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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 03, 2009.

PRESENT

His Honour M. A. CARRINGTON, B.A., LL.B. (Speaker)

His Honour K. ST.C. BEST, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Deputy Speaker)

Hon. D. J. H. THOMPSON, LL.B (Hons.) Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Labour, Civil Service and Energy)

Mr. R. C. EASTMOND, J.P., B.A. (Hons.), Dip.Ed., LL.B (Hons.) (Lond.), LL.M. (Leic.)

Mr. H. F. LASHLEY

Mr. R. St.C TOPPIN, LL.B. (Hons.)

Hon. Miss M. A. MOTTLEY, Q.C., LL.B. (Leader of the Opposition)

Miss C. Y. FORDE, J.P., L.C.P.

Hon. R. D. JONES, J.P., M. A. (Ed.), B. A. (Hons.) (Minister of Education and Human Resource Development) (Leader of the House)

Dr. the Hon. D. C. ESTWICK, M.B.B.S., B.Sc. (Minister of Economic Affairs and Empowerment, Innovation, Trade, Industry and Commerce)

Mr. D. D. MARSHALL, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Hon. M. A. LASHLEY, LL.B. (Hons.) (Minister of Housing and Lands)

Dr. W. F. DUGUID, J.P., B.D.S. (Comm.), F.D.S., FDRCS

Hon. F. J. STUART, Q.C. B.A., LL.M. (Deputy Prime Minister, Attorney-General and Minister of Home Affairs)

Hon. J. D. E. BOYCE, M.Sc. C. Eng. (Minister of Transport and Works) Hon. E. G. HUTSON, F.C.C.A.,

C.A. (Minister of International Business and International Transport)

Hon. S. D. BLACKETT (Minister of Community Development and Culture)

Mr. J. D. PAUL, B.Sc.

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Mr. A. D. BRATHWAITE, LL.B. (Hons.)

Mr. S. A. LASHLEY, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Chairman of Committees)

Hon. P. M. T. TODD, B.Sc. (Minister of State, Education and Human Resource Development)

Hon. D. O'N. INNIS, M.B.A. B.Sc., (Minister of Health)

Hon. C. P. SINCKLER, M.Sc. ,B.A. (Minister of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Rural and Urban Development)

Dr. the Hon. E. R. BYER-SUCKOO, M.B.,B.S. (Minister of Family, Youth Affairs and Sports)

Prayers were taken by Reverend Canon Ivan Harewood.

Mr. SPEAKER: This House is now in session.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minutes of the Meeting held on

February 3, 2009.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Hon. R. D. JONES: Mr. Speaker, before we get into the Minutes, it is my understanding that we are experiencing some technical difficulties. Therefore, I beg to move that this Honourable House be suspended for 30 minutes.

Hon. F. J. STUART: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question that the Sitting be suspended for 30 minutes was put and resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. SPEAKER suspended the Sitting accordingly.

RESUMPTION

Mr. SPEAKER: This House is resumed.

Hon. R. D. JONES: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that you are aware of the circumstances which would have taken place this morning to cause this Motion for the Adjournment. We are connected to sophisticated technology and it is this technology that has us in danger this morning. We are unable to record any of the speeches of the Honourable House this morning. We know that this is a Parliament and that we have to be focussed on our recording. Therefore, because of the problem with the technology, we are unable to proceed with the Business of this Honourable House this morning.

Furthermore, I want to inform this Honourable House that we should be commencing with the Constituency Councils Bill sometime next week, and we are proposing that this be made to be carried live by way of proper televised coverage. I want to make Honourable Members clear on this. Of course, we will try to ensure that a proper system will be in place on that occasion for this important piece of legislation for discussion.

With this, I bel to move that this Honourable House be now adjourned until Tuesday February 10, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we will spend some money to ensure that this does not happen again.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. R. D. JONES: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this Honourable House be now adjourned until Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Hon. F. J. STUART: I beg to second that, Sir.

The question that the Sitting be now adjourned until Tuesday, February 03, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. was put and resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.

10.40 a.m.

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EDITORIAL NOTES — NOT PART OF THE REPORT

Prepared with the transcript; for checking against the recording and the Minutes.

EDITORIAL QUERIES

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

Q1. Minutes. The Speaker's words read 'The Minutes of the Meeting held on February 3, 2009', the date of this Sitting itself. The Minutes were not taken. Printed as in the source.

Q2. Adjournment. The motion is to adjourn until 'Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.', but the closing procedural sentence records the adjournment as until 'Tuesday, February 03, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.' Printed as in the source.

Q3. Present. The entries for Hon. J. D. E. Boyce and Hon. E. G. Hutson run together on one line of the PRESENT list in the source. Printed as in the source.

Q4. Resumption, Hon. R. D. Jones. The Leader of the House's speech reads 'I bel to move', presumably 'I beg to move'. Printed as in the source.

DEBATE SUMMARY

(Editorial summary — not part of the record.)

The House of Assembly met at 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday, 3rd February, 2009, with Mr. Speaker, His Honour M. A. Carrington, in the Chair; prayers were taken by Reverend Canon Ivan Harewood.

Before the Minutes were taken, the Leader of the House, Hon. R. D. Jones, said that the House was experiencing technical difficulties and moved that the Sitting be suspended for 30 minutes. Hon. F. J. Stuart seconded, and the Sitting was suspended.

On resumption, Hon. R. D. Jones explained that because of the problem with the technology the House was unable to record any of its speeches that morning and so could not proceed with its business. He informed Members that the House should begin the Constituency Councils Bill the following week and that it was proposed that the debate be carried live on television, with a proper system in place on that occasion. The Speaker told Members that money would be spent to ensure that this did not happen again.

No business was transacted. On the motion of Hon. R. D. Jones, seconded by Hon. F. J. Stuart, the House was adjourned until Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.; the record closes with a take-slip of 10.40 a.m.