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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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

PRESENT

His Honour L. A. WEEKES, G.C.M., J.P., (Speaker)
Rt. Hon. L. E. SANDIFORD, B.A., (Econ.), J.P.,
(Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs)

Hon. H. dcB. FORDE, Q.C., M.A., LL.B.

Hon. P. M. GREAVES, Q.C., B.A., (Deputy Prime Minister, 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. 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. 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 Education and Culture)

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

Mr. L. L. BRATHWAITE, J.P., (Chairman of Committees)

Mr. E. BOURNE

Dr. E.A.SIMMONS, M.D.

Hon. W. W. HALL, G.C.M., H.B.M. (Minister of Tourism and Sports)

Mr. C. A. NEBLETT, B.A., (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of the Civil Service)

Mr. C. LeR. TROTMAN, M.A.

Mr. P. J. M. MILLER Mr. R. P.

BYER, LL.B., L. B.C. Mr. D. J. H.

THOMPSON, LL.B.

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Ivan Harewood.

Mr. SPEAKER: The House is in session.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minutes of Tuesday, March 12, 1990.

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 1990 of this Honourable Chamber be taken as read and be confirmed, Sir.

Hon. E. E. GREAVES: I beg to second that.

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

PAPERS

Hon. E. E. GREAVES: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following -

The Annual Report of the Barbados Export Promotion Corporation for the Financial Year ended March 31, 1989.

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Speaker, I am commanded to lay the following: -

The Annual Report of the Immigration and Passport Department for the year ended December 31, 1987.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

1. Bill to provide for the forfeiture and confiscation of the proceeds of certain crimes and for connected or related matters.
2. A Bill to make new provision with respect to the control of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and other substances known to be used in the manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances to create new offences with respect to drug trafficking and for purposes connected therewith.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On separate motions of Hon. P. M. GREAVES seconded by Hon. E. E. GREAVES the following Bills were read a first time:

1. *A Bill to provide for the forfeiture and the confiscation of the proceeds of certain crimes and for connected or related matters.*
2. *A Bill to make a new provision with respect to the control of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and other substances known to be used in the manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances to create new offences with respect to drug trafficking and for purposes connected therewith.*

ORAL REPLIES TO QUESTIONS

Hon. C. V. WALKER: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice that the reply to Question No. 122 is now ready.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

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

Mr. SPEAKER: Order No. 2.

ORDER NO. 2: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADAMS/BARROW/CUMMINS HIGHWAY

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. Speaker, in moving the passing of this Resolution, the Government acquired a quite a bit of land in order to construct the ABC Highway and in acquiring a lot of this land what has happened is that having acquired some of the land from some landowners, the remaining portions of the land are, to all intents and purposes, of no use to landowners.

This Resolution is a resolution seeking to acquire the remaining portion of land from these persons to whom, as I said before, to all intents and purposes, the land can be of no economic use.

I believe that during this year we may have to come back again. There may be a few more but, at this time, we are seeking the approval of Parliament to acquire three portions of land which is of no use to the owners and, therefore, the Ministry of Housing and the Government think it fit to acquire these remaining portions of land.

One portion is at Lodge Hill, 425 square metres. One is at Balls, Christ Church, 2 347 square metres and the other one is at Sargeant's Village, Christ Church, 705.3 square metres.

With those few words, Mr. Speaker, I beg that this Resolution to acquire these remaining portions of land do now pass.

Hon. E. E. GREAVES: I beg to second that.

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

Mr. SPEAKER: Order No. 3.

ORDER NO. 3: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHARLES DUNCAN O'NEAL ROAD

Hon. H. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this Resolution relates to the acquisition of 128 parcels of land in St. Lucy, St. Andrew and St. Peter.

Originally, Mr. Speaker, it was determined that only 78 parcels of land would have been acquired but as changes were made to the road, etc. it was determined that 125 parcels of land needed to be acquired.

The lands of most of these persons had been acquired for quite some time and we are trying to get this regularised so that, at least, the persons whose lands have been acquired for

some time, I think it was in 1985, can be paid.

This Resolution seeks the approval of Parliament to acquire 128 parcels of land in St. Lucy, St. Andrew and St. Peter which had been used for the construction of the Northern Access Road.

Mr. Speaker, with those words I beg that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. E. E. GREAVES: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative, without division. 12.25 p.m.

QUESTION TIME

Mr. SPEAKER: Question No. 122. The Honourable Member for St. Thomas.

Mr. D. A. C. SIMMONS: Question No. 122, Sir.

Hon. C. V. WALKER: Mr. Speaker, the answer to Question 122 is as follows:

"Every year scholarships are available for agricultural studies at the University of the West Indies by way of the Barbados Scholarship, Barbados Exhibition, John R. Bovell Scholarships, 4-H Awards as well as Bursaries.

Since May 28, 1986 ten awards were provided for agricultural studies at the University of the West Indies."

Mr. SPEAKER: Are there any Supplementaries? There being none, end of Question Time.

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: By an inadvertence, Mr. Speaker, the Bill to amend the Barbados Development Bank Act which appears on the Order Paper for today has not yet been read a first time. So I am asking that that Head be recommitted so that the proper motion can be put.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Leader of the House is seeking leave to have a Bill recommitted as stated on the Order Paper. There being no objections then, the Honourable Member can proceed.

FIRST READING OF BILLS

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill to amend the Barbados Development Bank Act, Cap. 323 be read a first time.

Hon. E. E. GREAVES: I beg to second that, Sir.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. P. M. GREAVES: Unless other Honourable Members are prepared to deal with Private Members' matters at this time, Sir, if they are not - I understand from the other side, Sir, that there is a Private Member's matter elsewhere - I therefore move that this sitting be adjourned until Tuesday the 17th April, 1990 at 12.00 o'clock noon.

Hon. E. E. GREAVES: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question was put and was resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly at 12.30 p.m.

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