

THE House of Assembly Debates

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SECOND SESSION 1999 - 2004

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, August 29, 2001.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 11:15 a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour I. A. ROETT, B.A., Dip. His Honour J. M. EDGHILL, J.P., (Deputy Speaker) Rt. Hon. O. S. ARTHUR, M.Sc.(Econ.), (Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs) (Minister of the Civil Service) Mr. D. J. H. THOMPSON, LL.B.(Hons.) (Leader of the Opposition) Sir Harold ST. JOHN, K.A., Q.C., LL.B. Mr. L. R. TULL, Q.C., M.A.(Oxon) Hon. Dr. R. L. CHELTENHAM, Q.C., M.A., M.Sc.(Econ.) Mr. G. W. PAYNE, LL.B. Hon. R. C. EASTMOND, J.P., B.A.(Hons.), Dip. Ed., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Minister of the Environment, Energy and Natural Resources) Hon. R. N. GREENIDGE, B.A., LL.B. (Minister of Labour, Sports and Public Sector Reform) Hon. G. A. CLARKE, B.Sc., Dip. Ed., J.P. (Minister of Housing and Lands) Hon. R. D. MARSHALL (Minister of Public Works and Transport) Hon. H. F. LASHLEY (Minister of Social Transformation) Hon. R. St.C. TOPPIN, LL.B. (Minister of Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Business Development) Mr. D. St.E. KELLMAN Miss H. E. THOMPSON, LL.B. Hon. Miss M. A. MOTTLEY, LL.B. (Minister of Education, Youth Affairs and Culture) Mr. M. Z. WILLIAMS Mr. T. A. PRESCOD, B.A. Rev. J. J. S. ATHERLEY, B.A., B.Sc. (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General and Minister of Home Affairs) Mr. D. T. GILL, B.Sc. Hon. N. A. LYNCH, B.Sc., M.B.A., (Minister of Tourism and International Transport) Hon. R. R. FARLEY, B.Sc. (Minister of Industry and International Business)

Prayers were taken by Canon Father Ivan Harewood.

Mr. SPEAKER: The House is now in session.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minutes of Tuesday, August 28, 2001.

Hon. Miss M. A. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the Minutes for the Honourable the House of Assembly for its meeting of Tuesday, August 28, 2001, which Minutes have been circulated,

be taken as read.

Rt. Hon. O.S. ARTHUR: I beg to second that, Sir.Mr. SPEAKER If there are no corrections or observations, then let these Minutes stand confirmed.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY
RESIGNATION OF THE HONOURABLE MEMBER
FOR THE CONSTITUENCY OF ST. THOMAS**

Mr. SPEAKER: According to the Standing Orders, I am direct that a letter received from the Honourable Member for St. Thomas be recorded in the Minutes at this time. I hereby declare the seat of the Honourable Member for St. Thomas to be vacant.

**TO MOVE A MOTION THAT AN ADDRESS BE SENT TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL
ASKING HIM TO ISSUE A WRIT FOR ELECTIONS.**

Hon. Miss M.A. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that an Address be sent to His Excellency the Governor-General asking him to issue a writ for Elections to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honourable Member for the constituency of St. Thomas.

It is fitting, Sir, that when this House resumes sitting in October that we should have a session to pay an appropriate tribute to the Honourable Member for St. Thomas but on this occasion I ask only that the Address be sent to His Excellency, the Governor-General with a covering letter.

Rt. Hon. O. S. ARTHUR: I beg to second that, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion is passed with acclamation.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Miss M. A. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House be now adjourned until October 23, 2001, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

On moving the adjournment I would like to thank the staff of Parliament, who have worked very quickly and efficiently over the last three days, for their dedication of service.

Rt. Hon. O. S. ARTHUR: I beg to second that.

The question that the House do now adjourn until Tuesday, October 23, 2001 at 11 o'clock was put and resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.

11:20 a.m.

