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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 10.20 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

PRESENT

His Honour I. A. ROETT, G.C.M., B.A., Dip. Ed. (Speaker)

His Honour J. M. EDGHILL, J.P.(Deputy Speaker)

Rt. Hon. O. S. ARTHUR, M.Sc.(Econ.) (Prime Minister, Minister of Finance)

Hon. R. C. EASTMOND, B.A.(Hons.) Dip. Ed., LL.B.

(Hons.) (Lon.), LLM. (Leic.), J.P. (Minister of Labour and the Civil Service)

Hon. G. A. CLARKE, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.,J.P. (Minister of Public Works and Transport)

Mr. R. D. MARSHALL (Chairman of Committees)

Hon. N. A. LYNCH, B.Sc., M.B.A. (Minister of Tourism and International Transport)

Hon. R. R. FARLEY, B.Sc., J.P.,(Minister of Housing and Lands)

Hon. Dr. J. X. WALCOTT, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (Minister of Health)

Mr. R. D. JONES. B.A. (Hons.), M.A. Ed. J.P.

Mr. H. F. LASHLEY

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Hon. Miss M. A. MOTTLEY, Q.C., LL.B. (Minister of Economic Affairs and Development)

Hon. J. J. S. ATHERLEY, B.A., B.Sc., J.P. (Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office)

Hon. D. D. MARSHALL, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs)

Prayers were taken by Reverend Canon Ivan Harewood.

Mr. SPEAKER: The House is now in Session.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minutes of Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

Hon. Miss M. A. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, it is my

understanding that the Minutes were circulated, and

subject to any observations or corrections, I beg to move

that these Minutes be confirmed.

Hon. R. R. FARLEY: I beg to second that, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: If there are no corrections or

observations, then let these Minutes stand confirmed.

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REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

Hon. D. D. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, this Honourable

House will recall that on the establishment of the

Select Committee on the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill,

2006,the Joint Committee was given a deadline of

October 31, 2006.

I am happy to report that the work of the committee

has moved along with pace but the deliberations are not

yet concluded. At this time, I rise to ask leave of the House to delay the outcome of the deliberations until the last Tuesday in November, that is November 28, 2006. We believe that we will be able to report to the House and continue debate on this Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

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ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Miss M. A. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn due to the present situation. Just for the record, there is an island-wide blackout since this morning and it is now 10.25 a.m.

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While there are some areas in the island where the power has been restored, there is no hope of an immediate resumption. Therefore, we cannot have electronic recording of the Sitting at this time.

Sir, I will say on this adjournment that I trust that Management Commission will seek to purchase a generator because this will allow us to do our work.

We hope that Management Commission would include this item in its Estimates in our next financial year.

With these few words, I move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, November 07, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. R. R. Farley: Sir, I beg to second that.

The question that the House do now adjourn until Tuesday, November 07, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. was put and resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. Speaker adjourned the House accordingly.

10.29 a.m.

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EDITORIAL NOTES — NOT PART OF THE REPORT

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EDITORIAL QUERIES

Points noted while preparing this report from the edited transcript. The text has not been altered except where stated.

Q1. *Masthead.* The session is not stated in the source, so no session line is printed.

Q2. *PRESENT list and Adjournment.* Page markers from the typed original ('-H 2 -', '-H 3 -', '- H4 -') appear in the PRESENT list and in the text of the speeches. Printed as in the source.

Q3. *Orders of the Day*. The heading 'ORDERS OF THE DAY' is followed directly by 'ADJOURNMENT'; no Order was taken because of the island-wide blackout. Printed as in the source.

Q4. *Report from Select Committees.* Hon. D. D. Marshall refers to 'the Select Committee' and then to 'the Joint Committee' on the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2006. Printed as in the source.

DEBATE SUMMARY

(Editorial summary — not part of the record.)

The House of Assembly met at 10.20 a.m. on Tuesday, 31st October, 2006, with Mr. Speaker, His Honour I. A. Roett, in the Chair. Prayers were taken by Reverend Canon Ivan Harewood. The Minutes of Tuesday, 24th October, 2006 were moved for confirmation by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, seconded by Hon. R. R. Farley, and, there being no corrections or observations, Mr. Speaker declared them confirmed.

Under Reports from Select Committees, the Attorney General, Hon. D. D. Marshall, reminded the House that the Committee established on the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2006 had been given a deadline of 31st October, 2006. He reported that its work had moved along at pace but that its deliberations were not yet concluded, and he asked leave of the House to extend the time for the outcome of those deliberations until the last Tuesday in November, 28th November, 2006, by which date the Committee expected to be able to report so that the House could continue the debate on the Bill.

No Order of the Day was taken. Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley moved that the House adjourn because of the situation in the island: there had been an island-wide blackout since that morning, and although power had been restored in some areas there was no hope of an immediate resumption, so the Sitting could not be recorded electronically. She noted that it was then 10.25 a.m.

Speaking on the adjournment, Miss Mottley expressed the hope that the Management Commission would seek to purchase a generator so that the House could do its work in such circumstances, and that the Commission would include the item in its Estimates for the next financial year. She moved that the House adjourn until Tuesday, 7th November, 2006 at 10.00 a.m., and Hon. R. R. Farley seconded the motion.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. Speaker adjourned the House accordingly. The record closes with the time stamp 10.29 a.m., the whole Sitting having lasted under ten minutes.