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Tuesday, 3rd February, 1981.

Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 12.15 p.m. o'clock.

PRESENT

Hon. Honour W. C. B. HINDS, J.P., (Speaker); Hon. C. L. BOLDEN, LL.B., (Minister of Communications and Works); Mr. D. A. C. SIMMONS, LL.M.; Hon. Miss B. A. MILLER, (Minister of Health and National Insurance); Hon. L. B. BRATHWAITE, (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Affairs); Mr. J. G. ODLE, B.Sc., (Chairman of Committees); Mr. M.C.C. WARD; Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN, Q.C., LL.B., (Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry) (Leader of the House); Hon. L. R. TULL, M.A., (Minister of Education and Culture); Mr. L. L. SISNETT; Dr. R. L. CHELTENHAM, M.Sc. (Econ.); and His Honour E. E. ALLEYNE, LL.M., (Deputy Speaker).

Prayers were read.

Mr. JOHNSON entered the Chamber and took his seat.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 27th January, 1981.

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, those Minutes have been circulated, and subject to any observations as to errors by any hon. member, I beg to move, that they be now confirmed.

Mr. SPEAKER: If there are no observations by hon. members, let those Minutes stand confirmed.

Hon. L. S. CRAIG entered the Chamber and took his seat.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: I beg to give notice, Sir, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Planning of the following:-

Resolution to approve the guarantee by the Government of a loan equivalent to US\$6,000,000 to be borrowed by the Barbados Light and Power Company Ltd. from the International Bank for Re-construction and Development for the purpose of purchasing equipment, materials etc.

Resolution to grant the sum of \$3,550,086 from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 1980-81 – Part I – Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimates 1980-81, No. 35, which form the Schedule to the Resolution.

On my own behalf I beg to give notice of the following:-

Resolution to grant the sum of \$90,919 from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 1980-81 – Part II – Capital, as shown in the Supplementary Estimates 1980-81, No. 36, which form the Schedule to the Resolution.

Mr. BRADSHAW entered the Chamber and took his seat.

Hon. C. L. BOLDEN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following:-

Resolution to grant the sum of \$151,006 from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Annexed Estimates 1980-81 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates 1980-81, No. 37, which form the Schedule to the Resolution.

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Planning of a Bill to amend the Estate Duty Act.

Rt. Hon. E. W. BARROW entered the Chamber and took his seat.

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME

On motion of Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN, seconded by Hon. L. R. TULL, a Bill to amend the Estate Duty Act, was read a first time.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Mr. SPEAKER: Government Business is the instant order of the day.

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Order No. 3 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for St. James.

RESOLUTION TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE LAND AT WORKMANS, ST. GEORGE

Mr. SPEAKER: Order No. 3 stands in the name of the Hon. Minister of Housing, Lands and the Environment, to move the passing of a Resolution to approve the compulsory acquisition of land at Workmans, St. George, for the widening of the access road to the Pulverisation Plant.

Hon. L. S. CRAIG: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Resolution which is now before this august Assembly is to acquire a portion of land to widen the road at Workmans for the use of the pulverisation plant. I repeat myself very often when I have to say that I am just the executing agency for acquisitions. I imagine that if there is any debate which is going to take place on the acquisition of land which would probably bring into bearing the pulverisation plant that the Hon. Minister of Health who is responsible for the Sanitation Authority would wish it to be her desire to say something.

With those few remarks, I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. L. B. BRATHWAITE: I beg to second that.

Mr. ODLE: Mr. Speaker, this Resolution is to acquire a portion of land at Workmans for the provision of roads to the pulverisation plant, and I would have thought that it should read portions of land because we all thought and from my knowledge of the area that there would definitely be need for further acquisition, certainly not one. I can think immediately of three areas where land has to be acquired for widening the road in that area. I just wondered what is being done about it, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. C. L. BOLDEN: Mr. Speaker, road-widening falls under the Ministry of Communications and Works. In many cases land owners are very generous in donating small areas of land to the Government for road-widening purposes, whether it is to be on a main road or whether it is a corner or something of this nature. Generally we have found that people appreciate the improvement which will accrue to their properties by having reasonable access or road-widening, etc.

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Sometimes you run into problems where there is one person in a district who says that he is not giving up his land to the Government, although you try to explain to them and you generally do a resurvey of the land that is left and you provide the necessary plot etc. There are no explanations attached to the donors but you have some persons who believe that they must sell everything they have but yet still expect to benefit.

When we run into problems like these then these are the cases where you have to come to Parliament to acquire a specific portion of land and it is done in the usual way. Sometimes there are persons who agree to sell an area of land at an agreed price. All the arrangements can be completed within a reasonable time so that the work can continue but then we may have a person who is holding out and you then have to come with Land Acquisition Orders so as to get on with the work while arguing in another place over the compensation which would be paid for the particular area.

I cannot say the circumstances surrounding this particular case but I believe it is one of the cases where we get general agreement with almost all the land owners in the area for the Road Widening Scheme but it may be that there is one person who is holding out on that particular basis.

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

Mr. SPEAKER: Item No. 2 is the Instant Order of the Day.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT SPEIGHTSTOWN, ST. PETER, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SPEIGHTSTOWN BY-PASS ROAD

Item No. 2 was called – To move the passing of the Resolution to approve the compulsory acquisition of land at Speightstown, St. Peter, for the construction of the Speightstown By-Pass Road.

Hon. L. S. CRAIG: Sir, the Addendum is quite clear, Mr. Speaker, for the acquisition of land for the Speightstown By-Pass. There is very little I can say on

this matter. I am not familiar with the building of roads. I am not familiar with By-Passes or Pass-Byes. I am more familiar with Windows To The Sea but on this matter I cannot add much more to it than to introduce it in a responsible manner.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass and I am quite sure that if there is anything which is to be added that the Minister who is responsible for Trade and Tourism and Leader of the House will have inputs in this particular matter.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. C. L. BOLDEN: I beg to second that.

Mr. BRADSHAW: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to make a very small contribution on this Resolution in the light of a number of comments which have been circulated in the North of the Island.

There are a number of people who continue to mislead the public claiming that this administration in pursuing certain policies is not mindful of the rights and privileges of Barbadians. This Heywoods Project is but another Project which some people have taken the opportunity to spread rumours and distort the facts as far as this Project is concerned.

It was drawn to my attention that a remark has been circulating in the North to the effect that the By-Pass Road is but another attempt of this Government to erode the rights of the people in the St. Peter area in particular. What this Government is doing by providing an access road is very simple. That is, realising that expansion is going on in the North, realising that more industrial activity is concentrated in the North, realising that a Cement Plant will be located in the North, the Government has decided in its wisdom to concentrate on an access road.

Mr. Speaker, it is very simple. When the Heywoods Development is completed with Hotels and the Tourist Project there, one could not visualise cane trucks passing in the heart of the Hotel and therefore it was with reason that the road had to be shifted to the Eastern end of the Heywoods Project.

No attempt was made, Mr. Speaker, to deny the travelling public or the people living in the North access or Windows To The Sea but reason demanded that the road be shifted somewhat to the Eastern side so as to facilitate the heavy duty vehicles that would most probably and likely use that road so I wanted to set the record straight as far as that particular issue is concerned.

Now, there has also been some idea circulating in the North that the road will have to be shifted hence

disrupting the traffic in the St. Peter area. Mr. Speaker, now the St. Peter area, as you well know, there is a plan for the development of the Speightstown area and with the increasing activity in the North, one would expect to have the back-up infrastructural services and the access road is a part of that back-up infrastructural service so one has got to look at the acquisition of the parcels of land in the light of the development that is taking place or that will take place between now and the next two years.

The Minister of Tourism has also stated that the Heywoods Project, if all goes well, will be completed by the end of 1982 and I would like to take this opportunity to restate that the Government is mindful of the accesses which Barbadians are entitled to as far as Windows To The Sea are concerned. The Heywoods Project has taken into consideration the public as far as St. Lucy and the people in St. James in their quest to have access to this area.

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So that, they will be the beneficiaries of the project, which not only caters to the tourists, or visitors to our country, but it will be a boost for the people in the northern part of the country. Surely, part of the access road, which is completed is already a fillip to the people in the north and the continuation of this road will not only be a boost to the North, but surely, it will go a long way, in providing employment opportunities for the masons, the carpenters, the artisans as a whole, in the north. I know, Sir, that there has been a lot of concern coming from artisans in the north, who feel that they do not have the projects near to their homes. Now, here is an opportunity for the artisans in that area to chip in on the employment, that will no doubt be generated in the north.

While I am on this, Mr. Speaker, I will say, Mr. Speaker, that while there are some people, in the transport industry, who will like to have vehicles to put in the tourist industry, this is something that the Ministry is looking at because with the development there, surely some consideration will have to be given for applications for not only mini buses in that area, but for coaches because as the hotels increase in that vicinity, there will be a necessity to have more vehicles operating in that area.

So, Mr. Speaker, with that small contribution, I hope, that I have been able to clear the misleadings, the mispreachings of some of the detractors of this Government, in respect of the development for the north.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question....

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I know, that this Resolution gladdens your heart for I can testify

to the fact, that over the course of the last 18 years, you, like many of us on this Side looked forward to the realisation of the idea, which I believe has been shared, by all political parties in Barbados, that Speightstown, an old and historic town should be redeveloped, modernised, preserving of course, in the modernisation process, any buildings, or features which have historic interest.

Well, fate has had it, that the implementation of this idea of the re-development of the north, to a very large extent is coming to pass during this last five years. Only this morning, I had the pleasure of witnessing the hand over, by a representative of the Ward family of some 13 acres of land at Colleton, a bit of land, which is in sour grass for the most part, situated underneath Colleton Hill running right down to lower Six Men's to the Industrial Development Corporation for the creation of half a million square feet of factory space for that area. I am pleased to note, that already two applications have been received, by the Industrial Development Corporation, from local people, who are in dire need of factory building space for units.

The Government believes, that the comprehensive re-development of certain areas in Barbados is necessary to prevent a gap developing between the rural area, the urban and suburban area. Speightstown, I understand, for all of its history played an important part, as being the centre of the parishes in the north, St. Lucy, part of St. James, part of St. Andrew and of course, St. Peter.

A series, then, of associated developments will take place within the greater Speightstown area. This resolution concerns the acquisition of land to facilitate the building of the by-pass road, which will start at a place called Scantlebury River, that is to the north of the cemetery and the South Cobblers Cove on the land side. It goes through Battalys and it connects up with the second phase of the by-pass road, which has already been completed. So that, there will be a complete circular road, around existing Speightstown.

Now, on the seaward side, where there is an existing road, a number of problems have been associated with that road, from time to time. Anyone who knows the coast will recall, that in the 1950's, 1956, or 1957 towards Six Men's area, as a result of Hurricane Janet, the sea damaged the road seriously, along the coast there. In fact, a number of small gabion groynes had to be erected there, as an emergency measure. Also, in the centre of Speightstown itself, between the two canals, one at the Heywoods end and one by Manning, Wilkinson and Challenor. Both areas suffer from the problem of flooding and water coming from the Whim and those areas, as well as, the problem of erosion, from the sea. Only this morning passing there, I witnessed on the sea road, just below the market, that the road was breached by wave action, as a result of high tides.

It is therefore, abundantly clear, that a considerable amount of work will have to be done between Six Men's and the Denmark Fort, which was the oldest district hospital, or almshouse, if that area is going to be preserved. Part of the engineering work of Heywoods and part of the engineering work of the new fishery facility will be to correct these problems. It is clear, that there will be no buildings on the seaside, between the old jetee and Six Men's. It is clear, that there will be no buildings there.

12.45 p.m.

I do not believe that anybody who builds there in the future will be able to get any insurance company to insure it in any event. It is planned that a special sidewalk will be erected, so that all along that sea coast it will be possible to walk from Six Men's into the centre of Speightstown. It serves two purposes, it preserves the view of the coastline to the public as well as the remedial works which have to be done will be done in such a way as to ensure that an amenity enhancement has taken place.

The other development in the area in addition to the Heywoods Project, the cement plant that has been mentioned and the industrial estate, has been the expansion of the educational facilities. It is the view of this Government, and I hope it is the view of everybody in Barbados, that with the cost of energy today, this nonsense of trucking school children every morning from north to south should cease. Whether we like it or not, it places a tremendous strain on our transport resources to carry out this, as well as it deprives the children who are involved of full participation in other aspects of schooling, namely sporting, dramatics, dancing and things of that kind. A long journey every morning should be prevented. Whoever wants to make petty political capital out of the acknowledged and proclaimed view of the Government that as soon as facilities have been upgraded in all the secondary and primary schools, a policy will be enforced to prevent this kind of activity. Let them continue.

The Coleridge-Parry and Alexandra expansions are part and parcel of the World Bank Scheme. They are moving ahead.

Mr. Speaker, all we talk about in relation to development in this area are not pipe dreams, are not plans, performance is taking place in these areas. The second contractor, Messrs. Rayside Concrete Works, have started their excavation on this by-pass in an area which is not the subject of acquisition. The building is actually going along at Coleridge-Parry, the contractor is on the site at Heywoods, the advertisement for the workers is in the newspaper.

We also have the industrial estate which will start on the 1st April. Outline planning permission has been

granted. In addition to that, we know in Barbados from our experience that once the Government puts in the infrastructural development, that the private sector will add their part. It is anticipated over the next seven years that some \$300 million (Bds.) will be spent in that area.

I know, Mr. Speaker, that it may be said that nothing has happened, but you like us have waited, Sir, all those years and now we can say for ourselves the wait was worthwhile. We have a good plan, it is being implemented at the right time by the right people. It is anticipated also, Sir, that quite apart from work during construction permanent employment will be provided for over 3,500 people directly as a result of these acquisitions. The north has never had it so good, and what is perhaps better about the whole thing is, that I believe that the concept of decentralisation of services, economic activity is one which is a matter of agreement between all political parties in Barbados. I believe that.

We also have, Sir, in our planning prepared a comprehensive zoning plan from Scantlebury River, and I want to talk on one point. That plan has been published, Sir, it is going through the publication process. We want people, we invite people, Robertson Ward and Gill and all the people who are involved with it. It is a master plan, it is available, it can be seen in the Speightstown Library, the people can put in their inputs.

The aim of this, Sir, is that having prepared the master plan, the Physical Development Plan is being revised, that after the comments have been taken, that will fit into the overall revision of the Physical Development Plan. There is a very beautiful proposal within the plan — it is only a proposal subject to comment — for keeping that gully side, the Whim, Mortimer Hall I believe it is called, and clearing the undergrowth and having a beautiful walkway right up from the centre of Speightstown right through the gully side. I believe that that is a very good idea and a very good concept. As I said, the private sector have already started with their housing development. I know, Mr. Speaker, that you are anxious for the National Housing Corporation to start with theirs.

The drainage is still giving a bit of trouble, because in all of the last terraces in Barbados you do have drainage problems, and it is important that we do not close drains in Barbados. You have to canalise them and ensure that the catchment area where they drain is kept clear so that the drains can function and operate properly. So that I invite the interested people from the north or anyone who is interested to sight the plan and give their comments. We have a very valuable comment from one member of the public already on that, and the point has been well taken.

Some more land will have to be acquired for the St. Peter's Cemetery to provide a parking area. Hon. members

who know that area will appreciate that if there is a funeral in St. Peter's Cemetery that all of that road by Road View, which is now part of St. James in a recent exercise. That was only because of the fact that Scantlebury River is the outer boundary of the redevelopment, so that along there it will be necessary to create car parking, so as to move off the main road cars taking people to funerals, because Road View Road will now snake to the right into the by-pass road.

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Inner Speightstown, they want to preserve as much of it as possible, to make it a pedestrian and light vehicles zone, so that both ends of the redevelopment area, that three mile area, will meet, and we hope that the pedestrian path, the beach facilities and all of these things will be sufficiently attractive that the people in the north will be very proud of the area and of their ancient town, Speightstown; but also known I believe in history as you yourself, Mr. Speaker, is the principle representative whom I understand only recently received on behalf of the people there a plaque from the Mayor of Bristol in England or a representative....

Mr. SPEAKER: The Lord Mayor.

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: The Lord Mayor of Bristol. I am sorry we do not have a Lord Mayor of Speightstown, but, Sir, I know we have the undoubted acknowledged repeatedly representative of Speightstown in yourself.

With those few remarks, I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. L. B. BRATHWAITE: I beg to second that.

Hon. H. deB. FORDE: Mr. Speaker, again I have to, because of family commitments, declare an interest in this Resolution as I have had to do when the matter came before the House. In the 26th Schedule to the Resolution at page 6, the Crown is seeking to acquire 4,400 square feet or 408.77 square metres of land which is part of the estate of my late mother, the estate of Madam Ifill Barrow deceased. I am executor of that estate, and also under the terms of the Bill I am a 50 percent beneficiary of this part of the land and therefore I wish to declare an interest and to abstain from voting on the matter.

Hon. L. S. CRAIG: Sir, I am very happy to hear the remarks made by the Hon. Leader of the Government Business, but I think that you yourself would like to hear that St. Peter, at Maynards, the plans are now completed, they are before Town Planning for another National Housing Corporation Development and service lots, and I can assure you that we are hoping to start around the end of March, and the people of St. Peter would be quite happy with the Ministry of Housing and the Lord Mayor of St. Peter would also be very happy.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Mr. SPEAKER: Order No. 1 is the instant Order of the Day.

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Your Honour do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee.

Hon. L. B. BRATHWAITE: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. ODLE in the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1980-81 No. 33

Head 19 - Ministry of Finance and Planning - was called.

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Chairman, the Addenda to these Resolutions are very clearly set out. The Government has been having great difficulty in keeping programmers and systems analysts in the Government Service. As a result, as from 1st July, 1980, as a temporary measure, a special non-pensionable allowance is paid to holders of certain posts at the rate of 30 percent of their salary. We have not been able to have a sufficient flow from the Training Institute of the requisite personnel to satisfy both the demands in the private and public sectors for programmers and systems analysts. We hope that when the computerisation process is sufficiently established in the private sector and with the expansion of training facilities run now not only by the University but also by the makers of the equipment themselves, in the near future we will be able to have a sufficient supply to satisfy the demands of both the Government and the private sector.

With respect to the Resolution for the Land Valuation Department, the law requires that every three years there must be a new valuation roll, and this process does require additional work in the sense of not only correcting transfers that have taken place from the Land Valuation roll, but also the identification of people and ownership where the Rates and Taxes have been having difficulty in collecting taxes. So that an additional amount of \$5,000 is required for this purpose.

I beg to move that Head 19 - Ministry of Finance and Planning - stand part.

Hon. L. B. BRATHWAITE: I beg to second that.

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

Head 20 - Revenue Collection - was called.

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Chairman, this is a small sum of \$1,900 for electricity for the Customs Department. The Customs Department is now renting from the Barbados Port Authority and it is very difficult to predict the amount of electricity that would be needed as there is a central air-conditioning there and customs pays only a proportionate part based on the square footage. In addition of course, since the last Estimates were prepared, there have been rate increases granted.

There are just a few points that I would like to make in relation to the Customs Department that hon. members will be interested in, because periodically we do get complaints in this area. Over the course of the last year as a result of representations made both by my own Ministry, by the Manufacturers' Association and by others, a complete review of the Customs Administration has taken place.
1.05 p.m.

As a result of technical assistance a number of people from the United States and Canada have come here and they have examined the Customs Departments both at the Airport and at the Sea Port as well as their role of having to monitor the Fiscal Incentive Act in relation to the entry of raw materials.

A number of new posts by way of immediate implementation of the Report has been created. There has been an additional Assistant Controller. There have been more Customs Officers II and I and a Special Customs Preventative Unit has been created and is functioning. That has been done in relation to the allocation of abuse of importing privileges.

We also have at the Airport had the opportunity of sending a number of Supervisors abroad. The French Government has given Scholarships for an Officer and there will be more so that we now have also some language competence at the Customs. As a matter of policy consideration is now being given to giving inducements for Officers at the Airport to speak additional languages.

New systems have been introduced to facilitate the entry of passengers. I think that three or four people have been in Canada. The training at the Airport is being done by the Canadians.

We have now had the Reports of both Mr. Omali from the United States who dealt with the overall Customs and the Report from the Consultants at the Airport in relation to the procedures there. We now have the two Reports.

Discussions are going along between the Ministry of Establishments, the Director of Finance and Planning and

the Comptroller of Customs for the implementation of Phase II which is the creation of more posts because it is felt that we will have again at the Airport a full service for the movement of Air Cargo.

The new Customs area — (ASIDES). There used to be one that I know of. There was one but the Chamber of Commerce objected and it was discontinued about two and a half years ago. I do not believe that any Minister of Government knew that it had been discontinued but the Chamber of Commerce objected to clearing the documents at the Airport but what has happened now is that Air Cargo provides not only imports, but exports and the Exporters in the Industrial Estates want their cargo cleared, not in Bridgetown because they have Industrials Estates at Six-Cross-Roads. They have them at Newton and they have them at the Airport.

In addition to this a new development has taken place in Customs. There are many more Customs Brokers now. Customs Brokers have become a full scale profession so that Customs Brokers now do most of the work which was done before by every firm having a little clerk. We have a number of Firms now, I believe. The last count we had they were about 10 or 12 of them and the Customs Brokers have a Professional Association and they felt that the Airport is an area where there is sufficient work now that they have stationed particular people there so that they would be able to do not only the entry but the exits. I want to see that implemented.

We now have these two Reports on both the Sea Port and the Airport as well and I want to stress this very important area of the Preventive Unit, the Special Squad to deal with those people who believe that the privileges which they have been granted whether under the Fiscal Incentive Act or the other Acts under the Customs Act itself for importation of raw materials of another kind can be abused and other things which are prohibited.

I am very pleased to see the movement which has been going on in that area. Not only have there been seizures of goods of all quantities of goods but there have been dismissals in certain areas and there are certain recommendations as to the changes in the Customs Law giving the power to the Comptroller of Customs subject to appeal, of course, to fine instantly and I do not mean any \$100 fines. I am talking about proper fines so that we have this comprehensive attack on the Customs Administration, this improvement in terms and conditions of services and the improvement of training opportunities whereby the Administration will be greatly improved.

I beg to move that Subhead 2 stand part.

Hon. C. L. BOLDEN: I beg to second that.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1980-81, No. 34

Item No. 1(b) was called — To move the passing of a Resolution to grant the sum of \$527,100 from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 1980-81 — Part II — Capital as shown in the Supplementary Estimates 1980-81, No. 34, which form the Schedule to the Resolution.

Hon. L. S. CRAIG: Mr. Chairman, the Resolution for \$527,100 is to supplement the Estimates for the purpose of carrying out work at the Harrison's Cave in St. Thomas. That has come about because of the increase of wages and increase of goods and things of that nature and I think what would be of importance to the Committee is to let them know that all of the work inside of the Cave now is completed. We were hoping to finish the Cave earlier, Sir, but again there were problems which we ran into which is a lack of artisans to carry out the work for the Offices and the Restaurant and the Administration Building.

Rt. Hon. J. M. G. M. ADAMS entered the Chamber and took his seat.

I can say, Sir, that glowing tribute has been paid to those persons from overseas, people who are interested in the work of that nature, Sir, and many of them claim that it is supposed to be among the finest Caves in the World. I can extend an invitation to the members of the Opposition and on this side to visit the Cave and I am quite sure that they will recognise that Barbadians can be justly proud of a Cave which has a real natural beauty, Sir.

The cars I am told they are now on the sea. They should have been here already but due to having a strike at the factory where the cars were built we found difficulty in getting them here on time but I am sure they have been shipped and should be in anytime. I will put it at a final date that the Cave should be completed not later than the end of April, to be on the safe side. The final date made by my Project Manager is mid-April but I would rather like to be a little more conservative knowing the difficulties which one can encounter and say that the Cave now should be operational by the end of April.

Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. C. L. BOLDEN: I beg to second that.

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

On the motion of Hon. L. S. CRAIG, seconded by Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of two money Resolutions in Committee and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move, that these Resolutions be now read a first time.

Mr. BRADSHAW: I beg to second that.

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

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move, that these Resolutions be now read a second time.

Mr. BRADSHAW: I beg to second that.

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

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move, that these Resolutions be now agreed to.

Hon. Miss B. A. MILLER: I beg to second that.

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

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we had expected, that we would have been able to continue with the long Shipping Bill today, but due to the necessity to check very accurately, the text of the Bill that is in circulation, Sir, to make sure, that we do not have any typographical errors and the amendments which were prepared, as a result of representations. We have not been able to complete that exercise by today, but, we will definitely have it by next Tuesday and this comes to the end of Government Business today, Sir.

I beg to move, that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday.....

Hon. C. L. BOLDEN: Mr. Speaker, in order to expedite next Tuesday's work, on the Shipping Bill, I believe, that it would be appropriate if I would circulate the amendments to the Bill to Honourable Members of the Opposition, during the week, before next Tuesday, so that, when we come here to Parliament, we are going into the Committee stage of the Bill. There are a number of small, typographical amendments, basically. I would like to circulate them, so that, when Honourable Members come next week, they will be fully aware of what amendments are to be made.

Hon. H. B. ST. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we will endeavour to have them ready so that, they could be circulated with the papers, otherwise, it will take a much

longer period. You will have to do it Clause by Clause. It is a very long one.

I beg to move, that this House do now stand adjourned until next Tuesday, 10th February, 1981 at 12 noon.

Hon. L. S. CRAIG: In seconding the Adjournment, Mr. Speaker, I must confess, Sir, that I feel a little disappointed, when I come to Parliament on Tuesdays and sit at 12.00 noon and at 1.25 p.m Government Business comes to an end. Now, this demonstrates to my mind, Sir, the ineptness of the Opposition.

You will recall, Mr. Speaker, that no money Resolution, Sir, when we were in Opposition Bench for anything like \$700,000 could come into Parliament and go out without having a full dressed debate on spending the taxpayers of Barbados's money. I feel like I am at a lost. A whole day, not a single word from the Opposition and only last Sunday, the Rt. Hon. Leader of the Opposition was at Haynesville and telling the people down there, that he is young and strong and he does not fear a man in town and comes in on Tuesday and falls out of the chair, Sir.

We dealt with Harrison's Cave, I would have thought, that we would have heard something about the cave. We dealt here Sir, with the roads down at the Speightstown by-pass. All of the contributions came from the Government Benches. We introduced them and then, we had to turn around and make comments on them but, I will assure you of this, that maybe tomorrow night, or Sunday night, they would have the air now, all made up with the dear, loving party, the deadleg party, the Democratic Labour Party, they talk about a flea market, a motorcade, then an arcade, all these sorts of things, Sir and not one single word today. I can now realise, why some of them say, that you should not really pay increased salaries, not a single word, nor even, "good afternoon" to you, Mr. Speaker, not even a heckle, from the Other Side.

I am even trying to get them up now, on the Adjournment to make Parliament a lively place, Sir. This is a forum for debate, Sir, not a single word. They look like two boys, on the burning deck, Sir. Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks Sir, hopefully that they will still get up and keep Parliament going, you can still get up and keep Parliament going. You cannot go home now. Go home and do what? Are they on strike?

The Telephone Company Strike has been settled, do you mean, that there is a strike over there? They are striking not to talk. I mean, say something. With those few remarks, Sir — I would know, Sir, that it would hurt you to go, Sir because you, like the old Lord Mayor of St. Peter would like to be able at least to call order and today, the seas remain calm, calm.

But, on Sunday night, outside, you will hear the ragings how the Government spend all the country's money badly, Sir, how people cannot get houses, all of these things, who should starve and who should not eat, not a single word. Two doctors, one a Doctor of Law and the other a Doctor of Medicine, Sir, both from Black Rock, near the Mental Hospital.

I feel sad, to know, that I come here and could only spend just over an hour and a couple minutes, Sir, for the whole debate.

Sir, I second the motion for the Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly at 1.27 p.m.

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