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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, November 15, 1988.

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

PRESENT

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

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD, B.A., M.A. (Econ.) J.P.,
(Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs)

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)

Dr. R. C. HAYNES, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.P., (Edin.)

Hon. Dr. D. G. BLACKMAN, B.A., M.A., (Minister of Transport and Works)

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)

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. P. J. M. MILLER

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

The Clerk announced that Mr. SPEAKER was absent and asked the House to please stand for the DEPUTY SPEAKER.

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Ivan Harewood. Mr.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House is in session.

MINUTES

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minutes of the previous meeting.

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that the Minutes of proceedings of this Honourable Chamber of the meeting that was held on November 1, 1988 be taken as read and approved.

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

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: If there are no additions or alterations, let these Minutes stand confirmed.

PAPERS

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am commanded to lay the following:-

The 19th Annual Report of the Barbados Development Bank for the year 1987-1988.

Hon. N. K. SIMMONS: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am commanded to lay the following:-

The Annual Reports and Financial Statements of the National Conservation Commission for the years 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84.

Hon. Dr. D. G. BLACKMAN: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am commanded to lay the following:

The Post Office (Hours of Business and Hours for Closing Mail for Inland Delivery) (Amendment) Regulations, 1988.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice of the following:-

Resolution to approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land at Walkers, St. George, mainly for housing purposes.

Resolution to approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land at Oxnards, St. James, mainly for housing purposes.

A Bill to repeal the National Health Service Board Act

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The honourable Member for St. Thomas re waiver of import duties in respect of Terry Cloth fabric.

Mr. D. A. C. SIMMONS: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, to ask the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs:

1. Will the Minister please state:

- (a) whether there exists in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs a policy to waive import duties in respect of "Tetry Cloth", a fabric used for the manufacture of bath towels,
- (b) whether there have been any, and if so how many applications for a waiver of such duties in 1987 and 1988, and
- (c) how many waivers have been granted in 1987 and 1988?

If the Minister has granted waivers of duty in respect of some but not all applications, will he please state the reasons, if any, for discrimination?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The same honourable Member re state of disrepair of certain roads in St. Thomas.

Mr. D. A. C. SIMMONS: To ask the Minister of Transport and Works:

1. Is the Minister aware that the following roads in the parish of St. Thomas are in a grave state of disrepair:

(a) Bloomsbury; (b) Highland, (c) Lion Castle Tenantry; (d) Content Tenantry; (e) Bennetts Tenantry; (f) Grand View Heights; (g) two unnamed subsidiary roads off the main Shop Hill Road; (h) Christie Village/Old Sharon; (i) Walkes Spring; (j) Church Gap, Hillaby; (k) • Vault Road, Welchman Hall and (1) White Hall Village Road?

If the answers to the foregoing are in the affirmative will the Minister please state his plans Or programmes for the repair of the said roads?

2. Is the Minister aware that the proper functioning and efficiency of the Depot at Bagatelle are being comprised by lack of adequate and efficient equipment and materials?

If the answer to the above is in the affirmative, will the Minister please state what are his plans to ensure that this Depot is adequately supplied with materials and equipment?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The same honourable Member re garbage disposal dump at Mangrove Pond, St. Thomas.

Mr. D. A. C. SIMMONS: To ask the Minister of Health:

1. Is the Minister aware that the garbage disposal dump at Mangrove Pond, St. Thomas is still causing offence to the residents of Arch'Hall, Rock Hall, Bennetts and Reeves Hill in the said parish by reason of the emission of foul smells from the said dump?
2. Is the Minister aware that the polluted atmosphere in and around the said districts is causing residents in the said districts to suffer from respiratory disorders and even nausea?
3. Is the Minister aware that the said dump is being used indiscriminately for the disposal of raw - sewage?

4. Is the Minister aware that the level of matter in the dump is higher than the level of the natural promontory and is thereby visible from Arch Hall?

If the answers to the foregoing questions are in the affirmative, will the Minister please state:

- (a) what is the cause or reason for the continuing offensive odours;
- (b) what steps Government has taken to reduce and/or control the emission of said odours;
- (c) what steps Government intends to take to reduce and/or control the emission of said odours on a permanent basis; and
- (d) whether Government intends to continue using the said site for garbage disposal and, if so, for how much longer?

12.25 p.m.

FIRST READING OF BILLS

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that the Bill to repeal the National Health Service Board Act be now read a first time.

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

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Deputy Speaker, in 1982 the Government acquired the principal assets of Aero Services Ltd. which was then in receivership, and the Government established a new Company - Aero Services Barbados (1982) Ltd. Since that date the Airline-Company has incurred losses in each year of its operation. The loss sustained in 1986 was \$1.9 million on Total Revenues of \$1.56 million. And by December 1986 the accumulated deficit stood -at \$5.5 million despite the fact that the Government had paid subsidies to the Company amounting to \$1.7 million. Moreover, at 31st December, 1986, the Current Liabilities of the Company were \$3.685 million while the Current Assets were a mere \$451,000.

The financial performance of the Company improved in 1987. The annual loss was reduced from \$1.9 million in the previous year to just over \$1.0 million at the end of 1987. However, the Current Liabilities, which were reduced to \$1.624 million, were still significantly greater than the Current Assets which were then \$337,000.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with its well-established policy that the taxpayers of Barbados should not be called upon to subsidise the operations of essentially commercial enterprises, the present Government, having examined the financial status and prospects of Aero Services Barbados (1982) Ltd., decided that it would cease subsidising the Company and would seek to divest itself of the majority of its shares in that Company. To this end discussions have taken place over the past 2 years with several interested parties. These included three of Barbados', most prominent commercial enterprises, one of which negotiated in partnership with an equally well-established Trinidad and Tobago Company. However, these three (3) Barbadian Companies eventually indicated that they were no longer interested in pursuing the matter. In the event the Trinidad and Tobago Co. found another Barbadian partner Mustique Airways and discussions were pursued with this new group as well as with Aero Link Ltd. Following protracted negotiations these two parties submitted written proposals for the purchase of the majority of Government's shares in Aero Services Barbados (1982) Ltd.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, the two written proposals were substantially similar in content, however, Aero Link Limited presented the more advantageous offer.

The Cabinet therefore decided to accept the offer by Aero Link Limited to purchase 82% of the shares of Aero Services Barbados (1982) Ltd. Pursuant to that decision, the Government, on 31st October, 1988, concluded an Agreement with that Company (Aero Link Limited) for the sale of 82% of the shares of Aero Services Barbados (1982) Ltd.

Aero Link Limited is a Company incorporated in Barbados. Its shareholder* are citizens of Barbados and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The majority of shares in that Company, however, are held by nationals of Barbados.

Under the Agreement for the sale of shares it is stipulated that at least 51% of the issued shares of Aero Services must be held by Barbadians and shares cannot be sold without the prior approval of the Government. The Agreement further stipulates that the Airline-Company must continue to provide non-scheduled (charter) air services to and from Barbados.

The main terms of the Agreement are as follows:

- (1) The purchase price for 82% of the shares is \$202,000.00.
- (2) The Government has a right to a seat on the Board of Directors of Aero Services Barbados (1982) Ltd.

- (3) Certain of the liabilities of Aero Services Barbados (1982) Ltd. will be capitalised, viz:

- (a) Ministry of Finance Loan of \$50,000.00.
 - (b) Government debenture loan of \$3,347,000.00
 - (c) All monies owing to the Airport Manager up to the date of take-over.
- (4) Government will not participate in any losses sustained or guarantee any loans of Aero Services Barbados (1982) Ltd.
- (5) Not less than 51% of the issued shares will be held by Barbadians.
- (6) Prior approval of the Government will be required for the sale of any shares of Aero Services Barbados (1982) Ltd.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that the restructured Company, Aero Services Barbados (1982) Ltd., with the introduction of new private sector oriented management, will be able in a short time to offer an improved service to the travelling public of Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean and will be in a stronger position to serve the expanding needs of our growing tourism industry which is the main contributor to the economy of Barbados.

ORDERS OF THE DAY SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

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

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: If there is no objection, those Standing Orders mentioned by the Honourable Minister will be suspended for the remainder of the day.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order No. 1.

Order No. 1 was called - To move that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the grant of sums of money for the service of this Island.

On the motion of Hon. P. M. GREAVES, seconded by Hon. B. M. TAITT. Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. R. P. BYER in the Chair. 12.35p.m.

COMMITTEE

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The House is now in Committee.

Resolution to amend the Explanatory Note to Head 13 - Prime Minister's Office; Subhead 3 - Central Emergency Relief Organisation.

Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD: Mr. Chairman, this is a very simple Resolution. It seeks to amend the Explanatory Note to Head 13, Subhead 3 - Plant, Furniture, and Equipment, in order to make certain changes in the Explanatory Note so that purchases may be made. The Note currently reads: "includes provision for the purchase of chairs, clocks, stoves, television antenna, maggi board and diesel generator." There is no intention on the part of the Central Emergency Relief Organisation to purchase a television antenna. The intention is that wall fans should be provided. So the purpose of the Note is to put the authorisation in place so that the wall fans may be purchased rather than the television antenna as indicated in the Note.

Therefore, the amended Note reads: "includes provision for the purchase of chairs, clocks, stoves, wall fans, maggi board and diesel generator." No funds are being requested because the funds are already included in the \$30,160 provided under this particular Head.

Mr. Chairman, as I indicated, this is a simple amendment to the Explanatory Note and perhaps I should indicate that the wall fans are required for the ventilation and cooling of a room which is used as a kind of a situation room during times of emergency brought on by any natural phenomena, and it is felt that when the room would be closed up during unsettled weather conditions, proper ventilation would be required and that includes the provision of ventilation from the fans. This is really the purpose of it, for the adequate ventilation of a room under the control of CERO at its headquarters at the Garrison.

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

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

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

On the motion of Hon. P. M. GREAVES, seconded by Hon. B. M. TAITT, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Resolution in Committee of Supply, and Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE VESTING
IN THE NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION
OF LAND AT COLLETON GARDENS, ST. JOHN
FOR HOUSING PURPOSES

Order No. 2 was called - To move the passing of a resolution to approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of land at Colleton Gardens, St. John for housing purposes.

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Colleton Gardens, St. John is one of the older housing estates administered by the National Housing Corporation. It consists of 17,724 square metres of land and it was conveyed to the Crown in 1957 and the National Housing Corporation has built 18 houses on that spot at Colleton. There were 57 lots in all and most of the other lots have been rented out.

This Resolution comes about because most of the persons at Colleton who are now willing to purchase the lots are having difficulty in getting their conveyances since the land had never been vested in the National Housing Corporation. So you see, this goes back many, many years and the reason for this Resolution is to vest the land into the National Housing Corporation so that the Housing Corporation will be able to get the conveyances so they can give the tenants who are willing and who are pretty eager to purchase the land at the moment.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The honourable Member for St. George South.

Mr. R. P. BYER: Mr. Deputy Speaker, in rising to support this Resolution I want to dwell for some time on some of the problems that we are facing, shall I say the legal profession in particular, and the general public as well in relation to the operation of the system of land registration.

I would think Sir, that what I would want to say would be within the confines of this Resolution. At the very outset, Sir, I would want to draw - and I am very sorry that the Attorney General is not in his seat today - but I would think that as a matter of urgency I should raise these concerns, and I would hope that they are brought to his attention. 12.45 p.m.

The Land Registration Act was proclaimed some time recently and we have a situation where it is now required that titles in the first registration district, being the district in Wanstead, Husbands and that general area between Cave

Hill and Haynesville, those titles would now have to be registered under the Land Registration Act.

We also have a situation where - and this is in relation to sporadic registrations - conveyances are now required to be registered under the Land Registration Act, those conveyances after 8th September, 1988.

You have, Sir, one difficulty in relation to this requirement of the registration and it has to do with the fact that the Act at sections 12, 14 and 15 sets out certain requirements that have to be met, and it is difficult to meet those requirements because of the fact that the Commissioners that are required to be appointed have up to this moment not been appointed.

Sir, I would crave your indulgence to refer to those sections that I mentioned earlier, sections 12, 14 and 15. I would not want to read them verbatim, but I would want to rely as much as possible on what is said in these sections.

Section 12 allows for the compilation of a register from the adjudication records - this is section 12 of the Land Registration Act - and it says that when an adjudication record is finalised under section 30 of the Land (Adjudication of Rights and Interests) Act, which is Cap. 228A, and the Commissioner has delivered the adjudication record to the Registrar, the Registrar shall prepare a folio for each parcel shown in the adjudication record and for any lease required to be registered and shall register therein any of the particulars of the adjudication record that require registration.

It goes on at section 14, and this one allows for registration on first dealings under the Land Registration Act and it talks about "after the commencement of the Act, every conveyance on sale of a legal estate in fee simple absolute in possession within the meaning of the Property Act, and every grant of years absolute shall, where the land is situate outside a registration district, become void on the expiration of 3 months from the date thereof or of any authorised extension of that date, unless the grantee or lessee applied to be registered as proprietor of the land or lease, as the case may be."

Subsection (3) of that section as well, Sir, I would want to refer to that before I make the point I am making. "Where an application is made under subsection (1), the Registrar shall cause the title of the applicant to be examined by the Commissioner as if the land were situate in a registration district and the Commissioner were preparing an adjudication record of the parcel under the Land (Adjudication of Rights and Interests) Act, and the Registrar shall act upon the report of the Commissioner in preparing the folio for that parcel."

Now, two things I want to mention at this point. The first is that we have these difficulties inherent in the first registration. If land that is conveyed after 8th September, 1988 is not registered within this three month period, or any extension of that, it appears as though the conveyances would be void.

The second point, and it relates to the first, is that it is difficult to have the land registered because the Commissioner who is appointed under the Land (Adjudication of Rights and Interests) Act and his Assistants, other Registrars as well, have not been appointed up to this moment.

Aside.

Mr. R. P. BYER: I am told by the Minister of Housing that they are appointed. The latest information I have, which is up to Saturday, is that those persons were not appointed, so I am using that as the background for what I am saying.

Even if they are appointed, Sir, I want to make the further point that because of the novelty of the system, and the fact that we are, as it were, feeling our way through it, it would seem to me to be better for the operation of sections 12, 14 and 15 to be postponed until a later date and let us deal with the registration of titles in the first registration districts that I mentioned earlier on.

There is every possibility that the registration of titles, those sporadic registrations, registrations which must take place in relation to conveyances after 8th September, that were dated after 8th September, 1988, it might very well be difficult to have those conveyances registered within that three month period, which is just 90 days, and because everybody is new to the system, who knows? You might very well have some difficulty in having the conveyances registered. If that does occur, conveyances could be voided.

There is also another problem in relation to the operation of the Act, and it has to do with the numbering of the isolated parcels. It is easy to number parcels of land in the first registration district, because more or less all the titles in that area have been settled already and it is just a question of applying to the Registrar of Titles to have those titles registered now under the Land Registration Act. It is easy to do that. The point I am making is that it is difficult, if we are to look at the time periods, as I mentioned under section 14, to register those titles I referred to that would be registered in relation to sporadic transfers, and when I say sporadic transfers I am talking about transfers that occurred on or after 8th September, 1988.

I know of some instances where lawyers have made application to have land registered and the registration application has not yet reached the desk of the Registrar of

Titles, for the simple reason - it is not his fault, and this is what I was referring to before - that the Commissioners, and this is contrary to what the Minister of Housing pointed out to me earlier, have not "been appointed and it is their duty to make sure that the titles are correct before the application can reach the desk of the Registrar of Titles.

One other problem has to do with the requirement of section 20 of the Land (Adjudication of Rights and Interests) Act which speaks about registration of plans, and I crave your indulgence to refer to this section. This section reads as follows: "A person who submits an application or claim to the Commissioner or a Registration Officer under section 11 shall present, with the application or claim, all the documents, plans or other evidence relied on in support of the claim or application within the time specified in a notice under that section or such longer time as the Commissioner permits." You see, Sir, the view is that the Land (Adjudication of Rights and Interests) Act does not allow for the registration of existing plans. 12.55p.m.

In other words, it appears as though any application for registration of land must be accompanied by a new plan, *so to speak.

Asides.

Mr. R. P. BYER: You may respond to that, but I am just saying what the view appears to be. The view is that the Land (Adjudication of Rights and Interests) Act does not allow for the registration of existing plans. In other words, suppose you had a perfectly good plan dated in 1954, the Act apparently does not allow for the registration of that plan, but it would allow for the registration if the plan was dated 1988 or so, and one of the views in the profession is that the legislation ought to be amended to allow for the registration of the existing plans where these plans can be certified to be good and true plans.

Now the Minister of Housing is suggesting to me that that is not so, but I would hope that the matter can be clarified, because there seems to be a divergence of views in the legal profession about that aspect of land registration.

Now there are other things that are of minor consideration to attorneys-at-law and they have to do with the appointment of staff at the lower level and also the provision of accommodation for the Registrar of Titles. At this moment, Sir, it would appear as though the Act in its initial stages or in its operation might not fulfil the promise as stated by the Minister of Agriculture when he participated in the debate when the Act was proclaimed, that it would allow for the speedy transfer of titles and so on. It is being sold in that way, and very early I think that

the public should know that transfers may take a little longer now until people become accustomed to the way the Act ought to operate.

There are a number of uncertainties surrounding its operation and I am certain that in due course, along with what I have said, that the persons responsible for the coming into operation of this Act and also the persons responsible for its present operation will be made aware.

Thank you.

Hon. W. O. FRANKLIN: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I seem to gather from the contribution of the honourable Member for St. George South that he is advocating the postponement, he did not say for how long, of the introduction of the sporadic part of the land registry until such time as the registry staff should have gathered the necessary expertise and should have gathered the necessary experience to introduce the section.

Mr. R. P. BYER: On a point of order, in addition to what the Minister said, I am saying not only the staff in the Registry but also the members of the legal profession who deal with that area of the work. It is a very difficult area of work' to understand how the system operates, because people who work with the Land Registry and people who work in the profession have different views as to how the Act ought to operate.

Hon. W. O. FRANKLIN: I think what we need to do is to look to see what are the objectives of this piece of legislation and the reason why it is advocated that the two systems should run simultaneously despite the concerns that the honourable Member for St. George South has. He seems to be of the opinion that we should start with the systematic compilation of areas that were recently declared to allow both the legal profession as well as the registry staff to gain the necessary expertise and experience in dealing with the system.

Now basically, Mr. Deputy Speaker, the system is comprised of two main components. The first component is establishing a legal identity to the parcel of land which is the concern of the Commissioners, the Registrars and the practising attorneys-at-law, and the second one really concerns the establishment of the physical boundary of the parcel of land which is the concern of the Lands and Surveys Department and the private surveyors in practice in Barbados.

Now the plan as proposed by the Registry division for the simultaneous compilation both systematically and sporadically is especially put out to enable the completion of the island at the earliest possible time.

Now presently in Barbados there are, I think, about 2 000 parcels of land that over the last nine to ten years have changed hands in every day dealing in land. I don't know the period that the honourable Member for St. George South is advocating, but for every year you allow to slip in my opinion is an opportunity lost to bring 2 000 parcels of land on to the register.

Now what are the difficulties and what are the differences? Let us work ourselves through the systematic compilation. For obvious reasons the area that was declared was purposely selected because the majority of the area was once Government owned, it is nicely laid out, there are existing survey plans, the titles of most of them have been recently searched, most of them in many cases should have been searched on quite a few occasions so the root of title could be fairly easily established; so the remaining problems I believe would be those few areas of map boundary dispute and a few areas of maybe some legal tangle that would be sorted out by the Commissioners and the Registrars.

What is the opposite picture? The position now with the sporadic compilation would be that the transaction would be taking place as normal where you would have an attorney representing the vendor, an attorney representing the purchaser who would do the normal searches that they would do now anyhow, but on the completion of that, it would be presented to the Commissioner of Titles and the Registrars first of all for the legal examination of that title. Now I would think that there should be very little difficulty; if any, in this situation because you now introduce a third party. What the Member is suggesting is, okay, let that happen where you have a search by the vendor, examination by the purchaser's solicitor, and register as usual under the existing system. It does not go on to the Registration of Titles Act, but fifteen years down the road you now have to go back and re-examine the situation and bring it on to the system.

Now I personally would think that where you have an examination by the vendor's solicitors, an examination by the purchaser's solicitors and then a final examination by the Commissioner of Titles, that that should be fairly straight forward to bring it on to the register. 1.05p.m.

If his concern is with the physical demarcation and bringing that on to the registry, the present situation exists where the competence is in the hands of the present private surveyors that they can carry out the physical demarcation in using the modern techniques of tying it on to the existing grid system, allow the Lands and Surveys Department to plot it with that degree of accuracy that you would not have any overlap or gaps when you finally come to the¹ compilation. So what you are doing in reality is really

starting to put a kind of jigsaw puzzle together and when you come to the systematic compilation you infill those areas that have been left out during the sporadic situation. So I think that unless there is an absolutely good reason that it would be a pity if we should lose those 2 000 or so annual dealing in parcels of land per year by not bringing them on to the register at this time.

If he is advocating a very short period of familiarisation of the system, maybe three months, or two months, I might go along with it but, certainly, I would not be agreeable to any system that would allow all of those parcels to be lost to the registry and, therefore, prolong the compilation of the register.

Now, as far as the point that he has made about the transaction taking a little longer, it is true in the first part of the compilation it might take a little longer but, obviously, these are competent persons, experienced persons dealing with the law. The commissioners are all very experienced persons dealing with land law and I do not think it should take them very long to get very familiar with the system.

I think the problem, as I see it, would be at the operational level, people carrying out the day-to-day - bringing them on to the register, checking all the encumbrances. At the operational level, it is true it is a new system and it will take the select staff to get a little accustomed to it.

In summary I would say that the proposed system I would support if there is a recommendation for a short period, not more than two months, for the registry to get accustomed to it I might be able to agree but I, certainly, would not support a longer period than that to bring it up to familiarization with the system.

Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Mr. R.

P. BYER: Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you speaking a second time?

Mr. R. P. BYER: Just a point of clarification, Sir. Even though I am coming at the end of the Minister of Agriculture —

Aside.

Mr. R. P. BYER: I said that I have risen on a point of clarification, Sir. That is what I said.

What the Minister of Agriculture said is perfectly correct. I am not advocating any long period of time. He made some mention of 15 years down the road. I am thinking of a very short time, probably three months at the

most during which time you could return to the system of registration of the sporadic transfers not for any longer time than that, Sir, because I can understand and I appreciate the point that he made about not making the....

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am a bit concerned about certain recommendations made. It seems to me that the major problem identified by the honourable Member for St. George South stems from the fact of his unawareness that there had been a recent appointment of certain officers who will have to deal with this particular matter. I am talking about the commissioners and registration officers.

I am not sure if his views would be the same now that he is aware that the officers have been appointed and are about now to embark upon doing the work that was necessary because I can see certain difficulties.

How can one, when one has brought certain legislation into effect? How can one postpone it? That presents a considerable difficulty. The law states that certain things must be done after a certain time. That certain time has come and gone. We would then have to do the things that the law says otherwise to postpone it we would have to bring down other legislation, it would seem to me, in order to postpone it and I think, Sir, that last state might very well be worse than the first.

Now, Sir, that the respective officers have been appointed, it can make a difference as long as they begin to work because the things of which the honourable Member was complaining, stem from the fact that the officers have not yet begun their work. Now, I think that position still remains today because I am not even sure if they have been notified of their appointments but the officers have been selected. I have seen the names of the officers myself. They are very senior officers in respect of the commissioners and less senior in respect of the registration officers.

I have seen them and I believe that once they are aware that they have been so appointed, I believe things can start to work more smoothly without the necessity of coming back to Parliament to seek a postponement - how it will work, I am not sure - to seek a postponement of the operations of certain of the legislation.

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am very happy that this entire system of registration - well, not the entire system - but most of the difficulties of the honourable Member for St. George South have been attended to by the honourable Member for St. Philip North and the honourable Member for St. Michael North.

I would just like to say that the statement that the conveyances take a bit longer now is taken, but the Government, or the Ministry of Housing, have never said that the system will take shorter now. What we in the Ministry of Housing and, in particular, the Land Registry Section have always said was that when the system is in place and working, that transactions in land, instead of taking seven and nine months, as it does now, should take no more than two or three days because everything would be on the register when the system is in place and working and I thought I should make that point.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, with those few remarks, I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

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

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order No. 3.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE VESTING IN THE
NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION OF
LAND AT THE IVY, ST. MICHAEL

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. Deputy Speaker, this land at the Ivy, St. Michael, comprises of about 2.1 acres and it was acquired from the estate of Carlisle Atwell for housing development some time ago, I think in 1980 in light of the great demand for house spots in that area and, in fact, throughout Barbados. The land was acquired in order to extend the existing housing development.

It is now proposed, Mr. Deputy Speaker, to subdivide this land into approximately 20 lots and because it would be necessary then to have conveyances ready for the persons who will occupy those lots, it is necessary to vest this land in the National Housing Corporation. Work will start shortly on infrastructural work, road, etc. on this parcel of land. 1.15p.m.

Tenders have already gone out, have already been received, and I think the tenders have gone to the board already, the Tenders Committee. So work should start very shortly on this parcel of land and that is why there is a degree of urgency here.

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

Hon. Dr. D. G. BLACKMAN: Mr. Deputy Speaker, in supporting this Resolution, I wish to congratulate the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands for moving

with such expedition to meet a serious need which is felt in the constituency of St. Michael East and the community of the Ivy.

This particular development is of special concern to me since I can harp back to the bad old days before this property was owned by Mr. Atwell, it was owned by a white man called Yearwood a petty latifundist who presided with condescension, contempt and sometimes violence over this mini estate. He was well known, the Honourable Minister of Tourism can attest to this. He may have been one of those boys who would have had to duck from bullets which were indiscriminately fired from the gun of this man who occupied this land.

There were people working on this land for next to nothing and their sole reward very often was to remove the provisions from the ground at night, an activity which for some, from a certain perspective, is deemed to be justice and from another perspective is considered criminal, praedial larceny.

We are glad that this historical blot on this community has now been extirpated and that the land will be returned to those people who toiled on it for nothing or next to nothing in order that this individual and his family might enjoy a sumptuous standard of living.

This land is on the periphery of Zone One known as the water zone, and a considerable portion of the land in the constituency of St. Michael East falls within Zone One. There is an absolute prohibition on the construction of any buildings within the Zone One area that are new. Construction is only permitted in those cases where a building of similar use was located on a given spot within that Zone before. This is the law, as I understand it, this is the law that is expounded by bureaucrats.

The practice however has been very different and the area known as the Belle Tenantry, which a few years ago was acquired by Government, is one area where residents have very great difficulties in securing approval from the Town and Country Planning Department for building houses on spots where houses previously existed. There is massive ignorance within that department and arbitrary conduct by many of the officers there who have to adjudicate applications for permission to build houses in that area.

Only two weeks ago, I took the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands into that area and showed him palpable evidence of a house having been located or the remnants of a house located on several spots which the Town and Country Planning Department in its omnipotence and wisdom had denied applicants the right to rebuild houses there.

Now I want to issue a warning. These arbitrary and capricious acts on the part of fundamentally ignorant officials who know absolutely nothing about the area will inevitably lead to breaches of the peace, because there are inhabitants in the area who are ignoring their so-called orders and going ahead and building on these spots. I want everything to be peaceful, people to keep within the law. But in Barbados as elsewhere, any law which is unjust will not be respected. It is as simple as that!

The facts of the matter are that this, area for a long time was starved of infrastructure until your humble servant in 1982 put roads and lights and conducted a general beautification programme. There were malcontents on the other side however who excoriated this Honourable Member for so doing saying I was wasting the taxpayers' money by constructing roads in an area where few people live.

The facts of the matter are that the Belle Tenantry was a densely populated area in years gone by but as a result of the absence of such infrastructure and the stigmatization of persons who lived in the area as chigoe foot people with a lot of lice, that is how the people in Belle Tenantry used to be described, many people felt ashamed to be living in that area and moved out, even although they owned land. Their old grandparents remained and left the land for them and now they want to return, the area having been brought up to minimally civilized standards. They are being denied the right to live where their grandparents lived, to live on the soil that their grandparents cultivated without pay.

I do not believe it is fair. The Minister is seized of this problem and I hope that he will communicate my displeasure to the moguls within the Town Planning Department and take seriously the warning that if justice is not done* there can be serious breaches of the peace.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I crave your indulgence now that we are on the subject of land in St. Michael East. I hope the question of land, the discussion of land in St. Michael East is of relevance. 1.25p.m.

I also took the honourable Minister of Housing to Cavewood where we viewed about 11 acres of land acquired a few years ago. Now at the time that that land was acquired as far as I recollect there were dual objectives to be served by that acquisition. Part of that land was supposed to be used for housing and/or sites and services and the other portion was to be used for the Community College for its expansion plans.

It is my understanding, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that the Community College's officials and certain persons within the Ministry of Education are urging those responsible to renege upon these proposals and to have the Community

College appropriate this land in its entirety. The people of St. Michael East will not take kindly to any such broken promises or failure to keep commitments.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am talking about land in St. Michael East and if you are cognizant..... •••

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is this the Ivy?

Hon. Dr. D. C. BLACKMAN: I know that you come from the northern part of the island. But let me tell you that the area that we are talking about and the area that this' Resolution addresses itself to are one sociologically. They * may have different names but they are one sociologically. So there is no question, Mr. Deputy Speaker, of the relevance.

(Laughter.)

Hon. Dr. D. G. BLACKMAN: Moving quickly now from Tichbourne, Sir, into My Lords Hill, again the -. Government acquired in 1983 land at My Lords Hill called Clarke's Land just opposite the entrance to Licorish Village. That land, Mr. Deputy Speaker, was acquired for the purpose of resiling persons who live in awful conditions in Thompson Land, Licorish Village. The residents in this area are still waiting for action. I have also spoken to the Minister of Housing about it and I am quite sure that he will act in a decisive manner. The people are waiting to be * rescued from the gully in Thompson Land and I look forward to expeditious action on the part of the Ministry of Housing in this area.

There are some other questions relating to land and land use in that constituency which I will not go into at this time. I mentioned the most important areas and I hope that the Minister will be able to give me assurance that these promises are being worked on and after his rhetorical assurances to move swiftly into action to insure that they become a reality.

Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. R. P. BYER: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to associate myself with some of the remarks made by the honourable Minister of Transport and Works..... ***

Aside.

Mr. R. P. BYER: I said some and I want to especially crave your indulgence, Sir, in so far as the sociological connection between St. George South, Sir, and St. Michael East is concerned, Sir. ^

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I must alert you early that even though I may see some sociological connection to lands in St. Michael it might be stretching it a bit to go to St. George. Proceed with those guidelines.

Laughter.

Mr. R. P. BYER: But Sir, as was said earlier on, that geographically, Sir, we are very near Sir. We are very close geographically. I might say that very little separates the two constituencies. But Sir, especially with relation to the question of Town and Country Planning permission for the erection of buildings in Zone 1 water areas, I have from 1986 - I mean one of the first speeches I made in this honourable Chamber when we were in another Place was about the problems that the residents of Dash Valley, St. George have in relation to this area.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is this land acquisition?

Mr. R. P. BYER: No, no, I am talking about land use, Sir, which I believe is within the corners of the Resolution, which is a facet, Sir, as I am told by the Member for St. Thomas of land acquisition. The residents, Sir, of Dash Valley have the similar problems that the residents of the Belle Tenantry in St. Michael have and I have on numerous occasions, Sir, in this honourable Chamber as I have said brought this to the attention of the Minister of Housing and for the probably sixth or seventh time I want to restate what I said before.

One of the reasons why you hardly get any development in this area is because of the problems associated with development in the Zone 1 water areas. I would hope that the officers in the Town Planning Department would show more sensitivity to the applications that are made for permission to erect buildings in these areas. I have also asked a Parliamentary Question touching on the same issue as well, Sir. I have also mentioned the problems faced by residents of South District more or less which is under Zone 1 water area as well as or just outside of it But more specifically, Sir, the residents of Dash • Valley, St. George face numerous problems having to do with the development of that district and for the reason, Sir, that that district is located under Zone 1 water area.

I can appreciate all the arguments about the health of the Nation and so on. But then again having said that, Sir, I think we must also look at the problems faced by these residents because you have to solve that problem by resiling residents of that district, Sir, or come out with some comprehensive plan to accommodate the fact that they are so located. I would want to make another plea to the Minister to give some attention or pay some attention to these concerns of the residents of this district, Sir.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The honourable Member for St. Philip South.

Hon.H. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. Deputy Speaker, the concerns of both honourable Members, the honourable Member for St. Michael East and the honourable Member for St. George South will be and are being taken into account and a decision will be made shortly.

I beg, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that this Resolution do now pass.

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

The question that the Resolution do now pass was put and resolved in the affirmative without division. 1.35p.m.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE VESTING IN THE
NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION OF LAND
AT VALERY, COLLYMORE ROCK,
ST. MICHAEL FOR HOUSING
PURPOSES**

Order No. 4 - Resolution to approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of land at Valery, Collymore Rock, St. Michael for housing purposes.

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. Deputy Speaker, this land at Valery was acquired in January 1980, 67,558 square metres, for housing development This tenantry has recently been approved for inclusion in the National Urban Low Income Housing Development Project, and the plans for that area include a reduction of the existing lot sizes in order to enable purchase by low income earners, because the lot sizes were very, very large, so we had to reduce the lot sizes i> ¹.it to allow low income persons to purchase them.

We, by doing that, have created quite a few new lots, about 40 or more. We are also going to improve and make provision for road access, we have already upgraded the existing playing field in conjunction with the Ministry of Sports, and we are planning to sell and to lease the land to existing tenants under the Tenancies Freehold Purchase Act.

In order for the National Housing Corporation to effectively develop this area, Mr. Deputy Speaker, it has to be in a position to issue conveyances to persons who need to purchase the land and who would therefore need their conveyances for their individual lots, so it is necessary for the Corporation to have clear titles to this land.

Before I finish, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I think I should say that the question of acquisition of land and provision of house spots is engaging the Ministry at the moment. It is an urgent matter. There are some constituencies which are well served with house spots, there are many constituencies in which the Government has land and therefore the question

of acquisition is a bit easier, but there are other constituencies which do not have much potential for development for housing purposes, and this is a bit unfortunate, but the question of acquisition of land is a daily work of the Ministry of Housing and Lands. "

In this connection I should like to say that there is a serious problem in St. Andrew, especially now with the lot of rains.

(Aside)

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN: Well, St. Joseph as well, but I still believe that St. Andrew is worse, because I have been having the complaints about St. Andrew for a long time. The problem in St. Andrew is that there is not a lot of building land, and the land which is available, or which can be termed building land, will be very, very costly to put in the infrastructure drainage and things like that, in the order of \$5 million and \$7 million and things like that.

We have discovered a bit of land in Corbin's Village, St Andrew which is good for building and we are at the moment working on that Firstly, those people from Taitt Martins, Boarded Hall, Gregg Farm, Isolation Road and White Hill, those are the people most badly affected, and we have decided in the Ministry of Housing and Lands that lands that we have in Apes Hill and Orange Hill we will relocate as many of those persons to those areas as quickly as possible.

Only this morning I was told by one of the technicians in the Ministry that an area of land at Orange Hill can be marked out fairly quickly for relocating some of these persons. Those who cannot be accommodated immediately at Orange Hill and at Apes Hill, we are looking into the idea as a matter of urgency of relocating them on Government land at Shorey Village *pro tern* until the lands at Corbin's Village can be acquired, and then they will be put there permanently.

With those few remarks, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg that this Resolution to vest this land at Valery in the National Housing Corporation do now pass.

Dr. R. C. HAYNES: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to second that, and I will continue to speak.

As I understand it, this is another in the series of Resolutions before the House which seek to vest lands already purchased by Government in the National Housing Corporation to facilitate the further transfer of title to prospective purchasers, or presumably for other uses of that land.

Valery is in the constituency of St. Michael South Central and despite all the changes that have taken place in that constituency over the years, I have had the honour to represent that part of Brittons Hill for the past ten years. This is a very highly emotive issue as far as the people of Valery and Brittons Hill are concerned. It is a matter of historic significance to them in two respects and I believe that other members who have had the privilege of representing areas adjacent there would be fully aware of what I have to say.

Brittons Hill is a very densely populated area, and for a variety of reasons has been deprived of any open spaces as a result of various decisions taken in respect of the development of Brittons Hill over the years. The net result was that Valery then owned by the Challenor family represented the last remaining land in Brittons Hill around which any kind of social development could take place in the future, and it still remains the last bit of open land in Brittons Hill where thousands of people live.

After the death of the late Roddy Challenor, an attempt was made by one of the now established churches in Barbados to purchase Valery, and indeed as part of the negotiations at the time they had agreed to provide out of the real assets of Valery a playing field which was already in existence and which the Challenors themselves had made available to the people of Valery for donkey's years, that that would remain as part of the heritage of the people of Brittons Hill. 1.45 p.m.

Secondly the existing great house at Valery would become a social centre in Brittons Hill. At that time the then Government felt that they could better put that into effect by intervening in the acquisition of the area, and so it was acquired by Government somewhere around 1980. The Democratic Labour Party loyally supported by Brittons Hill since 1971 or thereabouts has always committed itself to providing a social centre at Valery for the people of Brittons Hill, and that found expression in various documents of the Party. So far, the playing field has been upgraded, some hard courts have been put down, but I understand some fencing is desirable.

The Valery Sports Club, a highly independent body for whom I have been able to negotiate with the Church across the road, the AME Church, to provide them with facilities over the years to hold their meetings, but which of course is not quite satisfactory, has sought permission from the Ministry of Housing to erect out of their own funds, without any Government help whatsoever, a pavilion.

On an on-site visit when I had the honour to be Minister of Finance of this country with the Minister of Housing and the Minister of Sports over eighteen months

ago, we looked at a likely site which could be offered to the Valery Sports Club i which they could lease or purchase, or Government could make available because that Club is much more than a sports club. It is a club which is extensively integrated into the area of Brittons Hill; it spreads far beyond the part of Brittons Hill that is St. Michael South Central, and indeed many of the people in the Pine participate in activities in that area. Unfortunately so far they have been unable to get the go-ahead to begin construction. They have worked hard and laboured to put together the funds and they are ready to go ahead as soon as they get some word as to what particular spot on the land could be allocated to them in order that they can proceed with the building of their pavilion.

One other point I wish to make. From the Minister's presentation, as I understand it, the land is being acquired for futher sub-division as house spots. My previous understanding of it and I think the understanding of. the people in the area was that apart from house spots there would have been some housing development in the area, but like the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works I believe it would be appropriate for me to make a plea for some understanding of the social consequences of not giving some element of priority to people who have lived and who live in the area of Valery and Brittons Hill in general in terms of getting access to these facilities.

I say this for this reason. It is certainly not repugnant in any way to the proper use of public funds where you have a historically integrated community which is being further expanded that they should be given the opportunity in the interest of general social cohesion so that in the end what you have produced would be homes and not houses. House spots can have some social and historic relevance to the people of the area and not just people coming from anywhere and then creating problems for the people in the area. A lot of these people's lives have been built around Valery and for years under successive administrations they have always felt that whatever the outcome and the development of Valery then the people of Brittons Hill should have some kind of prior claim on the facilities made available. So I would hope, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that the Honourable Minister would look very carefully at the document which should be guiding the policy positions of the Government in relation to the use of Valery, and also to recognise that there are people who do not bother in any way about what is publicly stated policy but proceed to do what they like.

Now I was in Valery last Thursday evening and to my surprise various people have been making pronouncements to the people of Valery as to what would be the use of Valery Great House and threatening the people to fence in the house in order to keep them from coming near it. I did my best to try to allay the concerns of the people and I assured them that I would have a word with the Honourable

Minister whom I am sure would not have been aware of what was going on. You see, it was also felt that when the temporary facilities that were made available to the project division up there had come to an end that Government would use that facility in order to implement its policy position, but there are person up there who are pronouncing on what is Government's policy and creating considerable hostility among the young people in Valery. So I believe it is important that we recognise that in whatever our ultimate goals in land acquisition, land development and so on, we must always seek to build on that community spirit which fortunately exists in that area and which I feel can be further enhanced by making sure that this part of Brittons Hill is effectively used for the people of Brittons Hill and the associated areas. It is used extensively by the part of the constituency represented by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition. It is also extensively used by people who in fact are now in St. Michael South rather than in St. Michael South Central; it is used by St. Michael East and it is used by people even in the City. That is an area which is very much utilised.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I believe that is what the Honourable Minister of Transport called the sociological oneness of the area.

Dr. R. C. HAYNES: I believe that there is a sociological oneness in utilisation rather than in geography on this occasion. I think there is a slight difference there. However, Sir, I hope that this intervention would seek to allay the fears of the people who live in St. Michael South Central, the people of Valery, and I would hope to be able to go back there late this afternoon at a quarter past five and give them the assurance that all the promises made in relation to the use of Valery would be further fulfilled. I thank you very much, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. C. A. NEBLETT: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I rise to support the Resolution that is currently before this Honourable House and to comment briefly on one or two statements that emanated from the Honourable Minister of Housing in relation to the problems that are now being experienced in the St. Andrew constituency. I must state here and now that the problems in St. Andrew have been compounded by some tardiness where certain officials, technocrats in various Ministries, were concerned; because as far back as 1986 this situation had been drawn to the attention of the Ministry of Housing and to a certain extent the Ministry of Agriculture relating to the kind of problems that are usually experienced in St. Andrew. But it took quite a bit of time. In fact, I think there is a situation where they had to experience the situation we are having today before some action had been taken. 1.55p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I must draw you a little - I hope you will bear with me as I go through the exercise just to show you one or two examples.

I was very interested in having what could be declared a safe area as far back as 1986 so that in the event of any problems we would have an area that could serve for the establishment of a safe housing development area.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Even though I do not want to short circuit your speech, I just want to remind you that we are dealing with Valery in St. Michael and I do not see a sociological closeness between the two areas. Perhaps, if you can

Mr. C. A. NEBLETT: But, as I said before, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am just commenting on one of the remarks raised by the honourable Minister and I could not help but relating to the tardiness of some Ministries in dealing promptly with a situation when it is raised.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are dealing particularly with land acquisition in St. Michael, and perhaps, if you could stick a little closer. I want to give you the latitude.

Mr. C. A. NEBLETT: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have interest in both St. Michael and St. Andrew. I have to reside in St. Michael. I appreciate the concerns of the honourable Member for St. Michael South Central in the interest of his constituents and I believe the honourable Member would appreciate my concerns at the moment in St. Andrew which have become the subject of much dissent on radio and in the media generally and I hope you will bear with me.

I will not keep you too far out to sea, Mr. Deputy Speaker, but I must bring home one or two points. I will deal quickly and specifically with what the honourable Minister said in terms of removing residents from one area to another.

Now, St. Andrew, as you would appreciate, is a hilly area and it is in pockets. There are no continuous villages as is the case, say, in St. Michael South Central, or St. Michael South East or East. You have a case where we are planning to reroute people, or, in fact, they will have to be moved, or willing to be moved, from places like Mount Hall, White Hill, and taken to areas like St. James, still in the St. Andrew constituency.

The honourable Member for St. Michael East spoke of the sociological oneness and I am relating that now. There is no sociological oneness between Mount Hall, White Hill and Orange Hill in any way but, nonetheless, I hope that you will appreciate that we will have to consider those problems that will arise, especially those people who still work in the St. Andrew area and they would have difficulty in being transported back to their work.

The honourable Minister made reference to some emergency action taking place at Shorey Village. I would like to draw to the Honourable Minister's attention that in the Greenland area there is a dam and any development taking place down stream that will affect the likely safety of those people who would be posted to the Shorey Village

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I see you want to intervene. May I continue?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: No. I just wanted to indicate that, again, we are dealing with land in St. Michael and even though I want to give you some latitude, you are really off the Resolution at the moment.

Mr. C. A. NEBLETT: It would be great difficulty, Mr. Deputy Speaker, for those people moving from White Hill to Valeric but if they can be accommodated, probably, I would be pleased.

I feel a little constrained by having to relate purely to the land acquisition at Valery and yet to deal with extra remarks associated where the Minister was concerned, and the St. Andrew constituency.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, but we have to be guided by the rules of the House and even though somebody may have made a remark by the way, it would not allow us to take the discussion off into another angle, so, perhaps, if you can make it as brief as possible.

Mr. C. A. NEBLETT: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am grateful to the Minister showing some measure of urgency in assisting those residents of St. Andrew who, currently, are under pressure where the landslides are concerned. I would hope to deal very broadly on the question of St. Andrew when the appropriate Resolution comes before this House.

Thank you very much, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the honourable Member for St. Michael South Central, I agree to a very large extent with the remarks that he made.

The same has been my view and that is why we in the Ministry of Housing have decided to look for house spots in all the constituencies because we believe that if you do then the house spots that are made available in each constituency will be mainly for the persons from that constituency. With that I agree.

The people in Barbados know where I stand when it comes to, in any case, house spots and when it comes to rental units. I do not want to get involved in that at the moment, a completely different view altogether between the two but, as I said, the honourable Member for St. Michael South Central did mention the point about the young people

from out there asking about building their own pavilion and my recollection of this is that the Ministry of Sports has decided that they are going to build the pavilion up there. That is my recollection and I did check with the Honourable Minister for Sports and he confirmed that.

Now, I do not recall seeing a letter from the young people of Valery. I do agree that the representative for Valery did mention this to me when I visited there last year, or whenever it was, but my recollection of the situation is that the Minister of Sport having upgraded and spent a lot of money - it was a lot more than upgrading, widening the area and everything like that, and the Ministry of Sport is going to build the pavilion at Valery.

The point about St. Andrew, Mr. Deputy Speaker, was brought into the debate because with the lot of rains going at the moment, I know that there are problems being magnified in St. Andrew at the moment. 2.05 p.m.

That was the only reason that I brought that into the presentation of this debate because I know that the people in St. Andrew would be worrying about what is going to happen now that the rains seem not to want to stop falling, and that is why it was brought in. It was not really brought in as part of the debate.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, most of the statements of Honourable Members who spoke have been noted and will be dealt with in due course.

And with those remarks, I beg that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. W. W. HALL: I beg to second that, Sir.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Deputy Speaker, that concludes Government Business for today and I move that the House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the 22nd of November, 1988 at 12.00 o'clock noon.

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

The question that this House do now stand adjourned . until Tuesday, 22nd November, 1988 at 12.00 o'clock noon was put and was resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER adjourned the sitting accordingly at 2.07 p.m.

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