate of certain patients at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, due to the fact that doctors attending such patients prescribe diets, but that such diets as may be prescribed are not properly compounded or are not compounded at all?

2. Is Government aware that the Chief Catering Officer attached to the said Queen Elizabeth Hospital is charged or entrusted with performing the functions of a dietitian at the said Hospital?

3. Is Government aware that the said Officer is not a trained or qualified dietitian?

4. Does Government know that this untrained and unqualified Officer undertakes such duties as require the knowledge of a trained and qualified dietitian - not only in respect of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, but also in respect of the Heath Centre at Speightstown in the Parish of St. Peter?

5. Will Government examine the staff structure at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital's Kitchen Department and bring into immediate effect such changes as would improve conditions at this Institution for the benefit of patients and doctors there as well as for patients and doctors attending at the Heath Centre at Speightstown in the Parish of St. Peter?

Mr. HINDS: To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

1. Is Government aware that a patient in Ward A - 1 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital was assaulted and beaten by being cuffed whilst a patient in the said Ward on Tuesday, 10th January, 1967?

2. Is Government aware that an employee on the Orderly Staff at the said Institution has admitted the disorderly conduct complained of by the suffering patient.

3. What action does Government propose taking in the matter with a view to affording Hospital patients protection in the future, from such assaults and beatings as are complained of?
2.55 p.m.

Mr. HOLDER: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Questions --

To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:-

Is the Minister aware of the dangerous situation to pedestrians and vehicular traffic on the road leading from St. Sillas Chapel to Gamble Hill in the parish of St. James due to there being no guard walls where the road crosses a gully?

Will the Minister authorise the erection of guard walls as soon as possible?

To enquire of the Minister of Social Services.

Will Government resuscitate the two lawn tennis courts at the Playing Field at Thorpes Housing Area, upon the spots where the two courts were formerly sited, one for the convenience of the residents of the said Housing Area, and the other for the use of the St. John the Baptist Primary Schools?

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME

On the motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, a Bill to repeal the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration) Act, 1964, and to make provision for revised salaries for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, was read a first time.

On the motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, a Bill to make provision in respect of the emoluments appertaining to the Office of Governor-General of Barbados, was read a first time.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

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

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

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: I shall now give my Ruling in respect of the matter which was referred to me at our latest meeting. It is as follows:-

In accordance with an understanding I gave at the meeting of this House on 10th January, 1967, my Ruling on Item No. 3 "Private Members' Business" on today's Order Paper, standing in the name of the Honourable and learned Leader of the Opposition is as follows:-

That notice of this Motion was given in conformity with Standing Order No. 20: "Manner of giving Notices."

2. That the subject matter of this Motion cannot be dealt with other than by a substantive motion (Standing Order No. 35: "Decision of Chair Final").

Accordingly I do not deem the motion to be out of order.

3. It may be appropriate to observe here that acceptance of this (or any other) Resolution by the Chair does not thereby imply that statements therein contained are true or accurate.

4. It is not, however, my intention to follow the precedent set by one of my predecessors who, on 12th November, 1957, himself presided over the debate on a somewhat similar motion.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, until Your Honour had given this Ruling, it was impossible for this side of the House to formulate its attitude towards the proposed motion. However, in the light of Your Honour's Ruling, it is clear that this is a matter which should be disposed of with all expedition, and in order that this be done, and for His Honour the Deputy Speaker -- who according to the hint which you have just given -- will be presiding over this debate and not yourself -- I think the earliest possible time on which opportunity can be set aside for this debate with respect to Your Honour will be on Tuesday, 24th January. If this is agreeable to the other side, we on this side will accommodate this date, and this will give us time to prepare our own amendment to the substantive motion as well as perhaps afford the Deputy Speaker time to carry out the necessary researches.

I should have said through you, Mr. Speaker, that I should like some indication from the other side whether this date is acceptable to them.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, hon. members on this side do not object to that date, 3.05 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, before we proceed with the Orders of the Day, I must say that I am glad to hear the Hon. Leader of the Opposition say that there is no objection on that side of the House to this date, because we now know that we can proceed with this matter next Tuesday. There is another matter which I would like to mention in connection with the proposed date. It would be helpful if hon. members, in order to be able to debate this matter thoroughly, would have at their disposal the printed Hansard of the meeting of that date, 15th December, 1966, or whenever it was. To accede to this request would mean the printing of the Hansard somewhat out of turn, but in view of the urgency of this matter, if Your Honour would give instructions to the Clerk to get the Hansard printed and published so that we could have it, we, on this side of the House, would be very grateful and I think that would assist the debate quite a lot.

Hon. Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, just to say a word on that, I hope that the Reporters have already transcribed their shorthand notes. It is notorious not only in respect of the last Session but in respect of Sessions of the House for recent years, that the Shorthand Reporters have not been up to mark, that you read things in the *Official Gazette* which were never said, and the English was not always good, if good at all. I hope that the Shorthand notes have already been transcribed and also, if necessary, I would ask Your Honour's Ruling that hon. members of this House be at liberty to see the transcription before it appears in the *Official Gazette*, if it is no breach of privilege of hon. members to ask that.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, we did not want what we would have thought was a reasonable request, to turn itself into an attack on the Servants of this House. I therefore must enter a protest against the hon. member who has just sat down in his attempt to cast some aspersion on the industry of the Reporters of this House. All I asked was that, since it would mean the printing of that particular debate out of turn, the printing of the debate should take precedence. Therefore in respect of the remarks made by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, I would say that there is no intention on my part to cast any aspersions on the work or on the ability of the Servants of this House.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have heard enough from both sides of the House and it is unfortunate that, up to now, we have not got in our Parliament what is afforded other Parliaments, that is, a system by which these discussions may well have taken place between the Whips of Government and Opposition rather than having to take the risk of allowing a debate on this matter. I have noted the observations which have been made and I will act accordingly. But I would like to say this. From my personal knowledge, particularly since I have been in the Chair, any fault for the delays or time lags in the Printing of the Debates of this House is not attributable to the Official Reporters of this House. The fault is not attributable to any one of the three of them.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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

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

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

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Mr. SPEAKER: Government Business is now the instant Order of the Day and the first Item therein 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.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: 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 ESTIMATES 1966-67 No. 42

A Resolution for the sum of \$2,367 was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, this Resolution for the sum of \$2,367 is in connection with two Heads of the current Estimates -- Head 9 -- Ministry of Finance -- and Head 18 -- Police.

HEAD 9 -- MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Head 9 - Ministry of Finance - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, under this Head -- Ministry of Finance, provision is required to supplement Item 22 -- Salaries Revision. It may be recalled that the total expenditure in connection with this Item is \$12,566.08, which is \$200.08 more than what was provided for. Apart from that, an amount of \$236.72 remained unspent from the \$800 provided by Resolution No. 20/1966 to meet expenses incurred by the end of the last financial year. Provision is therefore required for the sum of \$437 to supplement Item 22 of this Head -- Ministry of Finance. I beg to move that Head 9 stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

HEAD 18 -- POLICE

Head 18 - Police - was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, under this Head, there is Item 61 -- Writ Servers -- as the House has been already informed, the decision has been made to meet the payment of the arrears of the additional upkeep allowance of \$5.50 per month due to twenty-four Writ Servers who have been granted loans to purchase motor scooters for use in the performance of their duties. In respect of one Writ Server, the additional allowance of \$7.00 per month has been granted since he uses his own motor cycle. Certain allowances are due to these 24 officers and the provision of \$1,930 is now required to pay these allowances. I beg to move that Head 18 stand part of the Schedule.

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

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

3.15 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I beg to move, Mr. Chairman, that the Resolution for \$2,367 do now pass.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: 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. C. E. TALMA, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Resolution in Committee of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CIVIL ESTABLISHMENT (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1966

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

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER: This Item is to move the passing of the following Resolution:

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

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I think that hon. members would recall that the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) Order of 1966 was an Order dealing with the establishment of various posts under various Ministries. Since that Order was made and the Resolution accompanying it was passed certain errors crept in and hon. members who have the amended Order would be able to follow carefully the amendments which are made.

For instance, under Schedule 1 which deals with the Ministry of Finance, B. Establishments, Item 2, the amendment reads: "Substitute the figure "2" for the figure "1" appearing in the column headed "Number of offices" opposite to the office "Assistant Secretary."

The next deals with 9, Office of the Premier -- A, Cabinet and General -- (ii) Civil Aviation, Item 8, The Amendment reads: "Substitute the code number "L3" for the code number "L7" appearing opposite to the office "Airport Supervisor".

Then, there is an amendment dealing with 24 Ministry of Education -- (i) Headquarters -- Item 4, and the amendment reads: "Substitute the code number "G.5-4" for the code number "G.7-6" appearing opposite to the office "Accountant."

With respect to the Salary scale, this deals with the Ministry of Health (iii) District Services. The amendment reads: "After Item 3, Add --

"4. Housekeeper	L. 5	1
5. Orderly	L. 10	2
6. Cook	L. 1	3
7. Maid	L. 12	3"

Also (vi) Mental Hospital -- Item 10, The amendment reads thus: "Substitute the code number "M. 13" for the code number "M. 18" appearing opposite to the office "Sister".

There is nothing controversial in this, Mr. Speaker, and as I said, hon. members who have copies of the amended Order would be able to follow the amendments.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CIVIL ESTABLISHMENT (TEACHERS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1966

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the day also stands in the name of the Honourable and Learned Prime Minister.

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER: This Order is to move the passing of the following Resolution: A Resolution to approve the Civil Establishment (Teachers) (Amendment) Order, 1966.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Again, Mr. Speaker, hon. members who have the amended Order will see that in this Order are certain things which have been corrected.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GUARANTEE BY CABINET OF A SUM TO BE BORROWED BY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the day is Order No. 4 standing in the name of the Honourable and Learned Prime Minister.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I am also asking leave of the House to take charge of this Order in the absence of the Honourable Prime Minister.

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

Mr. SPEAKER: This Order is to move the passing of the following Resolution:-

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.
3.25 p.m.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, this Resolution has, as hon. members have already seen, to do with the approval which is being sought to the guarantee by the Cabinet of the payment of a loan which the Development Board proposes to make from Barclays Bank in connection with extending a certain amount of development at the Hilton. Hon. members may already have been informed that there is a proposal to extend this development with a shopping arcade on the site, and this is justified not only by the usualness of these things at luxury hotels, but by the fact that the response to local business has been very good indeed.

The Development Board therefore proposes to borrow this sum from a commercial bank subject to the approval of the Legislature, of course, for the purpose of constructing eleven shops at the Barbados Hilton. The usual guarantees in transactions of this sort follow. If hon. members wish further information, I shall of course be pleased to supply it. I direct, of course, their attention to the matter as set out in the Addendum where, I think, there is considerable information and explanation given.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

Mr. St. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, according to the terms of this Resolution, the Development Board decided to borrow the sum of \$160,000 for the purpose of erecting certain shops at the Hilton Hotel. It is stated in this Resolution that it is anticipated that the rents from these shops will be sufficient to service the cost of this loan. What I would like to know from the Hon. Leader of the House is whether any proportion or part of the rents derived from the rental of these shops will accrue to the operators of the Hilton Hotel, be-

cause it seems to me that this is no part at all of the hotel operations, but it is part of the property rental which is being carried on by the Development Board.

The other point I would like the Hon. Leader of the House to inform us upon is this; it seems to me that in the financing of this Hilton Hotel certain sums were expended by the Barbados Development Board, and certain sums were expended by the Ministry of Finance. Now as far as I have been able to check, the total cost of this operation so far to the public of Barbados is in the vicinity of \$ 11 1/2 million. For a long time we on this side of the House have been requesting that the Government lay upon the Table of this House for the information of members of the Legislature a copy or copies of the contract under which this hotel was constructed. As far as I have been able to check, that has never been done; and again, Sir, we can only repeat our request, and we can only repeat what we have been saying all along, that the Government must have something to hide that they refuse bluntly to lay on the Table of this House a copy of the contract in relation to that hotel. It is a reasonable request, and we fail to see why the Government cannot accede to it. We on this side of the House pledge that we cannot give any support to any Resolution dealing with the Hilton until a definite assurance is given that these documents will be laid for the information of members of the Legislature.

Mr. SPEAKER: If there are no other hon. members who desire to speak, the Hon. Leader of the House may exercise his right, if he thinks fit, of final reply.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I do not know, Mr. Speaker, what is agitating the hon. senior member for Christ Church and what is there in this particular Resolution for him to get so heated about. The hon. member must not generate more heat than he can conveniently contain. He asked, I think, two questions, and he will remind me if I have missed any out. He wanted to know first of all whether the Government was getting anything from the proposed revenue of the rentals of these shops in this arcade. The estimated revenue from rental of shops is, I think, \$8,000 per month, which is \$96,000 per annum, and the Government's share of that revenue will of course be two-thirds. The next question which he asked and which is of a different character altogether is to do with his complaint that Government has somehow or other been reluctant in telling this House or the former House much more about the Hilton. Certainly in the last Legislature there was considerable debate on this matter, and there will be certainly more debate on it. The hon. member has the opportunity of the reply to the Speech from the Throne, and of course the Estimates when they are before the House to raise any of these matters, and I am certain that he will be answered fully then. I do not at the moment undertake to answer him on that broad front, because I am dealing not with the Hilton as such this afternoon, but with the Development Board, and if he had given previous notice of these questions, I am sure I would have got the information for him.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS rose.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am afraid there can be no more debate on this matter, because after hon. members had spoken, I looked around the House and waited for any other hon. member to speak, and then I said that if there were no other hon. member who proposed to speak, the Leader of the House might, if he is so disposed, exercise his right of final reply. No hon. member gave any indication or intimation whatsoever, and that right of final reply has now been exercised, and I am afraid I must put the question.

The question that the Resolution do now pass was put and resolved in the affirmative, the House dividing as follows:-

AYES: Mr. YEARWOOD; Hon. J. C. TUDOR; Hon. C. E. TALMA; Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON; Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS; Hon. N. W. BOXILL; Mr. LOWE, Mr. CORBIN; Mr. SPRINGER; Mr. SARGEANT; Mr. WEEKES and Mr. HOPPIN - 12.

NOES: Mr. LYNCH; Mr. HINDS; Mr. CRAIG; Mr. HOLDER; Mr. HUSBANDS; Mr. ST. JOHN and Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS - 7.

3.35 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am informed that twelve hon. members voted "Aye", but seven hon. members votes "No". Accordingly, I declare that the "Ayes" have it. This Resolution has now been passed.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND NOTES TO ITEMS OF HEAD 105 - HOME AFFAIRS - IN CAPITAL ESTIMATES

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day also stands in the name of the Honourable and Learned Prime Minister.

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

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. Leader of the House is seeking the leave of the House to take charge of this Order standing in the name of the Honourable and Learned Prime Minister, and if there is no objection, leave will be granted. *(After a pause)* There being no objection, leave is granted to the Hon. Leader of the House to take charge of this Order which is: to move the passing of the following Resolution:-

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.

The Hon. Leader of the House may proceed.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I do not know if hon. members have conveniently near them a copy of the 1966-67 Estimates. If they do, they can refer to the Capital Estimates Section in the Home Affairs division and they will notice in the note with respect to Item 1 of Head 105, the words "Seawell Airport". With respect to that item, the Government has since decided to site the Rawinsonde Meteorological Station, not at Seawell but at Husbands in the parish of Saint James. Consequently, the explanatory note in which the words "Seawell Airport" appear, as a result of that decision, will be inaccurate. The words "Seawell Airport" are to be replaced by the words "Husbands, St. James". Similarly with regard to Item 2. The original figures were \$25,200. Of course, Item 2 is in connection with the provision for the construction of houses to be rented to non-Barbadian Specialists at the Meteorological Institute as well as the provision of \$12,000 for furniture and office equipment. The symbol, comma and figures \$25,200 are now to be replaced by the symbol, comma and figures "\$204,000". There is, therefore, the substitution of \$204,000 for \$25,200.

Similarly with Item 3. The note there is to read:

"To meet the costs of roads, storm water drainage, administration and main utility services of the Urban Development Project. Includes a revote of \$615,000".

The words "main utility services" are not included in the note to this item as one of the items for which the cost is to be met. It is, however, essential that work should now be commenced for the laying of these particular services. The Resolution therefore seeks to amend the Note in that respect and to provide for the inclusion of these essential services. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS CONCLUDED

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, we have come to the end of the Printed Order Paper. I had intimated earlier

that there were two Civil Establishment Orders and their accompanying Resolutions of which notice was given earlier. They are regarded as being of some urgency. I believe that they have been circulated and I am asking leave for the Hon. Minister of Agriculture to take charge of them. 3.45 p.m.

Mr. St. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, we on this side of the Chamber object to the granting of leave to the Hon. Leader of the House to deal with this matter. Not even a minute ago, this Order was handed to us. It deals with the whole reorganization and the construction of the Ministry of Agriculture, National Insurance and Social Security and we have not been given any time to consider the implications of this matter and to say whether we agree with it or not.

If the Government regarded this as urgent, they would have done their homework and would have circulated this Resolution along with the other matters.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I want to make it clear that the Hon. member is mistaken when he says that he objects to it being taken now. I am not going to ask for leave to deal with it; I am going to move that the Order entitled "The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1967" be the next Order.

Mr. St. JOHN: The Hon. Leader of the House in his opening address said that he was asking leave to deal with the Resolution. Is he saying now that what he said before is not what he intends to do?

Mr. SPEAKER: I gather that there is a request for leave, and that there is intimation that that request would not be granted. I understand the Hon. Leader of the House to say that in view of the intimation not to grant the request that he intends to move a motion to proceed with the Resolution as the next Order of the Day.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I am now making a formal motion that the next Order of the Day is to move the passing of the following Resolution: "A Resolution to approve the Order entitled "The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1967."

Of course, I will deal with the next one after this.

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

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Is the Hon. Leader of the House asking us to accept ex cathedra his statement that he is bringing in something - a motion of which he gave no previous notice that he intended bringing it in - and worse still after objection has been made to leave to deal with the matter, that he is making a motion to deal with it?

What is to prevent you running a Parliament by just sitting down and thinking of something on the spur of the moment and then getting up and saying that "I am going to introduce a motion" and handing to the Marshal copies to share out to us of what you are going to debate? What have we come to? God forbid that I say something that I should not say.

Here are we being asked to deal with something without seeing what it is. I have been most careful since I have been in the House latterly to make a note of the things and the times that they have been put before us. If some hon. members think that the use of the word "latterly" is wrong, it means "recently", "a month ago."

Here is the position, Mr. Speaker. The first Resolution was handed to us five minutes ago. As I said, I have been most careful to make a note of the things and the times that they are put before us. I do not even look at my own watch for the time. The second one was handed to us not even a minute before the Hon. Leader of the House spoke and we are asked to deal with the matter by way of a motion when there is objection to leave being granted. How can you resort to an offhand notice of a motion to deal with this matter?

Mr. St. JOHN and Mr. HUSBANDS rose.

Mr. St. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, speaking on the motion...

Mr. SPEAKER: I ask both hon. members to resume their seats.

Mr. St. JOHN: Mr. Speaker.....

Mr. SPEAKER: I am not precluding the hon. member from speaking. I am asking the hon. member if he would await me for a short while. I have made no ruling yet.

(After a while)

Mr. SPEAKER: In respect of this particular matter, the Hon. Leader of this House gave notice of his intention to ask for leave to deal with it and later on, a short while ago, he formally moved a motion to deal with the Resolution. There was a dissentient voice to the granting of leave.

According to Standing Order, 24 (1) "A motion or amendment to a Bill may be withdrawn, at the request of the mover, by leave of the House or Committee before the question is fully put thereon, provided that there is no dissentient voice. A motion or an amendment to a Bill so withdrawn may be proposed again provided that, in the case of a motion, notice as required by these Orders is given." 3.55 p.m.

According to Standing Order No. 24, provided there was no dissenting voice, a motion or an amendment to a Bill may be withdrawn by leave of the House or Committee before the question is fully put. In respect of Standing Order No. 25 "Dispensing with Notice", "Notice shall not be dispensed with in the case of a motion or in respect of any other proceedings for which notice is required except with the consent of the Speaker."

I would also point out that certain Standing Orders have been suspended - six of them - but not No. 19, and in view of the short notice which has been given to all hon. members to peruse this Resolution, I do not give my consent for it to be dealt with now.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I accept your ruling in respect of the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) Order, No. 2, but I now beg to move that the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) Order, No. 3 be the next item under Government Business.

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

Mr. St. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, again we must take objection on this side of the House. Our objection, Sir, is that according to Standing Order No. 20 (3) notice must be given of at least one day in the case of a motion like this. We have just this minute received these papers which deal with the setting up of the whole department of National Assistance and National Insurance. We have not on this side of the House had sufficient time to study it, and we feel that in view of the importance of the matter, we should be given an opportunity as is customary to study it.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, speaking on the motion to deal with this Resolution, I should like to state that the reason.....

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: On a point of order.....

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion before the House which has been made is that this Order be the next Order of the Day. That is what I understand is the motion.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: That is what I am speaking on, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER: May I point out that the situation in respect of this motion is that notice had not previously been given one day before, but the Hon. Leader of the House again intimated that he would be asking for leave of the House. When he asked for leave again, as I understand it, the Hon. and Learned member for Christ Church objected,

and I am informed that copies of this Resolution, also like the other, have just a very few minutes ago been circulated. I regret that I cannot for the same reason as I gave earlier give my consent. It might have been otherwise if the notices had been circulated at the beginning of this meeting, and I would have felt that there was a more reasonable time for them to be considered.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, again we accept your ruling. This side of the House, you see, intends to uphold the authority of the Chair.

Now, Mr. Speaker, by your leave I beg to move that Standing Order No. 19 be suspended for the remainder of today's Sitting.

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

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: One of the most discreditable things that any man.....

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is out of order. The Clerk is not at the Table and the motion has not been put to the House.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: The hon. member has boasted over that side that he is a better speaker than some others, and specified myself.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order....

Mr. SPEAKER: Will both hon. members kindly resume their seats?

Now under Standing Order No. 19 - "Notice of Motions" - "unless the Standing Orders otherwise direct, notice shall be given of any motion which it is proposed to move with the exception of the following:-

10. a motion for the suspension of a Standing Order put with leave of the Speaker."

I am afraid I cannot give leave for the suspension of a Standing Order that is only for the specific purpose of dealing with certain matters of which hon. members said they are not adequately apprised, and in respect of which they receive their copies, I would say, not more than ten minutes ago. May I point out that it would be quite a simple matter in view of what has been alleged to be the urgency of this matter for us to meet tomorrow. It would be perfectly in order.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: As Your Honour pleases, Mr. Speaker, I accept your ruling again.

This concludes Government Business for today, and I now beg to move that this House do now adjourn until 10.30 a.m. tomorrow.

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

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member had asked us to come at midnight or one, two or three o'clock, we on this side of the House would have been prepared to come in order to do the right thing and keep the Standing Orders.

Now I crave your indulgence, speaking on the motion for the Adjournment, to make a personal explanation. When Your Honour pointed out that in effect I was out of order speaking after the Minister spoke in a previous debate, I was not speaking on the motion. I was merely replying to something which we could not have known had happened. The Hon. Leader of the House said that if any questions were asked on the Hilton Hotel debate, he would give the answer, and he got up and said that information would be given at Budget time.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: The hon. member is out of order. If he wishes.....

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the Hon. Leader of the Opposition appreciates as I understand it, that the motion for the Adjournment is not as it was, as I said, in the old days when he and I were on the floor of the House, but I think he has made his point and he is now merely elaborating. The point is well and duly made.

4.05 p.m.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: In order not to appear to be wrong, I merely made a personal explanation which I could have made on Your Honour's Ruling, but I did not prefer to make it at the time.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member made a personal observation arising out of something which he has said.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10.30 o'clock. Hon. members who are of that opinion will please say "Aye", but hon. members who are of a contrary opinion will please say "No". Methinks the "Ayes" have it. Accordingly, this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10.30 o'clock.

4.05 p.m.

