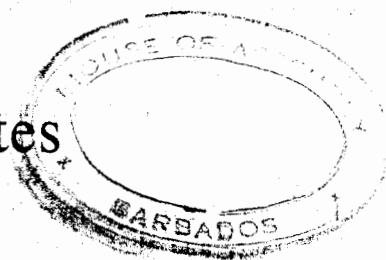


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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 5th September, 1967

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

PRESENT

His Honour J. E. T. BRANCKER, Q.C., F.Z.S., (*Speaker*); Mr. L. E. SMITH, J.P.; Hon. C. E. TALMA, (*Minister of Health and Community Development*); Hon. J. C. TUDOR, M.A., (*Minister of Education*); Hon. G. G. FERGUSON, (*Minister of 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*); Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, (*Minister of Agriculture, Labour and National Insurance*); His Honour G. E. SARGEANT, (*Deputy Speaker*); and Mr. C. A. E. HOPPIN, J.P.

Prayers were read.

MESSRS. SPRINGER, HUSBANDS MOTTLEY, HINDS, Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS and Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS, entered the House and took their seats.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I understand that there are no minutes available for confirmation. Unfortunately, due to the temporary indisposition of the Clerk, I am not aware whether there are any Notices.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask leave to lay papers later in today's sitting.

As to Government's Notices, they are not immediately available, and I should like to ask permission to give Notices later at today's sitting.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES

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

WHEREAS this House has noted with disgust the withdrawal of the bus service from Bank Hall Road, via Whitepark, to Bridgetown;

AND WHEREAS it may soon prove expedient for Government to re-route and make connections for people from the North of the Island wishing to do business at the Southern end of Bridgetown, the Fairchild Street Market, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Government Headquarters, Tweedside Road and thereabouts;

BE IT RESOLVED that, now the rainy season is fast approaching, the Government be asked to re-introduce or connect such services that would give ease to the travelling public especially from the North.

Mr. YEARWOOD entered the House and took a seat.

QUESTIONS

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

Now that a responsible authority on Sugar has pointed out the advantages that could accrue to Barbados' Sugar Industry of Barbados seeking associate membership of the European Common Market, will the Government take open direct negotiations with the European Economic Community with a view to applying for such associate status?

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the Minister of Communications & Works:-

1. Is the Minister aware that the road leading through Rock Hall, St. Andrew, has been impassable to traffic for over nine months, and that the inhabitants of the district are having the greatest possible difficulties in travelling in and out of the said area?

2. If the answer to the foregoing is Yes, will the Minister cause the necessary repairs to be carried out without further delay?

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE
PRESENTED

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider and report on what pensions, if any, should be paid to Members of Parliament and Ministers of the Crown, past and present.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am advised that this Report was presented on the 15th August, but due to the delay in the Government Printery, copies of this Report are only available for circulation to hon. members for the first time this afternoon.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to make sure that the Report has been printed in truth and in fact, and that when members have copies in their hands they would be convinced that the Report has been laid.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am grateful to the hon. member.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out an error in the Report. I made two appearances, but I see that there is only one recorded.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will endeavour to have that rectified.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I am asking leave of lay papers at this stage.

Mr. SPEAKER: In the circumstances, the hon. member may proceed.

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

Barbados Statistical Service - Quarterly Digest of Statistics No. 39 - December, 1966.

The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 10) Order, 1967.

The Customs Duties (Trailers for Transporting Crawler Tractors and Machinery for use in the Sugar Industry) Order, 1967.

The Property Insurance (Scheduled Statutory Bodies) Order, 1967.

The Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Regulations, 1967.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

A Resolution to place the sum of \$5,971 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates, 1967-68 Part I - Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimates, 1967-68 No. 18 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

A Resolution to give effect to the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 10) Order, 1967.

A Resolution to place the sum of \$16,450 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates, 1967-68 Part I - Current - as shown in the Supplementary Estimates, 1967-68 No. 19 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.
2.55 p.m.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of a Resolution to adjust the rate of interest chargeable to the Barbados Marketing Corporation in respect of loans of certain sums of money from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of a Bill to provide for the imposition of an Airport Service Charge on persons travelling out of Barbados from Seawell Airport; for the collection of the imposed charge and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of my intention to move the House into Committee of Supply at its next meeting to consider the Money Resolutions of which notice has just been given.

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice that the Replies to Question No. 84, asked by the hon. senior member for St. Thomas is now ready;

Also, Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 64 asked by the hon. junior member for St. Peter;

Also, Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 48, asked by the same hon. member, is now ready;

Also, Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 58, asked by the same hon. member is now ready;

Also, Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 59, asked by the same hon. member is now ready;

Also, Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 60, asked by the same hon. member, is now ready;

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice that the Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 11 asked by the hon. senior member for St. Peter, is now ready.

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME

On motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, a Bill to provide for the imposition of an Airport Service Charge on persons travelling out of Barbados from Seawell Airport; for the collection of the imposed charge and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith was read a first time.

ACCESS ROADS TO FACILITATE PEASANTS

Mr. SPEAKER: It is now Question Time. I am advised that the reply to Question No. 11 is now ready.

Mr. K. N. R. HUSBANDS: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

1. Is Government aware that the results of a survey conducted by the Highways and Transport Department relating to the need for providing access roads to facilitate peasants in getting their agricultural produce from field to factory have not been implemented?

2. Will Government re-double its efforts in this direction with a view to providing such access roads as the survey entailed?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, the replies are as follows:-

1. No, Sir!

2. Does not arise.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Will the Hon. Minister tell me whether it is true or not that the officers of the Highways and Transport Department did not examine the roads of the parish of St. Peter with a view of finding out if there was any possibility of providing access roads for peasants?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, I really did not hear what the hon. member asked.

Mr. SPEAKER: Let the hon. member repeat.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Would the Hon. Minister inform me whether it is true or not that officers of the Highways and Transport Department did not make visits, at least to the parish of St. Peter, with a view of finding out if there was any possibility of providing access roads for peasants?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: As far as the cutting of these access roads are concerned, I would say that I was almost responsible for it. I have visited a place known as Gay's, St. Peter. There are other places like Back River, St. Andrew; Springvale, St. Joseph; Sugar Hill, St. Joseph; Hopewell to Chalky Mount, St. Andrew; Shorey Village, St. Andrew; Corbin's Village, St. Andrew; Mount All, St. Andrew; Goodmans Hill, St. Andrew; Cambridge, St. Joseph; Whitehill to Friendship, St. Andrew; King's Street leading to Brimstone Road, St. Andrew; Cocoanut Grove, St. Joseph.

Those are the places where we went around looking for cart tracks; but as far as the question by the hon. senior member for St. Peter is concerned, the answer is "No". The Highways and Transport Department did not carry out any survey in St. Peter.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Will the Minister tell me if these sites have been visited with a view to providing access roads?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: I visited all those places looking for cart tracks.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, since the answer is "No", I will put another supplementary Question. Does the Government intend to provide access roads to facilitate peasants at least during the reaping of their cane crop?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: If the hon. member will look into the Estimates, he would see that provision is made for the specific purpose of making cart track roads. Therefore, Sir, I do not think the question which the member has just asked is pertinent.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Sir, apart from the inability of the Minister to answer, does the Minister intend to redouble his efforts of constructing cart track roads with a view to expediting the supply of access roads for peasants generally?

3.05 p.m.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, I think that this is the last answer I will give the Hon. Gentleman. It is not the duty of my Ministry or the Government to walk around asking people what cart tracks should be cut. It is the duty of the people concerned to apply to the Ministry to have these cart tracks cut, and the Ministry will investigate the matter and find out whether it is possible to do so, then the Ministry will arrange to have the job done.

I should like to remind the Hon. Gentleman that before this Government came into power cart tracks were nothing new. What happened to the cart tracks which were in existence several years ago?

GRADUATES AT HARRISON'S COLLEGE, ETC.

Mr. SPEAKER: Question No. 48. Notice of this Question was given by the Hon. junior member for St. Peter.

Mr. HINDS: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

1. What is the ratio of graduates to pupils in Harrison's College, Queen's College, Lodge and Combermere?

2. What is the ratio of graduates to pupils in (a) the remaining Government Secondary or other Schools, (b) Independent Schools?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member will ask another question while I look for the reply, I shall be glad.

SPRINGER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Mr. Speaker: Question No. 60 standing in the name of the same hon. member.

Mr. HINDS: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

1. Is it a fact that some 300 children receive instructions under the trees at Springer Memorial School?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, why is it so; and how does the Minister propose dealing with this matter?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, the reply to Question No. 60 is as follows:-

1. Approximately 250 children at the Springer Memorial School are not normally seated in classrooms. Some of these are accommodated on the covered ways which are exceptionally wide, while others form classes out-doors where ample shade is provided by a group of Mahogany trees. During inclement weather all of the pupils are taught indoors.

2. The cause of this is the extraordinarily rapid growth of the school due to the build up of population in the Pine Area.

Provision has been made in the Capital Estimates 1967-68 for twelve additional classrooms, a Science room and extra toilet facilities at the school. It is expected that work will commence shortly, but, meanwhile, temporary arrangements are being made for accommodating the pupils during the construction of the additional classrooms.

Mr. HINDS: I wonder whether the Minister can tell us whether the arrangements are different from the previous arrangements?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: The hon. member can, perhaps, indicate the arrangements to which he refers.

Mr. HINDS: I refer to the arrangements which the Minister spoke of in his reply.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: It is proposed to house, during the coming year, 250 children at "The Eyrie" while the construction of the new classrooms is going on.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I should like to ask the Minister and Leader of the House, in view of the fact that notice of this Question was given on the 13th June, whether the ex-Minister okayed these answers, or the present Minister of Education?

Mr. SPEAKER: Question Time has just expired. Supplementary Questions have been exhausted.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

THE WEST INDIES HOSPITAL FUND LIMITED (REPEAL) BILL

Mr. SPEAKER: We will resume the debate on the second reading of a Bill to repeal the West Indies Hospital Fund Limited Act, 1964.

On the 29th August, 1967, the Hon. Leader of the House was speaking when Government Business

was called. Does the Hon. Leader of the House seek to continue? He may do so now.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR bowed to the Chair.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I really did not intend to speak on this Bill; but, listening attentively to the Hon. Leader of the House last Tuesday, I observed he was trying to point out that the members of the Opposition did not make out a case for this Act to be repealed. Anyone outside of this House, last Tuesday, on reading what the Hon. Leader of this House said, would really think that the members of the Opposition are puppets.

Now, Sir, so far as this Bill is concerned, we were told that the people were prepared to pay \$500,000 for a licence; the tickets would not be sold in the Island or to the people in Barbados because they would be too expensive and the small man in the street would not be able to buy them. We were also told that, if the Barbados Turf Club could make out a case that through the sales of these tickets or through the operation of this Company it lost money, the Company had agreed that the Barbados Turf Club should be subsidised. The Company also assured the Hon. Premier at that time that the Barbados Turf Club would be subsidised if it caused it to lose money.
3.15 p.m.

Now, Sir, I understand that this Company failed to pay up the necessary amount of money to the Government - the amount of money which should have been paid up. If that is a fact, what more case would the Opposition have to prove? The case has been proved. These people agreed to pay \$500,000 for a licence; they also agreed to subsidise the Barbados Turf Club and we had to subsidise the Barbados Turf Club not long ago. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister what has become of the subsidy from this Company after we had to subsidise the Barbados Turf Club. It shows plainly that the Barbados Turf Club was breathing its last. Who is responsible for it? Is it the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited? Is it bad management or what? I do not know what it is, but I know that we had to subsidise the Barbados Turf Club, and these people had agreed to subsidise it. Is that not a case having been properly made out, that rather than repealing this Act somebody should be locked up? To repeal this Act is not sufficient. These people have fooled us - or rather they have fooled the Hon. Premier at that time, because the Premier assured us that this Company would work well. They had so much money at their disposal, something like \$10,000 million American! These figures are too big for me, and the Directors are big shots. In Grenada they have a different name for them; in Grenada they call them big wheels. It was on the Premier's assurance that we voted for this Bill, but I had my doubts from the beginning. I can remember saying that these people are not going to sell tickets here or they are not going to trade with the people here, and why should they pay \$500,000 as a start and then 20% of the winnings? I can understand their paying 20% of the winnings; they have not paid out anything, so that they should have

said that they are paying 100% of the winnings. I am wondering if the \$500,000 for the licence has been paid. Last Tuesday the Hon. Leader of the House told us that we have not made out any case. Well, I have to make the people know that I have sense. These people have fooled my people here. I cannot blame the Premier because \$500,000 is a good piece of money. (Mr. SPEAKER: The Prime Minister.) I am speaking about the time when the Bill was passed: we did not have a Prime Minister at that time. (Mr. SPEAKER: The then Premier.) Sir, I was making the point that \$500,000 is really a good catch, and the then Premier caught at it. He thought that he was catching at something and they fooled him so as to rob us.

The Hon. Leader of the House says that a case has not been made out for the repealing of this Act, but if a case has not been made out, what has happened? It makes me think that hon. members on the other side are encouraging this thing. It will make me think small towards my very conscience. Here is a Company coming into our island and making handsome promises - I believe that they heard about the promises made by the D.L.P. in 1961 and they said: "If we do the same thing; we will get through too." They made such wonderful promises to subsidise the Barbados Turf Club and yet we had to subsidise it. They would not pay the money into the Inland Revenue Department and we had to put our hands into our pockets to do what they had promised us to do. I do not know how the Prime Minister is thinking about this Bill. I would be glad to hear him speak on this Bill, because as soon as I begin to quote some of his speech here, I am wondering if he will vote for this Bill. Really, Sir, I am in sympathy with him; but if he had listened to me at the time, we would not be discussing this Bill now. We understand that Jamaica did not want these people, and if Jamaica did not want them, why should we want them? Barbadians have more sense than Jamaicans.

3.25 p.m.

I remember saying during the time that we were discussing this matter that this sounds too good to be true. I remember some people saying that the then Premier was a very hard man when he stuck out that these people must pay this sum. I said so, and I went on further to say that the only way they could get around it was for them to come back and say that they are not getting what they expected and ask us to reduce it. Part of the time when I was speaking the then Premier was not listening to me. I am sure if he did, the name of Barbados would not have been spoiled by these robbers. I say "robbers" and I mean that they are wholesale robbers, because people now cannot get their winnings and the Government cannot get its taxes.

I remember that there was a time when I owed some money to the Revenue Department and I had to go to them with my cap in hand and ask them to give me a chance. I did not want the people of Barbados to think that inability to pay is any dishonesty. I had to go to the Revenue Officer and agree.

What is happening now with these people? Not one of them has been locked up yet or hauled before a Police Magistrate. If you cannot get these people, hold on to the Manager or the Assistant Manager. If you cannot hold Joe, hold Jack. Do not let us take it sitting down and allow these people to get away with murder.

Sir, I do not want to tire the House with much talk. As a matter of fact, I am not in a talking mood today. But, Sir, this is part of the speech of the then Premier:-

"The Barbados Government has nothing to lose and a lot to gain. The employment figure is in the vicinity of 200 persons, and there is an indirect taxation on the wages and salaries. The Post Office has a considerable amount of revenue to be derived from an operation of this kind in this year. By 31st March the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited, which will be registered in Barbados, will pay into the Treasury the sum of \$500,000 as the fee for the operation this year. The implications of this, of course, are quite fantastic: if this operation develops, unorthodox although it may be in the field of financing - I do not make any promise in this year, but - in future years there may be quite a let-up in the incidence of taxation if we can get substantial revenue from sources such as this. We must not forget that in these undeveloped countries we have to make tremendous concessions by way of the remission of import duties, tax holidays and actual borrowing of money at high rates and lending money at low rates to encourage industrialists to come down here. We guarantee concessions to pioneer industries so that we can try to expand employment in industry. We have to face what is one of the paradoxes of 20th century capitalism: the infra structure is not as highly developed as in the countries which need expansion, and those are the countries which have to make the sacrifices."

Well, Sir, quoting now the words from the Big Wheel, when we heard the Hon. and Learned Prime Minister on the floor of this House telling us how the money is going to roll in from this company should we vote for it - but at the time I still was a bit unhappy because I felt it sounded too good to be true. I know now that it is not so rosy.

Now, Sir, I do not want to be too long in my speech; I want to see how hon. members on the Government side are going to vote on this Bill. I want to see what they are going to tell the people of this country. I want to see if they are going to vote to keep the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited Act on the Statute Book. I know the Hon. Prime Minister is not going back on what he said. He is a lawyer, but he cannot get around this.

After all, these dishonest people came to him and not only fooled him, but fooled others. I am saying that he was fooled. He wanted money to run the country and he accepted this offer. However, he should not allow the members of his Party to vote to keep this Company in this Island any longer. Of course, it will make my path easy and give me something to tell the people, if hon. members on the Government side

do not vote for the Bill to repeal that Act. I would prefer that they do not vote for this Bill than to vote for it. However, it is not fair.

Sir, another matter which I have to deal with is the Barbados Turf Club. When the Hon. Premier, as he then was, was hitting out, it reminded me of the days when he was in Law Courts working as a Counsel.

He said:-

"The only matter which I have to deal with is the Barbados Turf Club. I know the Barbados Turf Club has a very strong lobby in this Chamber, a traditional lobby, the same lobby that would be opposed to peaceful picketing, the same lobby that would be opposed to increasing Workmen's Compensation, and the same lobby that was opposed to the setting up of an Oil refinery in Barbados and so on, and you can go through a long list of matters. The sole rationale of the existence of those members in this Chamber is to lobby against progress in anything which is not confined to the operations of a limited few vested interests in Barbados, and so they will come up now to say that you are going to kill the Turf Club, and that people cannot afford to buy these tickets and buy Turf Club tickets too. Fortunately, I think they had better go and get their instructions from the Turf Club.

3.35 p.m.

"They have had plenty of opportunity since the introduction of the Bill by the Hon. Leader of the House, and they will find that the Turf Club has had meetings with the West Indies Hospital Fund Directors and they reviewed the situation in which the Turf Club might stand to lose. The Hospital Fund has actually guaranteed prize money to the Turf Club to the tune of \$25,000, and in addition to that they have given an undertaking that if the Turf Club can during one quarterly period or otherwise establish that their earnings have dropped, the West Indies Hospital Fund will actually subsidise the Turf Club to that extent in addition to the \$25,000."

Now, Sir, when one hears this, all the people have to do is to make out a case for another \$25,000. The Turf Club people will be glad to get free money. These are the words of our Leader. That is why I say that we are being robbed. Good money is going around.

He also said:

"I do not know whether to say that we on this side of the House have the privilege or misfortune of having an owner of racehorses in the person of one of the young Ministers — The Minister of Social Services — because no matter which Government is in power, the Minister of Social Services always happens to be a tamer of horses — although another Minister of Social Services has assured me that the highest prize money which is given out by the Turf Club is in the vicinity of \$2,000 or \$3,000 as compared with \$25,000."

I want to see how the Hon. Members on the other side of the House will vote on this Bill after I have

spoken. I want to know if they do not know a thief when they see one, or a robber when they see one. I want to make it as simple as possible. They want to pay \$25,000 for a single race, Mr. Deputy Speaker! He went on to say:

"What I can foresee is that if you can pay \$25,000 for a single race, you will be able to attract to Barbados the best possible type of horses."

I agree with him that we should attract good horses.

He continued:

"— and the people from Demerara, from Trinidad, from Jamaica, from Puerto Rico and elsewhere will be given an incentive to send these high-class horses to Barbados; so, if anything, to establish this Fund from the assurances which they have given me and — I do not know whether you call it the Committee of Management or Stewards, but anyhow to the governing authority of the Barbados Turf Club, indicates that the operation will actually enhance the Barbados Turf Club both in sweepstakes and race meetings, rather than detract from them in any way."

That is what we were told in this House whilst the Hon. and Learned Premier was dealing with the Bill. He is a great pilot; down here as well as in the air. One of these days I want to go in the air with him.

He continued:

"The last question with which I should like to deal Mr. Speaker, is the question of whether Barbadians would be able to buy these sweepstakes tickets. The tickets are at very high cost because they will be in the vicinity of \$3 U.S. which will be \$5.10 at the current rate of exchange. The point is that the average Barbadian could not afford to pay \$5.10 for a single ticket; so what are we to do? Are we to do like the people in Puerto Rico in respect of casino gambling where they have prohibited any local residents from taking part? My answer to that would be "No". We cannot say that we are running a national lottery for the Barbados and West Indies Hospital and at the same time say that it is such an iniquitous thing or so socially undesirable that our local inhabitants should not take part. Once we get over the objections about the diversion of revenue from the Turf Club to this fund, we are faced with this difficulty that we cannot restrict the operation to countries outside of our shores. It would be immoral to do so, in my opinion, because we would be asking people in the United States to subscribe to the idea of a West Indies Hospital Fund, and at the same time saying that our own people cannot take part in it. Although it is illegal in the United States, some tickets may find themselves in the United States and they take taxes when you win. This is a specified market; it is a \$10,000 million market, and its promoters are Americans and Canadians with one or two local directors and advisers, and therefore it would be immoral to say our people

cannot take part in this. It should be a perfectly legitimate and above-board operation."

3.45 p.m.

Now, Sir, as to this \$10,000 million market, he says that it would be a perfectly legitimate and above-board operation. Why should we try to stop the progress of Barbados if we had voted against this Bill? This would be a first class market. The Premier went on to say this:-

"What the directors of the company have assured me is that their tickets will not be available locally. It is a different thing altogether; but this will not prevent - and I am speaking now off the record - an agent in Mexico or Jamaica from having a mailing list and mailing tickets into Barbados, but the promoters themselves, since they are after an overseas market, have their agents all organised and listed and they are all outside Barbados; so you cannot walk into the office of the West Indies Hospital Fund and say you want a book of \$5 tickets, but there is nothing to prevent you from getting your tickets mailed in from outside. They do not want to go into direct competition with the Barbados Turf Club by the encouragement of the sale of these tickets locally in Barbados, but the Barbadians can purchase these tickets if they get them from an agent outside. The amount of prize money involved, at least once a year, will be \$1 million U.S., but there will be several prizes three or four times a year in the vicinity of \$200,000 U.S., and this is a big attraction which this Sweep is going to have over the Irish Hospital Sweep. They have all the experience of the Irish Hospital Sweep behind them, and I have no doubt that if the House gives this Bill its support, it is bound to be a success and will redound to the benefit of the Treasury of this Island.

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

Sir, that is the speech of the Prime Minister. That is the speech of the then Premier piloting this Bill through the House, and yet the Hon. Leader of the House told the public last time that the Opposition has not made out a case for throwing away this Bill. That would make me believe that the Hon. Leader of the House is in favour of this Bill. Anyhow, I have this debate and I will care it. I am going to take down the names of all who voted for this, because we were fools. (Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Tell him to start writing now). Mr. Speaker, do you hear the hon. junior member for St. Thomas interrupting me? That is an offence and I would be glad if you would bring the hon. member to his senses at once, because really big men are not to bring their wrong doings outside. Now, Sir, I could keep this House here until tomorrow morning, but now, let me give a brief summary of my own speech on this Bill. I knew what I was saying. These people could not fool me so quickly. I do not know what got into the then Premier to let them take him for a ride. I am wondering if the Directors of this Company are females.

Now, Sir, this is what I said on this Bill:-

"Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have but very little to say on this Bill because I am not a wholesale gambler, and therefore I know very little about this Bill. However, Sir, as far as I understand from the Hon. Premier, he has said that before these gentlemen start to operate this company they will have to pay the sum of \$500,000 by way of a licence. That seems to be very sweet, Sir, and I would only say that it is too good to be true...." This is my speech. They can go to the Middle Temple and all the Temples in the world, they cannot throw me off. I have my commonsense. If I were a Minister in the Government, this would not have happened. I would tell my Premier that this is too sweet. This is what I went on to say:-

"That seems to be very sweet, Sir, and I would only say that it is too good to be true. That is only the insertion of the thin edge of the wedge. Taking for granted what the Hon. Premier has said, that it was drawn to his attention that he was making a very hard bargain on these gentlemen, that would make me feel that the only way in which those gentlemen could convince the Hon. Premier or try to get him to back down, would be to offer him the amount for which he was asking regardless as to whether they will be able to realise that amount or not. If the Hon. Premier has advised that this is a very hard bargain, then you would not want anybody to tell you what the position was between these people and the Premier.

I have in my hands, Sir, this amendment which is to be added to the Bill and the side note reads: 'Governor-in-Executive Committee may prescribe minimum price for tickets.' This new Clause which is to be inserted as Clause 17 reads as follows:-

'The Governor-in-Executive Committee may by order published in the Official Gazette prescribe a price as the minimum price at which any ticket or chance in any lottery or sweepstake organised, controlled or conducted by the Company may be sold and any person who sells or offers or exposes for sale any ticket or chance in any such lottery or sweepstake at a price below such prescribed minimum price shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.'

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I just want to say this: if we had agreed with the passing of this Bill when the Hon. Minister introduced it on the 17th December, 1963, this Bill would have been passed without this Section having been inserted. That only shows us that it takes some time to study a Bill of the sort, and the Hon. Premier should not press or try to have this Bill passed today without thinking it over more seriously again because some other points might well creep up."

That is my speech and I only want to convince hon. members that I seemed to know what was happening.

3.55 p.m.

Really and truly, these people are real tricksters. I am aware that they tricked my Hon. Prime Minister because he believed them to be true then in

whatever they said. What did they say? They said that two hundred people would be employed. I do not know how many are employed today. They said all these things and they fooled the Hon. Prime Minister. I will not at this time blame him for one moment because he was trying his best and the worst turned out.

If hon. members on the other side vote that this Company carry on this business in this island, I will not forgive the Hon. Prime Minister because the managers of this Company failed to put up the money. For the last two years all that we have had is bad debts.

The people who made up the last Estimates were so sure that we were not going to get anything from this Company that they have put all scratches in the place of figures. Believe me, Sir, I have not heard that Mr. Batchelor robbed anybody in Barbados. He has not fooled my Prime Minister, but he was not allowed to stay here. These people should be outside of the Island long ago. I saw Mr. Batchelor. I think I met him and he did not look to me as a thief. If he could not come here to a nice little country like this, why should these people still be allowed to stay here?

They promised to subsidize the Barbados Turf Club but have failed in their promise. Something should be done about these people. I want to know from the Hon. Minister in charge what is going to be done; what is going to happen? As I have said just now, if you cannot hold a Big Wheel, you better hold a little one.

This is not good enough for this little country of Barbados. I would be glad for the \$500,000 they agreed to pay into the Treasury. I want the money. There are a lot of houses to be repaired. There are a lot of people who need their houses moved to Lammings. I want the money but not so.

I said:

"Mr. Deputy Speaker, I just want to say this: if we had agreed with the passing of this Bill when the Hon. Minister introduced it on the 17th December, 1963, this Bill would have been passed without this Section having been inserted. That only shows us that it takes some time to study a Bill of this sort, and the Hon. Premier should not press or try to have this Bill passed today without thinking it over more seriously again because some other points might well creep up.

"I am sure that if on the 17th December the Leader of the Opposition had agreed with the Hon. Introducer on this Bill, it would have been passed without this Clause, which shows that the Government went into it again; so if they give us a chance, we may be able to raise points with which they might agree if it is sent to Select Committee. I understand, Sir, that these tickets will not be sold on the street, but may be posted here. How is this Government to know how many tickets have been sold or who are the winners? I suppose Government may not know if it has come to the Island at all, because if tickets are posted to me and I sell a winning one, I am going to do like the old

man. When the young man wrote home to the old man for his daughter, he told the girl to put up the letter as if she were putting up a dog licence, because in those days you never paid for your dog; so you had to be very careful in putting up your licence; would adopt that attitude if I sold a winning ticket. If tickets are posted to me and I am going to make a drawback. I would not disclose it. What would be the position of the Government if the Company does not care to disclose it? The Premier should state what will be the position if these people after paying \$500,000 at the start come back and say they have not sold the amount of tickets they expected and have therefore lost money, and they are therefore asking you to allow them to reduce the price on their tickets since they are too high in Barbados.

"Mr. Deputy Speaker, I know that these people will be doing very little business with the typical Barbadian if the tickets remain at \$5.10. The price would be prohibitive, and they would never be able to compete with our local Turf Club at that price, and if they do not make money to suit the expenditure of \$500,000, they will come back to you. If they even sell the first prize in Barbados, how is Government to know who are the winners? Here in Barbados you have tickets sellers along the street, and the local Turf Club makes its returns. In other words, we take it they have given us a true and correct report of their winnings because they are our own people; but as hon. members have said, these people have been refused in Jamaica. If that is true, there must have been some reason. If you are leaving it to a person to make returns on himself in the dark, and he does not make the money that he expected, he is going to make his expenses, losses and profits to suit what he has to pay to Government and that is why the Government should allow this Bill to go to Select Committee.
4.05 p.m.

I said at the time:

"That seems to be very sweet, Sir, and I would only say that it is too good to be true."

I appealed at the time to the present Government to permit the Bill to go to a Select Committee. At the time I could see how the people were planning to rob us. I believe that they came here to negotiate with the Hon. Premier and they wore dark glasses. Whenever a man is going to trick you, he puts on dark glasses. I wonder whether the Hon. Premier really negotiated with them, or if he allowed his Deputy to handle the matter at the time. If he told me that he did not deal with it, I would believe him because he has brains; he is an economist, and you cannot take an economist for a ride very easily.

I said further:

"If the Government is thinking that the Hospital is going to make \$1 million more"

Sir I was pointing out to the House at the time that the Hon. Premier was watching the dollar bills. He wanted to spend more money than the last Gov-

ernment. The last Government could not encourage people to come here and rob us; so they had to spend what they had. This is what I said at the time;

"If the Government is thinking that the Hospital is going to take \$1 million more to run and this is an opportunity to help offset that expenditure, I am wondering if this company did not come and make such a nice offer to Government what would happen with this new Hospital when it opens. I am wondering if they have not made provision already for this \$1 million to start with; but it seems after listening to the Premier that they are relying on this money to help in the Hospital. I do not know if he told us that to get us to agree with the Bill right away, because he knows we are in sympathy and would like to see the new Hospital start off, and so telling us that would encourage us to support it. From the remarks I have heard about having to look for money to equip the Hospital and to do this or that, I can only say that this Government is a gambling Government, and is going to get the money for the Hospital by gambling; I think the hardest has been done and that is to get it in the air and get it started. I thought that by now they would know where they are going to put their hands on this \$1 million, but I can clearly see that they are waiting on these people to get it. They may be able to get the first \$500,000, but I am sure they would not get the second portion in haste."

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I said that in my speech. You will know how I feel today since the project has flopped. I was pointing out what was going to happen, but, like everything else, I did not have sufficient ability or sense to tell the legal men anything. Perhaps it is felt that Smith is a sort of monkey; he does not know what he is talking about. The people had \$10,000 million! When I get up in this House and tell Hon. Members that I know my "stuff" they want to laugh at me. There is nobody to tell me that I know my "stuff", so I will have to tell you myself. This has proved it.

I went on to say:

".....these people are business people and are not going to run a business for the fun of running it. If they get the first \$500,000 all well and good; but they will not get another \$500,000 if the sale of tickets and the business being carried on in Barbados is to do everything. In my opinion they offered the Premier this \$500,000 to agree to this operation, but I will only believe it when the Premier draws it or it is paid into the Treasury."

That is what I said at the time, but up to last Tuesday I was told that the money was not paid into the Treasury. How can I believe that! I also said:

"I feel that they are going to ask this Government to allow them to reduce the price of the tickets because, definitely, \$5.10 per ticket would prevent them from making a good business of this thing. That price is too much for one ticket when you can pay 50 cents for one of our local Turf Club sweepstake tickets and probably draw a prize of \$4,000 or \$5,000.

"I will also like to say that I know that if you send the tickets out by post, you may not be doing a good thing because sometimes there is the possibility of money getting lost by way of post or, maybe, the sellers of tickets may forget to post in time for the particular drawing and the money would have to wait until the next draw, if it goes at all. If you allow these tickets to be sold on the streets, well, the sellers will be making a living by selling them, and I would be able to buy my ticket and put it down and have a chance of winning and then, again, the Government would have a greater chance of collecting from the winners here. But posting them to A and B is another thing because B may receive his tickets and he may sell them but, as I said, the money may get to its place of destination too late for the particular drawing, if it does go at all.

4.15 p.m.

"We, Sir, are pinning ourselves to too many chances and there is the likelihood that the Government would not be getting the amount of money which has been promised them. This is what I would like to find out from the Hon. Minister. We must have the assurance that if West Indies Hospital Limited applied to you to be allowed to reduce the price of their tickets, at least, to the same figure as our local sweepstake tickets are sold, you will do something about it. This would be a very serious matter if that happens.

"This is a book of tickets for the December, 1963 draw. It is from Malta."

The DEPUTY SPEAKER asked: "To what is the hon. member referring? I would ask him to pass it on to the Clerk of the House."

I said: "Sir, I will pass it on to the person who passed it to me. To strengthen my argument, speaking under correction, the Hon. Minister of Social Services contradicted the Hon. Leader of the Opposition who said that the Government of Malta does run sweepstakes."

The hon. senior member for Christ Church said this: "Mr. Deputy Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think the Hon. Minister of Social Services has been misquoted. He referred to the Irish Government and not the Government of Malta."

I went on to say this: "If I misquoted the Hon. Minister, I apologise for doing so. Anyhow, Sir, I will go on to make my point. We have to be very careful, especially in passing laws of this sort, because we have to protect our local people. In other words, we were told all over the place: 'Buy Local: Support Local.'"

When it comes to having such nice words in proper form coming from our Hon. and Learned Premier relative to this Bill, I was so unhappy that I took it upon myself and I went to the Barbados Turf Club and took up the matter with the Manager. I said to him: "I am very unhappy and I want to know from you if this company is going to affect him." He said: "Mr. Smith,

I do not think so because they have agreed that if we lose money, they are going to subsidise us, and they are going to give us more money still; so I do not think so." I felt very much ashamed when I got that from the gentleman, and I had to leave. I was doing my duty to my country. Since then, since I had to vote money to subsidise the same Club, I took up the matter with Mr. Lewis and I told him this: "I thought you had an arrangement made between your directors and others that this Company would not cause you to lose." He said: "Mr. Smith, these people fooled us. They said it would not affect us, that they would subsidise us." It was not only the Premier and I who were fooled, but the Manager and Directors of the Barbados Turf Club were also fooled by these people. I am anxious to see how hon. members on the other side are going to vote on this Measure. I have tried to read back the speeches made on the original Bill in order to convince the entire House how the wind was blowing. Although the Hon. Premier said that Barbados has everything to gain and nothing to lose, I still say that these people should have been out of the island long ago. I am still wondering if they are here, but taking it from the hon. senior member for St. Michael some Tuesdays ago, I think that they are still here. If they are not paying out the winnings, what do they expect? The people in the outside world would think that we are encouraging these people here to rob them. That is why I am saying that they should be out of the place. I do not know why the Hon. Leader of the House was so strong in their favour last Tuesday. He said that we have not made out any case. I am wondering if he will say so now when I sit down. He is an intelligent man; he has ears, he can hear and I do not think that I talked any foolishness this afternoon, even if that could be said some other time.

I want to save the good name of Barbados. I was in Grenada, and if you saw how the people looked to me, you would have thought that I was the Prime Minister. I do not know if I will be able to get a chance to go up to Expo '67, but I believe that it would be the same thing. Barbadians are respected throughout the world and we must live up to that and thereby set an example. I can remember that in a particular parish in which I was canvassing, when I was going through a district, some people said: "We cannot use you." As long as the jacket of the particular candidate was, they cut it short. Well, we cannot use these people and therefore we must keep them outside.
4.25 p.m.

We cannot use these people. I am telling you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that I was going through a certain district talking until my mouth began to twist and the people in that district told me "we cannot use you." So I am saying that we cannot maintain the dignity of Barbados if we use that Company.

One must be proud of his country. I am proud to be a Barbadian and I would like to see my Government and my people live up to that. I said in here that we ought to live together in unity and do the work of the people. This is not the time for us to cut the throats of each other. Cut-throat time will come again.

Are the hon. members on the other side letting me know that what they are going to tell their constituents is that they are going to encourage robbers in Barbados by voting for this Company? I cannot see for the life of me nor have I heard any one of them say anything today, apart from the Leader of the Government, to convince us that we should not vote for this Bill to repeal the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited Act.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: By Standing Order No. 18 (6) this is now time for Government Business.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER left the Chair, and Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Mr. SPEAKER: The first Order of Government Business stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House and it is to move the House into Committee of Supply to consider the grant of sums of money for the service of the Island.

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

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 1967-68 No. 17

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, this sum of money is needed to supplement Head 21 - Establishments Division - to provide furniture and equipment for additional staff provided by the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 9) Order, 1967.

The House would remember that it approved a few weeks ago this Civil Establishment Order. The provision here is for the purpose of providing additional furniture.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I would like to ask the Hon. Leader of the House whether the Establishment Officer would continue in the same Department in which he is now or whether he would be transferred to another Department?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I am afraid that I do not understand the question. If the hon. member would be good enough to repeat his question I would be glad.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: This is for additional furniture. I would like to know whether the Establish-

ment Officer would be remaining in the same place where he is now or would he be transferred to the Department which he has been transferred to now.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that I am in a better position to answer the question - if it is capable of being answered - I will try to do so. As I understand the question, you asked if the Establishment Officer would be transferred to another department.

I would like to say that this Establishment Department is like any other Government Department. They are all Departments of Government. You have to provide for the Head of the Department if he is going to take over a new Department or if he is going to another Department.

If I try to read any sense in the question at all, the hon. member asked if this Officer is going to be moved from the office which he now occupies. Again, if the Ministers of the previous Government used to spend any time in their ministerial offices, they would understand what happens when a Department or Ministerial office changes place and somebody goes upstairs and somebody has to come down stairs.

This sort of thing goes on almost monthly. Sometimes a whole Ministry moves out of the place it was occupying. In every single case not only everything is taken out and new things have to be put in the new office. It therefore stands to reason that we do not carry an infinitesimal of surplus furniture.

In every single instance, you have to come to the House whenever you want additional furniture. I hope that answers the question by the hon. member.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Did I understand that neither physically or notionally is there any question of transferring officers from one place or post or situation to another?

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Any order to transfer an officer from one place to another is something for which we need to have a Civil Establishment Order. 4.35 p.m.

The person who is the senior official on the staff side of the Whitley Council is the same person as the Civil Establishment Officer. He is the same person who is traditionally, dealing with conditions of service, pensions and matters of that kind. If he is designated as Head of the Civil Service, it does not mean that he is not the Head of the Department.

Having worked with the hon. member for several years I can almost think ahead of him. This is not a post in the Civil Establishment at all. This is a responsibility allowance paid to the officer designated. Therefore whether it is a Civil Establishment Officer, Training Officer, Chief Personnel Officer, Financial Secretary to the Cabinet or a Permanent Secretary of External Affairs, it involves no Civil Establishment at all. He is not changing his job as Civil Establishment Officer.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: If no Civil Establishment Order is necessary, then how can the Hon. Prime Minister defend the fact that this House has to be asked to pay the additional salary?

Hon. E. W. BARROW: I want the hon. member to understand, and I apologise in advance, that people only understand the things with which they are familiar. The Hon. Leader of the Opposition gets a special allowance. As a matter of fact, the Hon. Minister and Leader of the House also gets a special allowance, and neither of them is on the Civil Establishment. Whenever we want to pay a responsibility allowance, we have to come to the Legislature to get approval for this allowance. There are several posts which are not on the Civil Establishment, and we have to come to this House in order to get approval to pay the allowance.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Since when did the Hon. Leader of the House or the Leader of the Opposition become Civil Servants? What sort of nonsense is that? Here is a Civil Servant being paid as a Civil Servant. From what the Hon. Prime Minister has said, I would be inclined to think that the officer would come under Civil Establishment.

I must say that the Hon. Prime Minister has made an explanation for the first time, and we are grateful for it. However, if he is making an explanation, he should give us a full one.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: The hon. member says I am making an explanation for the first time. It is only recently I realised I was dealing with people with the mentality of children. I thought that all of these things were clear to people who entered this Chamber as representatives. I have found out that they do not understand the first thing about the Public Service, and it is necessary for me to make an explanation.

The question that this Resolution do now pass 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 motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

LAW REVISION (MISCELLANEOUS REPEALS) BILL, 1967

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I think this House will recall with respect to Order No. 2, that the Bill has been sent to a Select Committee. The Committee is still meeting, and they will be at least one more sitting. It is hoped to be able to make a report to the House next week.

I do not propose to proceed with Order No. 3 at this stage; therefore I beg to move that Order No. 4 be taken.

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

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

OVERSEAS SERVICE AGREEMENT
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1967

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order of the Day is Order No. 4 which stands in the name of the Hon. and Learned Prime Minister: Second reading of a Bill to amend the Overseas Service Agreement Act, 1963.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, in 1963 the Legislature agreed to the extension by Barbados of the Overseas Service Agreement. This is a device whereby Her Majesty's Government pay an additional allowance to officers who are recruited at the request of the Commonwealth Overseas Governments where there is a shortage or a complete absence of applicants for posts in the territories concerned. These officers are paid an inducement allowance and they have other perquisites added to their emoluments, which will normally be paid by the Government for which they work. This matter has already been passed in this Legislature and has been in operation for a period of four years.

4.45 p.m.

Recently Her Majesty's Government pointed out to the Government of Barbados that there was a certain provision which the Government of Barbados had partly complied with. We did not comply with the Agreement as it was originally drafted. There are in this island very few designated officers; I think that there are less than five at the present moment. The provision which is now being inserted in the Agreement is one whereby the Government of Barbados would pay the cost of passages back to the United Kingdom on certain occasions of the children of designated officers who are being educated outside of Barbados, so that the children can visit their parents at certain times and the passages are reimbursed to the Government of Barbados. We did not agree that this should be an additional burden on the Government of Barbados, and the United Kingdom Government has at last agreed to reimburse these passages. As far as this Government is concerned, there is no additional burden or obligation at all in the Bill which is now before the House to amend the original Overseas Service Agreement Act, 1963-12. I beg to move that this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I had some difficulty in understanding the Prime Minister when he was introducing this Bill, because it seems to me that he was suggesting that somewhere Barbados was not carrying out this Agreement. Now, he is presenting a Bill which does not call on Barbados to do anything at all, but it imposes a financial burden on the Government of the United Kingdom. It may be that I am approaching this matter from a relatively simple stand point. On the face of it, a Bill which introduces a clause stating that the Government of the United Kingdom will reimburse the Government of Barbados

the aggregate costs of providing for such passages, seems to me to be going outside the normal function of Barbados. What I cannot quite gather from the Prime Minister's introduction is at what stage this amendment to the Agreement will take effect. Is it that the United Kingdom has always been willing to pay for the passages of the children of these designated officers who work here, but the Barbados Government has not been taking out this money? Is this something new? If for the last four years the children of designated officers who were working here on agreement with the Government have not been given leave passages back to England, that is a serious matter. If it is that the Government of the United Kingdom has not been paying these passages, then it should be the Government of Barbados behind the United Kingdom, and not the other way around. I appreciate that since it is only the Agreement which is amended and it says in the Bill that the Agreement is hereby amended by the insertion of this Clause 3A, the fact that this Bill imposes a charge on the United Kingdom is not of so much importance because it is assumed that the United Kingdom has passed this Clause in their Agreement. I hope that the Hon. Prime Minister will give an assurance that he knows that this Clause is part of the British Legislation. The burden of our argument is that we find it very hard to understand what the Prime Minister is getting at. I hope that he himself understands it and will give the explanation in his reply.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I cannot be responsible for any defect in understanding on the other side, but it is one of the occupational hazards that one has to be extremely patient. I will go around from A, B, C, back to Low Primer. Barbados makes a provision whereby the Government of the United Kingdom will reimburse the Government of Barbados of one-half the cost of one visit per year of each child who is going to school outside of Barbados. If I understood the way in which these things are done, especially where there is a particular type of officer, they have their own Trade Unions and they pressurize the Commonwealth Relations office that they want certain amendments made to the conditions of service. That is all between the United Kingdom and the designated officers having signed an Agreement in 1962 which was ratified by the Legislature in 1963. That is the limit to which we are prepared to go. The United Kingdom Government claims that they could only recruit officers where the conditions are better than what we agreed to in 1963. They would like their children to go back to the United Kingdom twice a year instead of once a year. If they go once a year, Barbados pays one-half of the cost. That will be found in paragraph 2 (b) of the Agreement. We say that they could go back twice a year or even three or four times a year, but we are not paying for them. We feel that we have good schools in Barbados and intelligent teachers in some of them, and we are prepared to allow their children to go to our schools provided that they can pass the screening test.

4.55 p.m.

They said that in order not to lose face. They said, "let the Government pay the Leave Passage in the first instance and they will pay it back."

Since it does appear in some way to modify the agreement which was previously made between the Government of Barbados and the United Kingdom Government, we thought it best to come back here and allow hon. members to know the position, so that you would know the attitude that we are taking in giving increased inducements to any of these designated officers, their wives or children.

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

On motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. G. E. TALMA, 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. The Overseas Service (Barbados) Agreement, 1962, set out in the Schedule to, and ratified and confirmed by, the Overseas Service Agreement Act, 1963, is hereby amended by the insertion of the following clause immediately after clause 3 —

"3A. If the Government of Barbados provides for the children of designated officers, who are being educated outside Barbados, return passages in addition to the passages referred to in Clause 3 of this Agreement, by such means, routes, and classes of accommodation and in accordance with such conditions as may be specified in the manner provided by that clause, the Government of the United Kingdom will reimburse the Government of Barbados the aggregate costs of providing for such passages."

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I beg to move that Clause 2 stand part.

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

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: The Hon. Prime Minister in his explanation of the Bill said that the Overseas Service Barbados Agreement Act was not functioning as efficiently as it should have been; hence the need for the Bill.

If the Prime Minister reads Section 2 (b) he will see that there is nothing in that Section which says that the Prime Minister of Barbados must of necessity pay one half of the passage of the children. It says that the Government of the United Kingdom will in accordance with such procedure as may mutually be agreed between the said two Governments, reimburse the Government of Barbados the following sums: (b) one half of the aggregate amount paid by the Government of Barbados in providing for designated officers the passages referred to in paragraph (c) of Clause 3 of this Agreement.

What I am suggesting is that it is not necessary to have this amendment in the Bill at all. If you read the Bill, you will see that if the Government of Barbados provides for the children of designated officers who are being educated outside Barbados return pas-

sages in addition to the passages referred to in Clause 3 of this Agreement, by such means, routes, and classes of accommodation and in accordance with such conditions as may be specified in the manner provided by that Clause, the Government of the United Kingdom will reimburse the Government of Barbados the aggregate costs of providing for such passages.

If you read the Agreement, it is clear from Section 3 (c) that any agreement reached between them, as far as the Government of Barbados is concerned, can surely be reached without legislation.

When I heard about children, I really expected to find something in the Act about children leaving schools. I cannot find under the Act anything about a child maintaining under the Overseas Service Agreement Act. This Section which we are discussing mentions children, but is this Bill necessary?

I am glad that the Hon. Prime Minister has quoted Clause 3 of the Agreement. He is showing the good sense which is expected of Barbadians. I do think that speaking on the Second reading I asked the Hon. Prime Minister to indicate to us if there is corresponding legislation in the United Kingdom and if this Clause is part of that corresponding legislation. I would defy any legal draftsman to say that on the whole the Overseas Service Agreement is not functioning. 5.05 p.m.

When did the Prime Minister enter into this Agreement? At what stage was it decided that it was a necessary item for amendment? Did any children have their passages provided for, and is this merely a question of ratification? These are the things I should like to know.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, we have to exercise the same amount of patience that you exercise here. No lawyer or legislator is supposed to be able to carry all the laws of Barbados or the subsidiary legislation in his head. If the Hon. Member had been here in 1963 he would have known that legislation was laid on the Table, and all members of the Legislature received copies of the Regulations which provided for passages for children.

The Hon. Member quite rightly said that it is not mentioned in the Bill, but I can assure him that he will find it in the Regulations. If he will look at Regulations No. 29 he will find it. I am familiar with it, because I had to deal with the matter during the past six months. There is nothing illegal about the matter; I do not sign documents unless they are authorised by the Cabinet and subsequently by the Legislature.

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

Clause 3 was called and passed.

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

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

THE ADJOURNMENT

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, this brings to an end Government Business for today. I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, 12th September, 1967, at twelve noon.

The reason I have moved the adjournment is that, subject to the completion of Government Business, the next time we meet on Tuesday I propose to move a motion for the summer recess for several weeks. In order to do this, and since we will have more Government Business next Tuesday than we have had today and in order to take care of outstanding Private Members' Business which is on the agenda will be dealt with.

I must, however, warn the House that if we do not conclude Government Business next Tuesday, in order that we may not have to come back again, the sitting of the House will be suspended until Wednesday.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I had expected a better excuse for moving the adjournment as early as a quarter past five, after having started at 2.30 p.m. If we are to adjourn for the recess, we should endeavour to get through as much of the Order Paper as possible today. Private Members' Business was deliberately curtailed by moving the motion to adjourn the House to Tuesday next, 12th September, 1967, starting at 2.30 p.m.

Government Business starts first, and we cannot do enough Private Members' Business. One would imagine that, after manifest signs on the part of the Opposition of being willing to co-operate as much as possible in order to get through the business of Parliament - one would have expected some consideration from the Government so far as Private Members' Business is concerned. The Government should see that this is done.

The very fact that the Leader of the House tells us that we are going to have a recess next week means that all of our questions and motions will be held up. This is a scandal. You ask a question in June and a reply is given in September. The answer could have been given a week after it was asked, according to the nature of replies given to us. Several weeks pass and then we get an answer; meanwhile questions accumulate, Private Resolutions accumulate and so on.

I should like to remind the Leader of the House that there are certain motions affecting Your Honour, and Your Honour knows that matters of this sort should be dealt with forthwith. It is a serious thing for the Government to hold up for several months a motion of censure against the Speaker without bringing it to this House for debate. We will go into recess, and the matter will not be dealt with. Worse still, the debate on the Financial Statement on The Budgetary Proposals has not yet been dealt with.

I do not know whether the Prime Minister will say anything this afternoon about these matters. *(Interruption)* To draw a comparison between the members on the Government side and the members on this side of the House is to compare a cab-horse with a race-horse. I suggest to the members of the Government - it is only a suggestion, and we are not the Government - that they should not use their numbers to stop now. I would prefer to have an adjournment of this House instead of that incorrect phrase which is being repeated by suspending the work of the House from one day to another. It is manifestly absurd. Instead of doing that, we should go on now for a few more hours and get rid of that mass of Private Members' Business. It is the duty of Parliament to complete these matters.
5.15 p.m.

As the hon. senior member for St. Joseph said this afternoon, sometimes we rejoice to see Government members making such obvious blatant mistakes, because it is ammunition for us; but in the interest of Parliamentary Government, we would rather that that did not happen. What Government could think so little of their reputation as to let the public know that they despise the Opposition? They treat us as if we did not exist. It is somewhat significant that there is no newspaper in this island which has not had cause to draw to the attention of the Government that we have reached a stage when the Government's treatment of the Opposition is such that there is no longer any Parliamentary democratic Government. It is the rule of tyranny and dictates of one man, the Prime Minister, whom his colleagues are afraid to stand up to. However, Sir, let them give us ammunition; let them give us votes; but occasionally let them remember that they live to repeat it.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that this House....

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS and Hon. E. W. BARROW rose to speak.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. senior member for St. Thomas caught my eyes first.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, one thought that the Hon. Leader of the House was willing to get the replies for which he was looking. We do not always have the Prime Minister with us, but he is here today. There is an unfinished reply; the Hon. Leader of the House was not able to find the replies so that we could make full use of them. If the Government is anxious to discharge their side of Parliamentary functions, surely the Hon. Minister is also anxious to give answers to such questions as are asked. This sitting of the House has lasted for about three hours and is it that the Prime Minister is anxious to get away? He comes into this House to answer questions and now he is anxious to get out of it! It takes less than an hour to answer questions which Civil Servants can get ready for them.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, my only purpose in rising now is to get the record straight. Any experienced parliamentarian amongst us will know that there is no substance in the allegations which

have been made for propaganda effect by members on the other side of the House. The Standing Orders of this House ordain that Private Members' Business should be taken at 2.30 p.m. of the clock at each sitting of the House. Sometimes when there is a relatively short Order Paper, the House is adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m., on a particular day, usually, a Tuesday; and after Notices are taken, we launch into Private Members' Business. Therefore Private Members' Business will be curtailed by some twenty minutes. Next Tuesday is the last sitting of the House and we have suggested that we should meet at 12 o'clock noon instead of 2.30 o'clock p.m. so that there should not be any twenty-minute curtailment of Private Members' Business. We came in here in December 1961, and as hon. members of the Opposition previous to that time would know there was one period of 2 1/2 years in which no Private Members' Business was allowed to be done in this House at all, and I will bring the record next Tuesday and establish that as a fact. When you talk about dictatorship, no Private Members' Business was allowed and the hon. senior member for the City was protesting as well. If we meet at 2.30 o'clock if the Order Paper is not full enough, they accuse us of dictatorship because we have fledglings coming in! You can say that Mr. Manley is the most dishonest person that you have ever met in public life and the people will lap it up! It is on record that the hon. member has said that Mr. Bustamante is a village idiot and therefore he calls him a dictator. We suggest that we meet at 12 o'clock noon in order to ensure that we accord them their time, because they are bleating like sheep and lowing like oxen, because they do not get their time. Whenever a Ruling which they find unpalatable to them is given, you find them bringing Censure Motions, that we should observe parliamentary democracy. Do not let us think that we can fool all the people all the time. As a member of the then Government Party I was not allowed to do Private Members' Business, let alone members of the Opposition. That was the case for 2 1/2 years, although I made recommendations to my Government which was then the Government in office. You can only talk about dictatorship because you have dictatorship on your brain like water, but we have been too congenial with these butchers that we have to deal with in Barbados.

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, —

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. Prime Minister concluded the debate. (ASIDES)

Mr. SPEAKER: Let there be order. (After a pause) I have been advised that the motion was moved by the Hon. Leader of the House and the hon. senior member for St. Peter may proceed. (Cheers).

Mr. HUSBANDS: Mr. Speaker, I will restrict my remarks to the motion for the adjournment of the House. I will say this: I would be glad if the Government would oblige members on this side of the Table to get through with any Private Members' Business which is still being debated. That is reasonable. 5.25 p.m.

For one thing, I do not think it should be left to the whims and fancies of the Government to take the House into the aspects of the hot season. The month of August is the hottest month of the year. Why should we come here and sweat it out in here? Things should be released to every member irrespective of party. I am speaking for the back-benchers of Government as well as members of the Opposition.

Now, the hon. member made one or two allegations. There was the remark that when he was a member of the Government of Barbados, he was denied the opportunity to debate Private Members' Business. The hon. member may be right; but if he wants to be right, do not just say so.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I said that I did not have the opportunity. The hon. member was in the Chair because on that occasion when I tried to debate the Workmen's Compensation Act, I was stopped by the Speaker.

Mr. HUSBANDS: The Hon. Prime Minister seems to have a bee in the bonnet. On that occasion, I made a Ruling and that Ruling is on record in here. I would go as far as to say, with regard to that Ruling which I made then, that if Your Honour had to make a Ruling on that matter now, you would have made a Ruling.

Sotto voce remarks by Hon. E. W. BARROW.

I heard a *sotto voce* remark that "it seems as if he is drunk".

Mr. SPEAKER: Hon. members are not to take any notice of *sotto voce* remarks.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: The hon. member said he heard *sotto voce* remarks about "it seems as if he is drunk". I did not say the hon. member is a drunkard.

Mr. HUSBANDS: I recall that a Chief Justice said on an occasion: "I am sorry, I do not have a drunkard to deal with."

Now, Sir, I would have thought that the Government would have paid more respect to the wishes of its back-benchers. Now, we are a new nation and the hon. member is responsible for it. We cannot go on doing things as we were accustomed. I must agree with the hon. member on my left when he said that Government came last with the answers. I thought they would have taken the opportunity to give the answers, but they have not done so.

Mr. Speaker, as I have said, the time has come when these statements should not be made when you cannot prove them because they give the public a wrong impression. People in Barbados and people who are out of the Island should not get a wrong impression from responsible people. I can get up in this House and say a lot of things; but I do not think with my experience that the Hon. Prime Minister should have risen to make a statement like that when he knows he cannot prove it.

Mr. Speaker, I am speaking on the adjournment, just for the purpose of replying to the Hon. Prime Minister, when he said that the last Government prevented them from doing Private Members' Business for two and a half years. I cannot understand the Hon. Prime Minister this time. He said that the last Government was not strong and still he says that it tried to muzzle him. That would show that the Opposition in those days was very weak.
5.35 p.m.

Hon. E. W. BARROW: If the Hon. Member had listened, he would have heard me say that the back benchers could not get work done.

Mr. SMITH: The Hon. Prime Minister said that for 2 1/2 years the Opposition could not do Private Members' Business. He got up again - he got up very fast the second time - and said that he could not get even a little bit of work done. He could have done work if he really wanted to do work. I did not hear anybody stop him from getting work done. If, as he said, the last Government was nothing at all and he allowed it to muzzle the big breed, then it shows that he was a cockroach.

I am not defending anybody. They are two lawyers, and I will never be found defending lawyers. Let them get into the ring and fight. They went to the Inner Temple, the Outer Temple and all around. I did not go anywhere. I cannot remember that for 2 1/2 years the Opposition did not do Private Members' Business. I can tell you, Sir, as you will know, that the Opposition merely wanted to put something on the Order Paper in order to make the electorate believe that something was being done. However, the members of the Opposition never debated anything.

Some time ago I heard the Speaker calling out the names, but the members of the Opposition allowed things to pass on. I can remember on one occasion the Speaker called the names from top to bottom, but no member got up to say anything. Let the Hon. Prime Minister deny it. It is not fair to say that the Opposition could not get any business done. I remember that I helped Your Honour to get something. I am not the Government, but I helped Your Honour by voting for it. That will show you how the Government back benchers and the Opposition used to live in those days. I would be glad to get the back benchers of this Government and the Opposition to live in that manner again.

(Interruption)

Mr. Speaker, the hon. junior member for St. Thomas will not allow me to speak about my business, and he is violating the Rules of this House. You must let him know that this is not his house, because I understand that he cannot talk too loudly in his house. (Laughter) Whenever your humble servant is speaking, he tries to throw me off my line of thought. He does not have the sense to see that I am getting down. I will still say that it is not fair to say that for 2 1/2 years the Opposition in those days never had a chance to do anything in the House.

Of course, that side of the House is now trying to prevent us from doing anything, but that will never happen as long as I am here. They allowed weaker people to muzzle them, but I am not going to allow them to muzzle me. I must have my Private Members' Business done, and next Tuesday or Wednesday the Order Paper must be completed. Let us go out rejoicing and return smiling. I am quite willing to work on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Perhaps the Hon. Leader of the House can amend his motion to read ten o'clock instead of twelve o'clock on Tuesday. We can come in early and leave early. Will it be in order to move such an amendment now, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. SPEAKER: It would be within the Hon. member's competence to move an amendment.

Mr. SMITH: I respectfully beg to move that this House do now adjourn until ten o'clock on Tuesday next.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: It seems as though this House is fated, whenever adjournment time is reached, to have to listen to this outburst from hon. members opposite about how unfair the Government is, how determined the Government is to ride roughshod over the Standing Orders of this House, and how this country is heading towards dictatorship because Parliamentary Orders are being set aside.

Last week, at this same moment, I stood here for nearly an hour and rebutted point by point the charges made in similar vein by the Leader of the Opposition. Just as it is my business to arrange the Government's Order Paper and to say in what order of priority the various items should be dealt with, it is also the business and privilege of the Leader of the Opposition to take the Private Members' Order Paper and, whether acting on his own behalf or in consultation with his colleagues, indicate to the House at the close of every day's sitting what priority he wishes to give to the various items under Private Members' Business. You will be surprised to know that there are 15 items under Private Members' Business to be dealt with and that no fewer than 11 are in the name of the Leader of the Opposition. It is true that a lot of these things have no substance - Resolutions of which notice have been properly given in this House. As a matter of fact, the Hon. Leader of the Opposition should clear up the Order Paper as much as possible. He has taken time to prepare two Resolutions which deal with identical topics.

You would have thought that an hon. member who has 11 out of 15 items under Private Members' Business would be so selective and interested in his own motions that he would indicate at the end of every sitting what he wanted to deal with. He could easily say, Mr. Speaker, "Next week I wish to deal with items 9, 12 and 13 as items 1, 2 and 3 respectively." He does nothing like this; but on the contrary, he gets up in the House every week and uses the most absurd

arguments about parliamentary procedure, about what ought to be done, what has not been done, and all the while he neglects his own interests.

It is not for me to tell the Leader of the Opposition what he should do about Private Members' Business. He has been in this House between 1934 and 1958 I told him that he went away too long to recapture the atmosphere of this House. I repeat now that he does not understand what is going on; and because he does not understand what is going on he prefers not to be silent, but to make it appear as though this Government is dictatorial.

5.45 p.m.

It is true that more opportunities for doing Private Members' Business have been given them than when we were in the Opposition. Very often I would move the suspension of the Standing Orders, but I have desisted from doing that on the advice of the Prime Minister who pointed out that it is not right to deprive hon. members of their time by suspending the Standing Orders. Every time some Private Members' Business has been done. If the hon. member aspires to be the Leader of the Opposition which he is not yet, he will apportion a time duration for Private Members' Business, and, by arrangement, he can say what Private Members' Business is to be done, who has to do it, and what not. From one point of view there is a combined Opposition, and therefore consultation on that side should make it an easy matter. I said last week that I could well understand how the hon. senior member of the City could oppose this Government, but I could not understand how he could support that side on these matters and feel within his knowledge that that can redound to their credit.

I have been a member of this House since 1954: and since I have been in this House, I have seen more Private Members' Business done between 1961 and now - in fact, not only has more Private Members' Business been done, but even a greater variety of Private Members' Business has been done than has ever been done in the preceding seven years since I have been in this House. How often have we been told: "We have the numbers; you can talk until you freeze." On the very day that Ministerial Government was introduced into this island, when the House came back from the Other Place and the Hon. Leader of the Opposition was receiving congratulatory remarks from hon. members on the other side, he said that the Barbados Labour Party would remain in power for twenty years. (Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: That is absolutely untrue). That is in the debates. The hon. member likes to call me a liar. I have already said in this House that what he says about me is not true, but what I have said about myself is true, I have never given evidence before a Commission of Enquiry like the Royal Commission and said that I refused to de-

fend Clement Payne because he did not have any money. I say that the Government is in no way to be blamed for the way in which the Opposition disorganizes its own business. We have come to the end of our business and we cannot be expected to do anything else. If those hon. members understood what I said when I moved this motion, they would see that next week, provided that they arrange their own priorities, they have all the time to get through with as much business as they can. It is not true to say that we are not upholding Parliamentary procedure, and it is not true that hon. members opposite are prevented from doing their Private Members' Business by us. The truth is that they do not know how to arrange their own business because they went to arrange this House after frustration of their own business.

The question that this House do now adjourn until this day week, Tuesday, 12th September, 1967, at 12 o'clock (noon), was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESOLUTION re CENTENARY OF CANADIAN FEDERATION

Mr. SPEAKER: Before this Sitting of the House is adjourned, I would crave the indulgence of hon. members to read a letter which I have received from Mr. Speaker of the House of Commons, Canada, which, unfortunately, I was unable to read before. Because of the shortage of staff at Table, the Speaker's file was not properly prepared. This letter reads as follows:-

Ottawa,
August 25th, 1967.

Dear Mr. Speaker,

The office of the Canadian High Commissioner in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, has forwarded to me the Resolution carried by the House of Assembly of Barbados on July 4th, sending the best wishes of the members of your House on the occasion of the hundredth year of Canadian Federation.

The Canadian House of Commons is not at the moment in Session, but when it convenes again on September 25th, I will take the first opportunity to acquaint my colleagues with this courteous action on the part of the House of Assembly of Barbados, and I know that they will want me to tell you in fact of our sincere and grateful appreciation.

Yours sincerely,
Lucien Lamoureux

This House now stands adjourned.
5.55 p.m.

