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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, May 5, 1987.

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

PRESENT

His Honour L. A. Weekes, (Speaker)

His Honour J. J. Payne, (Deputy Speaker)

Rt. Hon. E. W. Barrow, Q.C., B.Sc., LL.D., (Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Affairs)

Hon. L. E. Sandiford, B.A., M.A., (Econ.), JP., (Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Education and Culture and Leader of the House)

Hon. H. deB. Forde, Q.C., M.A, LL.B., (Leader of the Opposition)

Hon. P. M. Greaves, Q.C., B.A., (Minister of Transport, Works and Telecommunications)

Hon. E. E. Greaves, B.A., Ed.M., (Minister of Trade and Commerce)

Dr. D. G. Blackman, B.A., M.A.

Hon. M. A. King, Q.C., LL.B., (Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)

Hon. W. O. Franklin, A.I.C., M.I.A.S., J.P., (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries)

Hon. N. K. Simmons, (Minister of Health)

Hon. H. A. Blackman, B.Sc. (Econ.), (Minister of Housing and Lands)

Mr. D. A. C. Simmons, Q.C., LL.M.

Mrs. M. Barker-Welch, (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Employment, Labour Relations and Community Development)

Mr. C. V. Walker, (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Culture)

Mr. L. L. Brathwaite, J.P.

Mr. E. Bourne

Dr. E. A. Simmons

Mr. C. A. Neblett, B.A.

Mr. C. L. Trotman, M.A.

Mr. R. L. Morris, B.A., Cert. Ed.

Mr. P. J. M. Miller

Mr. R. P. Byer, LL.B., L.E.C.

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Ivan Harewood.

Mr. SPEAKER: The House is in session. MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minutes of Tuesday, April 21, 1987.

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, the Minutes of the Meeting of the House of Assembly held on April 21, 1987 have been circulated.

I beg to move that these be taken as having been read, and that the Minutes be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of this House of Assembly on that date.

Hon. M. A. KING: I beg to second that, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: If there are no observations or corrections, let these Minutes stand confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR

Mr. SPEAKER: I am to report that I am in receipt of:

The Audits and Accounts of the Sugar Industry Research and Development Fund for the Year ended 31st December, 1986.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, I am commanded to lay:

The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the National Cultural Foundation for the year 1985.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following

A Bill to amend the Judges Remuneration and Pensions Act.

A Bill to amend the Immigration Act.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS

Mr. SPEAKER: Question standing in the name of the honourable Member for St. James North re planning policy of Government for residential and non-residential development in Holetown.

Mr. J. J. PAYNE: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following question to the Minister of Housing and Lands:

Will the Minister please state:

- (1) the planning policy of Government for residential and non-residential development in Holetown on lands on the coastal side of Highway 1,
- (2) whether Government proposes to alter the balance between residential and non-residential development in the above area, and
- (3) if such alteration is proposed, what proposals are programmed as such alteration?

Mr. SPEAKER: Question by the honourable Member for St. James North re pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the District E-Holetown Magistrate's Court.

Mr. J. J. PAYNE: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following question to the Minister of Transport, Works and Telecommunications:

In view of the continual and exceptionally heavy traffic using Highway 1, will the Minister consider the introduction of a pedestrian crossing between the 2 bus stops on opposite sides of the main road in the vicinity of the District E-Holetown Magistrate's Court, so as to improve the safety of persons crossing the road in that area?

Mr. SPEAKER: Question by the same Honourable Member re urgent needs for repairs of certain roads in various part of St. James.

Mr. J. J. PAYNE: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following question of the Minister of Transport, Works and Telecommunications:

1. Is the Minister aware of the urgent need of the residents of Saint James to have the following roads repaired by Government:
 - (1) Rock Dundo Road (from Highway 1 to Highway 2) and its Avenues,
 - (2) Weston Road (leading up Crick Hill to Highway 2),
 - (3) Yearwood Road and Storehouse Road in Mount Standfast,
 - (4) Greenwich Village Road, and
 - (5) Laynes Gap and Olive Lodge Road, and
2. If the answer to the above is in the affirmative, will the Minister please state how soon such repairs are likely to be carried out?

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD, seconded by Hon. M. A. KING, the following Bills were read a first time.

A Bill to amend the Judges Remuneration and Pensions Act.

A Bill to amend the Immigration Act

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. SPEAKER: Government Business is now the instant Order of the day.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 be suspended for the remainder of this day's sitting, subject, of course, to the rights of the Members of this Chamber, and in particular the members of the Opposition.

Hon. M. A. KING: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question that those relevant Standing Orders be suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting was put and resolved in the affirmative without division. 12.25 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BANKS (TAX ON ASSETS) (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1987 (d.r)

Order No. 2 was called - To move that the House again resolve itself into Committee on a Bill to amend the Banks (Tax on Assets) Act, Cap. 59B.

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Speaker, when this matter was last considered by this Honourable Chamber, the House was in Committee.

I beg to move that you do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee on this Bill.

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: I second that, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee on the Bill, Mr. R. P. BYER in the Chair.

COMMITTEE

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The House is now in Committee.

Clause 2 was called.

Hon. M. A. KING (Christ Church West Central): Mr. Chairman, when we last met in Committee on this matter and we were considering Clause 2, the honourable Member for Christ Church West (Hon. H. deB. Forde) had made certain representations in connection with this Clause, as a result of which we asked that further consideration of the clause be postponed.

An amendment to Clause 2 as appears in the Bill has been circulated, and I am asking that the amendment, as circulated, replace the existing clause in the Bill.'

The new Clause 2 would then read as follows, Mr. Chairman:

"Sections 4 and 5 of the Banks (Tax on Assets) Act, referred to as the principal Act are amended by deleting the word "total" in those sections and substituting the word "domestic".

Asides.

Hon. M. A. KING: The marginal note, Mr. Chairman, should also read, "Amendments of sections 4 and 5 of Cap.59B."

This is another consequential change which we are making as a result of the publication of the new laws. Rather than citing it as 1983-1, we want to say Cap. 59B.

Asides.

Hon. M. A. KING: Sections 4 and 5 of the Banks (Tax on Assets) Act, referred to in this Act as the principal Act, are amended.

Thank you.

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: I beg to second that.

The question that Clause 2, as amended, stand part was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Clause 3 was called.

Hon. M. A. KING: Mr. Chairman, on Clause 3, again I will ask that the marginal note be corrected to state the entitlement of the Act as "Cap. 59B" rather than "1983-1."

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: I second that, Sir.

The question that Clause 3, as amended, stand part was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Clause 4 was called.

Hon. M. A. KING: Mr. Chairman, in Clause 4, again I ask that the reference in the marginal note to "1983-1" be deleted, and that in its place be substituted "Cap. 59B."

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: I second that.

The question that Clause 4, as amended, stand part was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Clause 5 was called and passed.

Hon. M. A. KING: Mr. Chairman, -before you report, there are a number of other consequential changes which are not in any of the sections which I just informed the Committee of.

In the arrangement of sections where the reference to the Act is 1983—1, in those references should be substituted the words, "Cap. 59B". That is just a notice for the House.

On the motion of Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD, seconded by Hon. P. M. GREAVES, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee with amendments, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On separate motions of Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD, seconded by Hon. P. M. GREAVES, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

BARBADOS NATIONAL BANK (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1987

Order No. 1 was called - To move the second reading of a Bill to amend the Barbados National Bank Act, Cap. 322A.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Right Honourable Prime Minister.

Rt. Hon. E. W. BARROW (St. John): Mr. Speaker, I ask for leave to deal with this Bill on behalf of the Honourable Minister of Finance. 12.35 pin.

Section 6(1) of the Barbados National Bank Act, Cap. 322A, guarantees repayment by the Crown of all monies deposited with the Commercial Division of the Barbados National Bank, together with interest on any monies deposited with that institution.

There are other divisions of the Bank, however, the Agricultural Division and the Trust Division of the Bank, which have been encouraging depositors and they have, in fact, accepted substantial deposits, some of which have been transferred, with the agreement of the persons making the deposits, from the Commercial Division.

These deposits which have been transferred both to the Agricultural Division of the bank and the Trust Division of the bank have been of great help in making loans to the agricultural sector and to persons who are desirous of constructing domestic residences, even more so than the ordinary Commercial Division of the bank.

It is felt, Mr. Speaker, that the Government guarantee does not cover the deposits which have been transferred from the Commercial Division to the Agricultural Division and the Trust Division of the Barbados National Bank.

The purpose of the Bill which we have before us seeks to amend Section 6 of the Act simply by deleting the words "the commercial division of" where it appears in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Subsection (1) and in subsection (2) of that section of the Act.

The effect of that deletion, Mr. Speaker, will therefore make it abundantly clear that all the deposits which have been lodged with the Barbados National Bank will come under the blanketing guarantee of the Government of Barbados.

In Section 3 of the amending Bill, the Barbados National Bank Act shall be deemed always to have had effect as amended by the Act, so that persons whose deposits were transferred prior to the coming into effect

of the amending Act, which we are now seeking to pass, will also be protected by the amendment.

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

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: I beg to second that, Mr. Speaker, and reserve my right to speak.

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

On the motion of Rt. Hon. E. W. BARROW, seconded by Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD, Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee on the Bill, Mr. R. P. BYER in the Chair.

COMMITTEE

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The House is now in Committee.

Clause 1 was called.

Rt. Hon. E. W. BARROW: I beg to move that Clause 2 stand part.

Asides.

Rt. Hon. E. W. BARROW: You cannot do Clause 1 before you do the citation.

I beg to move that Clause 2 stand part.

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: I beg to second that.

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

Clause 3 was called and passed.

Rt. Hon. E. W. BARROW: I beg to move that clause 1 stand part, that the Bill may be cited as the Barbados National Bank (Amendment) Act, 1987.

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: I beg to second that.

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

On the motion of Rt. Hon. E. W. BARROW, seconded by Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Rt. Hon. E. W. BARROW, seconded by Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD, the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Rt. Hon. E. W. BARROW, seconded by Hon. M. A. KING, the Bill was passed and cited as the Barbados National Bank (Amendment) Act, 1987. 12.45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Unless any other Member has matters which he or she may wish to raise, I beg to move that this House do

now adjourn until Tuesday, May 26, 1987 at 12 o'clock noon.

Hon. M. A. KING: I beg to second that.

The question that the House do now stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 26, 1987 at 12 o'clock noon was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly. 12.47 p.m.

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