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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, July 5, 1988.

Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 12.20 p.m. o'clock.

PRESENT

His Honour L. A. WEEKES, J.P., (Speaker)

His Honour! J. PAYNE, (Deputy Speaker)

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

Hon. B. M. TAITT, B.A., (Hons.), M.P.A., LL.B., (Hons.), (Minister of Health)

Hon. P. M. GREAVES, Q.C., B.A., (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Transport, Telecommunications and Immigration and Leader of the House)

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

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 Employment, Labour Relations and Community Development)

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

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

Mr. O. S. ARTHUR, M.Sc., (Econ.)

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

Hon. C. V. WALKER, (Minister of Education and Culture) .

Mr. L. L. BRATHWAITE, J.P.

Mr. E. BOURNE

Hon. W. W. HALL, (Minister of Tourism and Sports)

Mr. C. A. NEBLETT, B.A., (Parliamentary Secretary, Prime Minister's Office)

Mr. C. L. TROTMAN, M.A.

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

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Ivan Harewood.

Mr. SPEAKER: The House is in session.

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, June 14, 1988.

MINUTES

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Minutes of proceedings of this Honourable Chamber for the meeting that took place on June 14, 1988 be taken as read and be confirmed.

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

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

PAPERS LAID

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. Speaker, I am commanded to lay:

The Land Adjudication of Rights and Interests Regulations 1988.

The Land Registration Regulations 1988.

On behalf of the Minister of Employment, Labour Relations and Community Development, I am commanded to lay:

The Report of the Welfare Department for the period April 1984 to March 1986.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS

Mr. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for St. George South re the general state of disrepair at St. Luke's - Brighton Primary School.

QUESTION RE GENERAL STATE OF DISREPAIR
AT ST. LUKE'S - BRIGHTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr. R. P. BYER: To ask the Minister of Education and Culture the following:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the roof of the St. Luke's - Brighton Primary School needs replacing and that the School is in a general state of disrepair and in urgent need of repair and renewal?
- (2) If the Minister is so aware, will he give this Honourable House the assurance that he will move swiftly to ensure the early rehabilitation of the said School?

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

PROGRESS REPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL
SELECT COMMITTEE

Mr. R. P. BYER: Sir, I am reporting progress and asking for leave for this Committee to sit again. The Constitutional Committee is considering the Bill to amend the Constitution of Barbados. We have met twice in this Committee, and amendments are currently on stream. We are asking for leave to report to this Honourable House in about a month's time, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: If there are no objections, then leave is granted.

FIRST READING OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. P. M. GREAVES, seconded by Hon. B. M. TAITT, the following Bill was read a first time:

A Bill to grant an additional sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and appropriate the same for the service of this Island for the financial Year ended 31st March, 1988.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Speaker at this point I move that the following Standing Orders be suspended for the remainder of the sitting: 6,16,18,20,42(5), 43, and 44. -

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FINAL

APPROPRIATION (1987-88) ACT, 1988

Order No. 1 was called - To move the second reading of a Bill to grant an additional sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and appropriate the same for the service of this Island for the financial year ended 31st March, 1988.

Hon. P. M. GREAVES (St. Michael North): Mr. Speaker, the Constitution of this country requires that all •* money Resolutions passed supplementary to the Appropriation Bill of one year should be included in a Final Appropriation Bill, unless they have otherwise formed part of another supplementary Appropriation Bill, and be passed as soon as possible at the end of that financial year.

The financial year 1987-1988 ended on March 31, Sir, and we are now bringing, in accordance with the Constitution, this Final Appropriation Bill, seeking to appropriate the sum of \$118 922 865, which sum of money has been voted on in this Honourable Chamber during the year 1987-1988.

This sum is set out under respective heads in the Schedule to this Bill. It is a matter that engaged this •*• Chamber from time to time during the current year. There is nothing new here.

I move, Sir, that this Bill be read a second time.

Hon. B. M. TAITT: I beg to second that, Sir, and reserve my right to speak. «.

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

On the motion of Hon. P. M. GREAVES, seconded by Hon. B. M. TAITT. 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 in Committee.

Clauses 1-4 inclusive were called and passed. The

Schedule was called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. P. M. GREAVES, seconded by Hon. B. M. TAITT, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee, and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly. 12.30p.m.

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

SALE OF LAND AT VAULT ROAD, WELCHMAN HALL, ST. THOMAS TO EURINE WALCOTT

Order No. 2 was called - To move the passing of a Resolution to approve the sale, under Section 5 of the Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act, Cap. 225, to Eurine Walcott of a parcel of land at Vault Road, Welchman Hall, St. Thomas.

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN (St. Philip South): Mr. Speaker, this Resolution seeks the approval of Parliament for the sale of what we used to call a bath, public convenience, and the land on which it stands, situated at Vault Road in St. Thomas, to Miss Eurine Walcott at a cost of \$7 000, which is the open market value.

Miss Walcott lives directly opposite to this bath and she has been given notice to quit the land on which her business stands. She carries on a shop there, and she has applied to us to purchase the land opposite in order that she can carry on her business in the same location.

It should be noted, Mr. Speaker, that the Ministry of Housing always refers these conveniences to the Ministry of Labour and Community Development to see if they need the baths for any purpose, and only when the Community Development Ministry says that it does not need the bath will we go ahead and sell.

So this Resolution is seeking approval of Parliament to sell this bath and the land on which it stands to Miss Eurine Walcott, Vault Road, Welchman Hall, St. Thomas for \$7 000.

I beg that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. W. O. FRANKLIN: I beg to second that.

Mr. D. A. C. SIMMONS (St. Thomas): Mr. Speaker, I just wish to declare an interest in so far as I, in my professional capacity, am representing the lady to whom the land is being sold.

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

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT VAUXHALL, CHRIST CHURCH RE ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Order No. 3 was called - To move the passing of a Resolution to approve the compulsory acquisition of land at Vauxhall, Christ Church, for the purpose of road improvement.

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN (St. Philip South): Mr. Speaker, this land, 124 square metres, was used by the Ministry of Transport and Works since 1978, but apparently the lady had not been paid. In fact, there was not any discussion with the lady until some time afterwards, when she notified the Ministry of Housing that her land was used and that she was not compensated.

After that happened, efforts were made to proceed with the acquisition by the method of private treaty, but the owner of the land did not have the necessary conveyance to provide to the Ministry of Housing and Lands, and therefore we had to use the Land Acquisition Act, Cap. 228, to acquire the land. So this is just seeking parliamentary approval for the compulsory acquisition of 124 square metres of land from a lady at Vauxhall, Christ Church for road improvement which has already been done.

I beg that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. W. O. FRANKLIN: I beg to second that.

Hon. H. deB. FORDE (Christ Church West): Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Minister could enlighten the House as to where exactly in Vauxhall. Is this at the corner of Vauxhall, Sargeants Village. Which area of road improvement?

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

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT PINE HILL, ST. MICHAEL RE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

Order No. 4 was called - To move the passing of a Resolution to approve the compulsory acquisition of land at Pine Hill, St. Michael for Highway Improvement.

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN (St. Philip South): Mr. Speaker, this again is some land which was acquired quite some time ago for highway improvement at the junction of Bishop's Court Hill, Erdiston and Pine Gardens. At that time, when the road was being improved there, one of the owners of the land - other owners had agreed to donate some land to Government as well - but this particular owner had agreed to donate 982 square metres of land to the Government.

What happened is that MTW used a lot more of the land than the 982 square metres which the owner had given to the Government. In fact, the total area of land that had been used by MTW was 2 818.4 square metres, made up as follows: 982 square metres which were given to us by the owner, 1 174.4 square metres which we are now in the process of purchasing, and another 662 square metres for the road reserve.

The surveys after the completion of the road works revealed that this total area of 2 818.4 square metres had actually been utilised, and the owner had only granted to the Government 1 174.4, so this Resolution is seeking the approval of Parliament for the compulsory acquisition of that amount of land.

One of the reasons we had to do it by this method is that, some time- after part of the land was donated to the Government, the owner in question had sold his property to someone else, and therefore he did not have the necessary

papers and things like that. The other reason was that the conveyance which the other persons had was completed without permission of the Chief Town Planner for the subdivision of the parcel of land utilised by the Crown. Therefore, we had to acquire this land by compulsory acquisition. 12.40 p.m.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. W. O. FRANKLIN: I beg to second that.

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

THE ADJOURNMENT

Hon. P. M. GREAVES : Mr. Speaker, that concludes Government Business for today, and it seems that that concludes business generally for the day.

I therefore move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, July 26, 1988, at 12 o'clock noon.

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

The question that the House stand adjourn until Tuesday, July 26, 1988 was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly. 12.43 p.m.

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