
THE

House of Assembly Debates

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

FIRST SESSION OF 1986-91

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, June 25, 1986.

The 1986-91 Legislative Session was inaugurated at 6 o'clock today in the Senate Chamber by His Excellency The Governor-General, Sir Hugh Springer.

Pursuant to the issuing of Writs, the honourable Members elected to constitute the General Assembly for the Session assembled in the Assembly Chambers as follows:—

Messrs. E. W. BARROW, Q.C., B.Sc., LL.D., (Member for St. John); H. deB. FORDE, Q.C., M.A., LL.B., (Member for Christ Church West); L. E. SANDIFORD, M.A., (Member for St. Michael South); B. M. TAITT, B.A., (Hons.), M.A., LL.B. (Hons.), (Member for St. Michael West); Dr. R. C. HAYNES, Ch.B., F.R.C.P., (Edin.), (Member for St. Michael South Central); P. M. GREAVES, B.A., (Member for St. Michael North); Dr. D. G. BLACKMAN, M.A., Ph.D., (Member for St. Michael East); L. A. WEEKES, (Member for St. Michael North West); M. A. KING, Q.C., LL.B., (Member for Christ Church West Central); W.O. FRANKLIN, A.I.A.S., (Member for St. Philip North); N. K. SIMMONS, (Member for St. James South); H. A. BLACKMAN, (Member for St. Philip South); O. S. ARTHUR, M.Sc., (Member for St. Peter); D. A. C. SIMMONS, Q.C., LL.M., (Member for St. Thomas); E. E. GREAVES, (Member for St. Lucy); E. BOURNE, (Member for Christ Church East); L. L. BRATHWAITE, (Member for St. Michael North East); R. P. BYER, (Member for St. George South); W. W. HALL, (Member for St. Michael West Central); P. G. M. MILLER, (Member for The City); R. L. MORRIS, (Member for Christ Church East Central); C. A. NEBLETT, (Member for St. Andrew); J. J. PAYNE, (Member for St. James North); Dr. E. A. SIMMONS, (Member for St. Michael South East); C. L. TROTMAN, (Member for St. Michael Central); C. V. WALKER, (Member for St. George North) and Mrs. M. BARKER-WELCH, (Member for St. Joseph).

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Clerk read the following Proclamation:—

“By His Excellency Sir Hugh Worrell Springer, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight of St. Andrew, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General of Barbados.

H. W. SPRINGER
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is provided by section 60(1) of the Constitution that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the Governor-General may appoint:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that a session of Parliament should be held at the Public Buildings, Bridgetown, commencing on Wednesday, 25th June, 1986:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority in me vested, I, Sir Hugh Worrell Springer, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. George, Knight of St. Andrew, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General of Barbados, DO HEREBY APPOINT the Public Buildings, Bridgetown, as the place at which a session of Parliament shall be held and 6 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, 25th June, 1986, as the time at which the said session shall commence.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of Barbados this 23rd day of June, 1986, and in the Thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN”

THE CLERK: I am to announce to honourable Members that I have received a letter from the Private Secretary to the Governor-General in the name of His Excellency the Governor-General.

I am to inform you that it is His Excellency's desire that the House shall elect a Speaker at the beginning of the Session at 5.30 p.m. and before it proceeds with the despatch of any other business under the provisions of Order 2 paragraph 1 of the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly, and I am directed to request you to inform the Members of the House of Assembly accordingly.

Honourable Members, in accordance with the request and directive of His Excellency the Governor-General, I am to invite nominations for the office of Speaker of this Honourable House.

Is there a nomination?

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Clerk, I have ascertained that the honourable Member I am about to propose as Speaker is willing to serve if elected.

Accordingly, I now propose that the honourable Member for St. Michael North West do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Mr. CLERK: Is there a seconder for that nomination?

Hon. H. deB. FORDE: Mr. Clerk, I have great pleasure in seconding the nomination of the honourable Member for St. Michael North West for the Chair as Speaker of this House.

Mr. CLERK: Is there any further nomination?

In that event, as directed by Standing Order No. 2 paragraph 3, the Member so proposed shall be called by the House to the Chair without any question being put.

Hon. H. deB. FORDE and Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD escorted the SPEAKER ELECT to his office where he was appropriately robed and directed him to the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER: Please be seated.

It is with a sense of dignity and gratitude that I accept your unanimous decision on this important occasion to elect me to this high office.

I intend to uphold the rights and privileges of this Honourable Chamber, and in so carrying out my duties, I

will, to the utmost of my ability, discharge those duties with great impartiality.

I also hope that I will get your fullest co-operation during my term of office.

Order No. 6 was called.

ELECTION OF HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, I have ascertained that the honourable Member I am about to propose as Deputy Speaker is willing to serve if elected.

Accordingly, I now propose that the honourable Member for St. James North be elected as Deputy Speaker of this House.

Mr. D. A. C. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, I have the greatest pleasure in seconding the nomination of the honourable Member for St. James North as Deputy Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER: Are there any other nominations?

I therefore declare the honourable Member for St. James North to be the Deputy Speaker of this House.

Mr. J. J. PAYNE: Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to accept the office placed on me as Deputy Speaker of this Honourable Chamber. I wish to assure honourable Members on both sides of this Honourable House that I shall discharge my duties with impartiality.

Order No. 7 was called.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, I have ascertained that the honourable Member I am about to propose is willing to serve if elected.

Accordingly, I now propose that the honourable Member for St. George South be elected as Chairman of Committees of this House.

Mr. O. S. ARTHUR: Mr. Speaker, I rise with pleasure to second the nomination of the honourable Member for St. George South to the position of Chairman of Committees of this House.

Mr. SPEAKER: Are there any other nominations?

I therefore declare the honourable Member for St. George South as Chairman of Committees of this House.

Mr. R. P. BYER: Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and dignity that I accept the office of Chairman of Committees, and, like yourself and His Honour the Deputy Speaker, I wish to assure honourable Members that I will discharge my responsibilities as Chairman of Committees with the greatest impartiality.

Thank you very much.

Mr. SPEAKER: We will now await the invitation from His Excellency the Governor-General.

The Sergeant-at-Arms entered the Chamber and informed the Speaker that His Excellency the Governor-General had requested his presence and that of all Members of the House of Assembly in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. SPEAKER, preceded by the Marshal bearing the Mace, and other Members following him according to seniority, proceeded to the Senate Chamber.

SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

AT THE

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1986

Mr. President and members of the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Assembly:

This new session of Parliament commenced almost an hour ago when, in accordance with tradition the members of the Senate and of the House of Assembly met and elected their respective presiding officers. I now outline my Government's programme for this session.

The restoration and upgrading of the facilities of these historic Parliament buildings will continue. It is expected that before the end of this year work on this East Wing will have been completed.

Renovation
of Parlia-
ment build-
ings.

The unsatisfactory performance of the economy over the past five years is a matter of concern to my Government. This period was characterised by a fall of output in the agricultural, manufacturing and tourism sectors. Real output was lower in 1985 than it was in 1980. The decline in economic activity was also reflected in the level of unemployment, which increased from an annual average of 12.6 per cent in 1980 to 18.7 per cent in 1985.

The
economy.

During this session, my Government will be pursuing measures aimed at strengthening the economy, attracting new

Fiscal policy.

investment, creating employment opportunities, and improving the living standards of all Barbadians.

A new fiscal package will shortly be presented to Parliament. The primary objective of those proposals will be:

- to reduce substantially the burden of personal income tax;
- to stimulate demand for goods and services by increasing disposable incomes;
- to lift the burden of excessive taxation on business activity in Barbados; and
- to achieve balance, equity and efficiency in the tax system.

Energy
Pricing.

While stressing a policy of energy conservation my Government will reduce the price of gasoline and diesel to a level which is warranted by prevailing crude oil prices. This approach should result in significant additional benefits for individuals and businesses through lower energy costs.

Agriculture.

My Government recognises the important role which agriculture must play in the economic development of Barbados. Sugar cane still represents a major foreign exchange earner. However, future policy must be directed toward diversification. In this regard market and agronomic research will be emphasised and fiscal and other incentives will be provided.

A new system of incentives will encourage the return of idle lands to active production. Our virtual self-sufficiency in vegetables will be matched by a new effort to become self-sufficient in meat production.

A package of incentives for the fishing industry will be introduced. The development of fish farming will also be encouraged.

International and
regional
trade.

My Government will deepen relationships with our trading partners. Efforts to improve conditions of access for trade between developing and developed countries will be supported.

Export
Promotion.

My Government proposes to give a new thrust to export promotion.

Consumer
Affairs.

In an effort to create greater consumer awareness, my Government will encourage the establishment and development of consumer associations. Where necessary, financial and technical assistance for such organisations will be provided. Encouragement will be given to the further development of co-operatives.

My Government proposes to review the present system of utility rate regulation in Barbados. Public Utilities.

The modernization of commercial law will continue. The Government will support an improved climate for the exchange of stocks and shares. Legislation relating to bankruptcy will be revised. Commerce.

As opposed to the construction of new highways, my Government will accord a high priority to the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing roadways. Special attention will be paid to improving drainage particularly in low lying and easily flooded areas. Roads and Drainage.

My Government notes with satisfaction that senior citizens are once again able to travel freely on the buses at times of their own choosing. The programme of construction of a new bus terminal and the systematic renewal of the omnibus fleet will continue. A new Headquarters building for the Transport Board will be constructed. Transport.

My Government recognises that minibuses provide an important and essential public transportation service in Barbados. Improved facilities will be provided and appropriate concessions will be granted to operators of this service. Minibuses.

Early in this Session legislation will be introduced to — Labour.

- protect workers from arbitrary and unfair dismissal;
- improve the working environment; and
- implement a comprehensive regime for occupational safety, health and hygiene.

The Severance Payments legislation will be reformed and the tax on severance payments will be removed. Income tax on all pensions will cease and the minimum national insurance pensions, both contributory and non-contributory, will be increased.

The maintenance of a good industrial relations climate is a pre-requisite to sustained economic growth and social stability. My Government will therefore strengthen the machinery for the expeditious resolution of industrial disputes. Financial and other support for workers' education programmes will continue. In this regard the proposals to establish a Chair in Industrial Relations at the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies will receive the full support of my Government.

- Child Care. The needs of children are of special concern to my Government and the provision of day nurseries, both private and public, will be encouraged. The development of foster care services will continue to be the preferred way of providing homes for children whose natural parents are unable to take care of them.
- Welfare. My Government will always seek to encourage self-reliance and will continue to provide welfare assistance to persons in genuine need. Pensioners will, in appropriate circumstances, be assisted in meeting the cost of water and electricity.
- Women and Youth. The special interests of women and youth will be taken into account by my Government in its programmes and policies. There will be the fullest consultation with the national organisations for women and young persons.
- Public Service. My Government is aware that the success with which its policies are implemented will, in large measure depend on the efficiency of the Public Service. To this end a Ministry of the Public Service has been created. My Government will ensure that the knowledge and skills of Public Officers will be put to the best use; and that through proper assessment and reporting procedures, Public Officers will be rewarded on the basis of merit and ability.
- Training programmes will be developed to meet the requirements of all branches of the Public Service. In particular, the concept of training as an aspect of career development will be re-established.
- As a matter of urgency, my Government will reactivate the Organisation and Management Unit.
- Services Com-missions. The role of the Services Commissions will be vigorously protected.
- Ombuds-man. In order to ensure redress of citizens' grievances against the State, an ombudsman will be appointed.
- Housing. My Government will accord high priority to the promotion of home ownership. The Housing Credit Fund which provides loans to lower income groups for the purchase of homes and house spots as well as for home improvement will be strengthened. Steps will be taken to increase the flow of mortgage funds.

Tenancies
Pro-
grammes.

My Government supports the view that tenants should be given the opportunity to purchase the housespots which they have been renting for a number of years. However, it is proposed to correct those disabilities in the Tenancies Freehold Purchase Act, 1980 which are repugnant to the spirit of the Constitution. It is also proposed to introduce property tax concessions for persons buying tenantry land.

Education.

My Government believes that priority must be accorded to preparing the people of Barbados socially, intellectually, physically and morally to meet the challenges of life in today's world. To this end special attention will be paid to the structure, content and management of the systems and policies for education and culture.

An expanded programme of pre-primary nursery education for children between the ages of three and five years will be launched.

English, mathematics, Science and Social Studies will be treated as specialist subjects, and primary schools will be encouraged to organize the teaching of these subjects on the basis of specialization.

The role and status of Erdiston Teachers' Training College will once more be secured and enhanced. The previous minimum qualifications for admission to the College will be restored. Students attending the College will once again be paid a salary.

Action will accordingly be taken to reintroduce a programme of Adult Education.

Free education up to and including University level will continue. The text-book loan scheme will be reviewed in order to remove inefficiencies.

The facilities at the Barbados Community College will be expanded. Sixth-form schools and the Barbados Community College will once more be directly responsible for their admission procedures.

There will be an early critical review of the present system of partial zoning for entrance to Secondary Schools.

My Government will seek to restore harmonious relationships within the education community through the promotion of periodic consultations and collaboration between the Ministry and the teachers' representatives.

A review of the Education Act will be undertaken and every effort will be made to settle outstanding issues after consultation with interested bodies.

My Government is committed to heightening the awareness of Barbadians about their cultural heritage and traditions. In this connection, further intellectual enquiry into our past will be undertaken so that we may be better guardians of our heritage. Culture.

The National Cultural Foundation will provide opportunities for creative talents to flourish. My Government proposes to reactivate its plans for a National Auditorium in which such talent can be appropriately displayed.

My Government sees health care as a fundamental human right. It is therefore the intention that every Barbadian has access to comprehensive, adequate and affordable health care. Health.

In order to achieve this objective, my Government proposes to establish a Health Planning Committee to plan the strategy for an improved health care delivery system.

The chief causes of death in our country are hypertension, diabetes mellitus, heart disease, and cancer. My Government will specifically focus attention on the development of programmes and services in the polyclinics and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to reduce the incidence of these diseases. The polyclinic services will be reviewed and, where necessary, restructured and the appropriate quality and number of staff will be provided to deliver, in a community setting, both preventive and curative health services for the benefit of the entire population. Health Care Services.

At the same time, the Drug Service will be reviewed to ensure that necessary high quality drugs are available either free or at moderate cost.

A Health Education Unit will be established with the objective of assisting all Barbadians to follow healthy life-styles. A comprehensive team approach to health care delivery will be pursued. The home help and other services will be maintained thereby providing care for the aged, the indigent, the handicapped and the mentally ill, in their homes in the community rather than in institutions. Health Education and Community health care teams.

In order to provide a higher quality patient care as well as better facilities for patients and staff, my Government will improve the facilities at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Hospital Services.

Negotiations will commence for the early acquisition of the St. Joseph Hospital.

**Foreign
Policy.**

My Government will work seriously to consolidate its relations with its traditional friends. It will also seek to cultivate new friendships based on mutual respect.

As a co-founder of the Caribbean Community my Government will continue to give highest consideration to its relations with other Commonwealth Caribbean Governments.

My Government will continue to work within the Organization of American States to reform the Inter-American System to make it responsive to the interests and needs of member states. Similarly, my Government will actively promote its links with African and Pacific States.

My Government will continue to support the United Nations and its specialised agencies in their efforts to improve the quality of life for all peoples.

My Government will support efforts to dismantle the odious and detestable system of Apartheid in Southern Africa and Namibia and to create in its place Governments based on democratic principles and respect for the rights of all peoples in those countries.

**Law and
Order.**

My Government is committed to the reduction of crime in Barbados and will strengthen the crime prevention and detection capability of the Royal Barbados Police Force. Relentless efforts will be made to remove the scourge of illegal drug trafficking from our shores.

**Defence
Force.**

My Government will maintain and uphold a Defence Force whose strength, size and excellence will reflect the most careful application of this country's resources. The primary role of the Defence Force will be to protect the nation against assaults; but it will also assist in the provision of skills training opportunities for the youth of this country. There will be no job losses resulting from the manner in which these policies will be implemented.

Increased co-operation between the Police and Defence Forces will be encouraged with each respecting the other's traditional roles.

Tourism.

My Government's policies for Tourism are based on the need urgently to return the industry to a state of financial viability; to improve the quality of the product and services which we offer visitors; and to involve all Barbadians in this important sector of our economy.

Accordingly, appropriate measures will be taken to re-schedule outstanding debts owing to Government and its agencies. At the same time measures will be taken to facilitate the refinancing, financial restructuring and the marketing capability of tourism enterprises. Opportunities in management training will be created for persons in the tourism industry. Special arrangements will also be made to assist small and medium size operators with their marketing.

The appointment of the new Board of Tourism reflects my Government's conviction that tourism is a matter for all Barbadians. The Board's composition is therefore fully representative so far as is possible of all those interests, including the hotels' and workers' representatives, which must come together to make this industry work for the good of our society.

Industry.

My Government is committed to an industrial development which will provide jobs, reduce dependence on imports, improve our balance of trade and our foreign exchange earnings and consequently the quality of life of our people. This will be the primary role which the Industrial Development Corporation will play.

Manufacturers will be given financial and technical assistance. They will be exhorted to strive for excellence in design and efficiency in production so that their products can be competitive in regional and extra-regional markets. Special assistance will be given to small manufacturers producing for the Barbadian market.

Industrial parks will be refurbished and, in some instances, re-established. Rents for factory space will be considerably reduced. The present concept of economic rents will be replaced by one of offering affordable space as an incentive to industrial development.

Import substitution by the production of locally made souvenirs will be encouraged. Craftsmen will be provided with training and financial assistance, and the development of craft markets and exhibitions will form a substantial part of the development of the handicraft industry.

Information.

Freedom of expression as enshrined in the Constitution of Barbados will be the watchword of my Government's policy on information.

My Government has already indicated, by its deliberate policy of appointing representatives of a cross section of interests to the Board of the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation, that it will open the window of its television and radio programming to all opinions, limited only by decency and the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution.

My Government will restructure the Broadcasting Authority by amending the legislation establishing it to ensure that it becomes a broadbased independent body, capable of safeguarding the standard of programming and the quality of equipment which is used in broadcasting.

My Government will abolish the annual television licence fee.

Finally, measures will be introduced to amend the following Acts:—

The Provisional Collection of Taxes Act

The Profession, Trade and Business Act

The Liquor Licences Act

The Land Tax Act; and

The Landlord and Tenant (Registration of Tenancies) Act.

Mr. President and members of the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Assembly:

I have outlined to you my Government's programme for this new session of Parliament, and I extend to you my best wishes in your new Parliamentary Session and pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

Governor-General.

Government House,
BARBADOS.
25th June, 1986.

HOUSE RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

Mr. SPEAKER and other honourable Members, preceded by the Marshal bearing the Mace, returned to the Assembly Chamber.

ON RESUMPTION

Prayers were led by the Reverend Ivan Harewood.

MR. SPEAKER REPORTS HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH

Mr. SPEAKER: I have to report that I have received a copy of the Throne Speech as delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General.

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the Speech from the Throne by His Excellency the Governor-General be taken as read.

Hon. B. M. TAITT: I beg to second that.

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

ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the Standing Orders for the last Session be the Standing Orders for governing the proceedings of this House for this Session.

Hon. B. M. TAITT: I beg to second that.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, there are a number of Orders here which we do not propose to deal with today. These include Order No. 8, Election of Members of the Debates Committee, Order No. 9, Election of Members of the Library Committee, Order No. 10, Election of Committee of Public Accounts, Order No. 11, Election of Standing Orders Committee and Order No. 12, Election of the Committee of Privileges.

We do not propose to deal with those orders today. We will proceed to deal with them at the next sitting of the House.

CONGRATULATORY SPEECHES

SPEECHES RE: ELECTION OF MEMBER FOR ST. MICHAEL NORTH WEST TO OFFICE OF SPEAKER

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, we have had the formal proceedings of this House in which you have been elected to the highest office in this Honourable Chamber, and I should like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations to you, Sir, on your elevation to this most exalted position.

You have the qualities, Sir, to make an outstanding Speaker of this Chamber, and it is against that background that your elevation has been unanimously approved by this Chamber. You are experienced in the ways, practices, procedures and proceedings of this Honourable Chamber, and we are confident that your judicial temperament, even though you have not been called to the Bar, your ability to listen to all sides and your desire to ensure that fairplay prevails at all times would certainly be attributes in the task of presiding over this Honourable Chamber, and I wish therefore to extend congratulations to you.

While I am on my feet, Sir, I would also like to extend congratulations to the Deputy Speaker and to the Chairman of Committees on their elevation to these important posts in this Honourable Chamber. We are certain that under your guidance and theirs, Sir, the rules and proceedings of this Chamber will be in very good hands.

I also take this opportunity, Sir, to extend congratulations to all Members present for having been returned as Members of this Honourable Chamber.

Hon. H. deB. FORDE: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Opposition and on my own behalf, I rise to endorse the sentiments of the honourable Member for St. Michael South, and to say that, speaking for myself, I have had the pleasure of observing you, Mr. Speaker, in this House during its last session. I think your presence was characterised by the courtesy that you paid to the Chair, by your calm and cool manner in debate and by your obvious readiness to observe the Standing Orders of this House. We of the Opposition have no doubt that you will bring these same qualities to bear during your tenure as Speaker of this House.

The last few Speakers have almost all been people trained in the law, but I concur completely in the sentiments expressed by the honourable Member for St. Michael South, that judicial or legal training is not necessary to be the hallmark of a good Speaker. Traditions of the Commonwealth have proved that some of the best Speakers are persons who have come to the House

without any legal background. I, Mr. Speaker, wish for you the same attainment.

I look forward to the thrust of debate, and I am sure you will on occasions of course allow the latitude that is necessary, given the numerical strength of the Government, not necessarily qualitative strength. But we would certainly always be willing to abide by Your Honour's ruling and show the utmost courtesy in this House.

We can promise the Government, Sir, a very steadfast and constructive debate. We will be willing to congratulate the Government if it is necessary, but we will oppose as constructively and strongly as we can, always within the best traditions of this Parliament and conforming to the high standards of this House.

I wish you during your tenure as Speaker a very happy tenure of office, and I pledge the Opposition's support. I am sure you will have just obtained from His Excellency the Governor-General as Her Majesty's representative, the privileges which are tradition to this House, and I am sure, Sir, that as those privileges are sacrosanct to you as well, we look forward to those privileges being fully upheld.

Mr. SPEAKER: I should like to express my sincere thanks for the sentiments expressed, and I can assure honourable Members that I will try to fulfil every one of them. I will at all times give my utmost attention and consideration to all matters which come before me.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, that concludes our business for today's sitting.

I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, July 8, 1986 at 12 o'clock noon.

Rt. Hon. E. W. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion.

Speaking for the benefit of the administration of the House, I should like to draw your attention to page 10, Order 10 of the Standing Orders of this House. It sets out the Order of Business, and the order of business of the House ends with "Orders of the Day."

The Order Paper which was circulated starts with "Orders of the Day" and it should be "Order of Business." I hope that this conflict does not prevail in the future. "Orders of the Day" is the last item in the order of business of the House, in accordance with Standing Order 10 on page 10. That is all I want to say. I think it was a genuine mistake, but I would not like to see it *in perpetuity*.

The question that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, July 8, 1986 at 12 o'clock noon, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.
7.10 p.m.

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