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THE SENATE

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Public Buildings on Wednesday 25th November, 1981, at 2.40 p.m..

PRESENT

His Honour Senator the Honourable Sir ARNOTT CATO, M.B., Ch.B., LL.D., (President); His Honour Senator J. C. W. WICKHAM, M.B.E., (Deputy President); Senator the Hon. N. A. BARROW, B.A., LL.B., (Minister of Information, Communications and Culture) (Leader of the Senate); Senator the Hon. O'BRIEN TROTMAN, (Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office); Senator H. R. LINTON, LL.B.; Senator Mrs. E. M. LYNCH, B.A., G.C.M.; Senator C. A. GRIFFITH, (Parliamentary Secretary, Prime Minister's Office); Senator J. E. D. WILLIAMS; Senator D. A. C. SIMMONS, LL.M.; Senator Miss J. CLARKE; Senator M. C. C. WARD, Senator StC. E. HOWELL; Senator Mrs. M. O. REECE; Senator W. W. HALL; Senator A. W. A. McCLEAN; Senator Mrs. G. G. READER, M.B.E.; Senator the Rev. CAN. I. McK. JONES and Senator K. A. ROUSE.

Prayers were read by SENATOR THE REV. CANON I. McK. JONES.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY YOUR HONOUR

Mr. PRESIDENT: I do not know whether this has been the experience of other Senators but I did not get the papers for this Meeting until Monday and I honestly do not see that there can be any valid reason, especially as the Senate has not been meeting for sometime, why papers for this Meeting should not have been sent out at a proper time.

I saw somewhere in the media that the Printery had been blamed somewhere else but I think members will

share my view that in recent months the Printery has been working in a first class manner and I am a little bit reluctant to believe that something happened there.

I would urge the Leader of the Senate on behalf of other members to look into this matter and take it up with the Debates Committee which is responsible for the staff of this Chamber and see where the fault lies and deal with it accordingly.

SENATOR THE HON. N. A. BARROW: Mr. President, in view of a comment in the Press this morning, I made it my business to check exactly what happened and therefore I am in a position to inform this Honourable Chamber that it is the incompetence of the staff of Parliament and not anything to do with the Government Printery that resulted in the delay of delivery of papers to members of the Other Place on Saturday afternoon and Monday and whenever else and resulted in a delay in delivery to members of this Chamber I gather, until Monday, two days ago.

The usual time, Sir, for these papers to be delivered for the notices of meetings of the Other Place to go to the Government Printer is on a Tuesday and the Order Paper and so on go up on a Wednesday. The Senate Order Paper always goes in on a Wednesday. The Printery delivers those documents by about 3.30 p.m. on Fridays to Parliament. On Friday last, at 2.30 in the afternoon, the Senate Papers were ready and delivered to Parliament. On Friday last, 6.45 in the evening, the House of Assembly Papers were ready and delivered.

The reason for the delay in the case of the House Papers was that there were four Bills of inordinate length, one 82 pages, one 58 pages, one 47 pages and one 30 pages and these Bills necessitated overtime work and everybody in the Printery apparently pitched in. And, then on Friday, there was a power cut for most of the day and in those circumstances, the House Papers were

got ready some three hours late. They seemed to have reached Hon. Members more like three days late.

I have taken the care, Sir, to check it and to give Hon. Members those details because the Printery has taken the blame for a long time and there was a time when the Printery rightly took the blame. We do not deny that. But, for example, you will find that you will read strictures of the Printery because there are mistakes in the 1980 Laws. But, we do not correspondingly read that for the first time since 1977, the Government Printer's Statutory duty has been observed, in that, as early as possible, after the end of the year, he has printed the Laws for that year. It took something like three years for the Law to be observed.

But, the point I want to make, Sir, is that we have put a Hansard Editor in and he is a member of the staff of the Government Printer, but he is functioning here at Parliament. So that, we will be able when we meet one week be able to read the debate of the previous week. So, we will always be up-to-date with what is going on and for the general improvement of the work relating to Parliament.

And, if you want to understand how bad the staff of Parliament is, the Senate Debate of October 21 cannot yet be published because the Clerk simply cannot locate it. That is the level of what is going on, Sir.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Mr. PRESIDENT: Senator Barrow.

SENATOR THE HON. N. A. BARROW: Mr. President, I have the honour to lay the following documents:—

Report of the National Insurance Board and the National Insurance and Social Security Scheme for the period 1st January to 31st December, 1980.

Report of the Ministry of Education for the period 1st September, 1977 to 31st October, 1978.

Report of the National Insurance Board and its operation under the Severance Payments Scheme for the period 1st January to 31st December, 1980.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the Insurance Corporation of Barbados for the year ending 31st December, 1980.

The Annual Report of the Barbados Industrial Development Corporation for the year 1979-80.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Mr. PRESIDENT: Senator Barrow.

SENATOR THE HON. N. A. BARROW: Mr. President, I beg to give notice of the following; and beg to move that it be read a first time:—

A Bill to Amend the Agricultural Aids Act.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Let it be recorded in the Minutes that this Bill has been read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Mr. PRESIDENT: Senator Barrow.

SENATOR THE HON. N. A. BARROW: Mr. President, in view, Sir, of the late delivery of Papers, I think it is obvious, Sir, that on this Side, we should not move to do anything beside the acquisition Resolutions this afternoon and rather than Honourable Members waiting until the end of the day to hear it, it means that next week, we will need to come back and handle the Bills.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Let it be recorded in the Minutes that the Bills that appear on the Order Paper have been read a first time, and will be dealt with at another date.

Senator Barrow.

SENATOR THE HON. N. A. BARROW: Sir, I forgot to mention that Senator Trotman is taking care of the Resolutions and for the purpose of the Order Paper, Senator Griffith will be taking care of the Bill on Trees and the one on Vaccination Act next week.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Call the first Order.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT SINCKLER ROAD, ST. MICHAEL.

Order Number One was called — To move the passing of a Resolution to approve the compulsory acquisition of land at Sinckler Road, Saint Michael.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Senator Trotman.

SENATOR THE HON. O'B. TROTMAN: Mr. President, Sir, the three Resolutions on the Order Paper this afternoon all have to do with providing playing fields for the people of Barbados especially the youth.

The first Resolution, Sir, has to do with the acquisition of 17,732 square metres of land, the property of one Elaine Sinckler, situated at Sinckler Road in St.

Michael. The Schedule gives the other details of the situation of the land. I have taken the opportunity, Sir, to circulate the maps for the benefit of the Honourable Senate, so that they can see exactly where the land is situated and I beg to move, Sir, that the Senate concur in the Resolution.

The question that the Senate concur in the Resolution was put to the Senate and agreed to.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMPULSORY
ACQUISITION OF LAND AT WATERFORD,
ST. MICHAEL**

Order Number Two was called — To move the passing of a Resolution to approve the compulsory acquisition of land at Waterford, Saint Michael.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Senator Trotman.

SENATOR THE HON. O'B. TROTMAN: Mr. President, Sir, for some time the representative of the people of Waterford has been pressing the Government to provide playing facilities in that area and ever so often, we hear people, on This Side, say they cannot get playing fields. Well, if they press hard enough, they will get playing fields, Sir.

The Resolution seeks to acquire 1.779 hectares of land in Waterford, the property of Michael Hunte for the purpose of providing playing facilities in the Waterford area.

Sir, I beg to move that the Senate concur in the Resolution.

Mr. PRESIDENT: It is proposed that the Senate concur in this Resolution.

Senator Hall.

SENATOR W. W. HALL: Mr. President, whereas I rise to support this Resolution, I would like to make a few observations and in doing so, Sir, I am very cognisant of the fact that the Representative of the area for the first time this year, Sir, is in the Gallery. I would therefore like to say that whereas I am in full agreement for recreational facilities for all areas in Barbados, I must say that I am alarmed at the wanton destruction of recreational facilities throughout the length and breadth of Barbados.

I think that the Chairman of the National Sports Council would agree with me when we say that it is one thing providing facilities and another maintaining them.

In the absence of compulsory military training, it is obvious that in order to mould our youngsters we will

necessarily resort to sport. It behoves us, therefore, Sir, not only to get people to look after the facilities when they are put there, but it also means that what we should do is to try and have trained people who would make full use, maximum use, of these facilities.

It burdened me about two weeks ago as a member of the Sports Council — although it may surprise some Senators, I am still a member — Sir, we went to Grazettes to have a look at the facilities there, and what is most reprehensible, Sir, is this, that while the volley ball court was in apparently good condition, the multi-purpose court which we have heard so much about in the last five years was not only in a bad state of repair, but Sir, the surrounding wire netting that encloses the court was completely destroyed. I do not mean to say that they were looking for a way in, or even a way out, next to the gate about two metres away you will find that the whole area is destroyed. What is more, Sir, the youngsters, I would say between the ages of five and 13, seem to think that the enclosure is merely meant for their enjoyment simply by way of swinging.

So I am putting to the Government this evening, if they are looking after the welfare or sporting needs of youngsters between the ages of, say, 13 and 40, that they must also realise that there are the younger ones who for want of something better to do, and perhaps boredom, who will seek to destroy the very facilities that are important for the development of sport in this country. It therefore means, Sir, that the Government might well have to look at providing some measure of amusement or enjoyment for the tiny tots so that they can swing when they want to swing and not use an area put up for the protection of multi-purpose courts as swings.

That is a very constructive criticism, if I may say so, Sir, because I believe that all of us when we see this destruction sometimes wonder if it is really right to spend taxpayers' money just to see it frittered away like that, so I would hope — in fact the Chairman is there so we need not look any further — but I hope he will be able to impress upon his illustrious colleagues in that Ministry so that they will be able to do the necessary.

I notice, Sir, with amusement, that the Leader sought to let us know that the representative for that area had made many requests, so much so that the Sports Council had no alternative but to sort of provide these facilities. This was the case with Dover. I was there at the opening, Sir, and the Minister said that he was bombarded so often by the Deputy Prime Minister that he had no other alternative than to provide the pavilion at Dover. Sir, there are areas in St. Michael, and I will tell you something.

Even though I would not have the audacity in the National Sports Council meetings to suggest that these

facilities should be provided in Belfield, lest I be accused of bringing politics into it, in this Hon. Chamber with your guidance, Sir, I am quite sure that I would be in my rightful place if I declare openly that when you look at Belfield, an area thickly populated with sportsmen, not like Waterford, an area by the Nightengale Home where the legendary Seymour Nurse was born 50 yards away, and of course Vanburn Holder only 150 yards away, Sir, the field is so small — and indeed the Hon. Clyde Griffith, I had almost forgotten, I must give him a place, Sir — there is a need for some land acquisition down there simply because the field is so small. I will invite you, if you doubt me, Sir, this coming Independence weekend to see the cream of the island's footballers and the cream of the island's cricketers playing in the Belfield area.

That area, Sir, as Senator Griffith will tell you, is an area abounding with great sportsmen, it is a cradle of youth and sport development in this country, and therefore I think that even though we are not in any way jealous of the representative of this area, Waterford, in getting the Government to see the light and in providing these facilities, I feel that I could not let this opportunity pass without letting this Hon. Chamber know that there are other areas that are definitely in need of help.

I would also like to say that we do not particularly need pavilions in this country. a lot of pavilions and things like that, we need tracks for people to train on. We need pools, you cannot swim unless you have pools. You do not swim in the Olympics in salt water. You can never really look at it from a professional viewpoint unless you have gyms. So, Sir, I am appealing to the Government to look very seriously at these areas. I know that this has been put for many a year and I know that our constraints might easily stop us from acquiring most of these facilities for the youth of this country, but I think that the time is right now when we should definitely do these things.

Mr. President, I know that we do not wish to dwell too long this afternoon, I can see the signs of it. The Deputy Leader of this Chamber told me in passing that fast bowlers must hunt in pairs, and because the Hon. Senator Greaves is not here this afternoon he obviously concludes that my spell will be rather short this afternoon. It will be, I can assure you, but, Sir, I hope that we will be able to have trained personnel who can spot people with great potential and allow them to have a place in high schools through scholarships whereby we will be able to keep our proud record, despite the fact that we are a very small nation, of providing some of the greatest sportsmen that the world has seen.

I also wanted to bring to the attention of this Honourable Chamber that it is necessary for us to teach

hundreds of kids to subsequently teach other youngsters. It is necessary for us to have more physical education teachers so that we can have an ongoing programme. I would like to see the day, Sir, when every person in Barbados would learn to walk for long spells or even jog. We would never see people as portly as some of my friends and we will have a healthier nation. Sir, I take a deep breath as I talk in this direction. I feel that we as a small sporting nation should encourage sporting events such as jogging and walking. Mind you, I would make bold to say that it seems to me that the intention of successive, and I repeat, successive Governments has been to make sure that there are enough recreational facilities in this island so that our youngsters will definitely have the areas to play.

There has been a tendency when developing land, especially land not in the housing areas, but lands in the parks, Prior Park, Regency Park, all the parks, of there being a lack of expertise as far as recreational facilities are concerned. They usually earmark a piece of land that is already in a ravine or a gutter for recreational facilities. Any piece of land that a house cannot go on is earmarked for recreational facilities. Therefore, you will find that the children of Regency Park must still make that trek down the hill to the Sargeant's Village Community Centre to play. (Asides). You will notice, Sir, that I said Regency Park. The Hon. Deputy Leader is not really *au fait* with that area and its recreational facilities, if not he would know that Regency Park really has no recreational facilities for youngsters. So I am saying that when we are developing areas we should be aware of the fact that it is rather important that we not only earmark suitable land, but that we also make sure that this development is carried out. It is of fundamental importance to the development of sport in this country that these things are done because if they are not done, you will find that even though a young boy and a young girl lived in a developed area, even though they are more or less living in an area with happy and congenial surroundings, they have nowhere to engage in recreation. Funnily enough, places like Regency Park are not particularly endowed with any great roads. It is true to say that the cane holes have actually moved from the surrounding areas into these very roads, so you cannot play on them, and I would like the Government to understand that in the development of these areas they should pay special attention to that aspect.

The only other thing I would like to say, Sir, is that you can never hope to put down recreational facilities and expect that people will treat them with the respect that you think they will unless you motivate them, unless there is some programming going on or unless there is some control. I speak as a concerned citizen when I say this because it is heartbreaking, to say the very least, when you pass these areas that five or six months ago were as

good as any in any developed country where the majority will adhere to the principles that will make sport something worthwhile, only to see that the minority who do not particularly care about the maintenance or the control or the programming will go on to destroy a decent area. I speak very seriously on this because I do feel that the National Sports Council or the Ministry concerned will have to definitely police the area at all times, have 24 hours a day vigilance so that the programmes that are put on will not be affected.

The reason why I say so is that you will have great programmes going on within the next four or five days for Independence. It would be ridiculous, it would be folly really, if these programmes put on not only by the National Sports Council but in conjunction with all the young people in the eleven parishes and in the City of Bridgetown, indeed it would be a tragedy if these programmes could not go on simply because of the wanton destruction of our recreational facilities by people who do not care for the development of sport in this country.

Having said that, I should just like to conclude by saying that I support the idea of better and greater facilities for the young people in the area. And while I am at it, Sir, I did speak about the tiny tots having swings and other amenities which would improve their standard of life from a recreational view point, but there must also be some care for the old, who even though they no longer play, may be in a position to sit quietly and observe what the young are doing. In other words, there would be nothing wrong with having benches. Do not build benches and put them there because they will disappear overnight. I am aware of that, but you can have concrete slabs with five or six foot length boards on them, and I am quite sure that the older generation would be able to sit beautifully and reflect on their former days like some members of this Honourable Chamber, where day care reposes in some little room and no longer can they play. I say that advisedly, Sir.

With those few words I would like to say I am very seriously concerned with the fact that the recreational facilities that are provided are being wantonly destroyed, and I do hope that the Government through the Sports Department and indeed the National Sports Council can bring pressure to bear, that is the important thing, not mere words, on those people who do not seem to understand that the few must never ever endanger the sporting talents of the majority in this country.

SENATOR J. C. W. WICKHAM: Mr. President, it goes almost without saying that I would like to support the Resolution, but I feel it necessary to draw the attention of the Senate to the unfortunate equation which Senator Hall made in his presentation. By his

illustration he said that what he regarded as a deprived area so far as sport is concerned produced brilliant sportsmen.

He referred to Belfield and he enumerated a number of distinguished sportsmen who came from that area and he pointed out that Waterford is not so closely populated, nevertheless, Belfield, deprived, provided these sportsmen which shows, in my view, that the provision of sophisticated or other facilities has very little to do with the production of sportsmen.

If the West Indies cricket had depended on facilities, it would not now be the top-class, as it were, they would still be waiting on them but that cricket grew out of bending a will to the circumstances of its life and here we come to the point of vandalism.

Vandalism is not going to be cured by the provision of facilities. It is only going to be cured by a programme which gets at the very beginning of the will to destroy, the will to take care and treasure what one has, not because it is expensive or modern but simply because it is what one has. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR THE HON. O'B. TROTMAN: Mr. President, Sir, about an hour ago I told the Senator that he could not make it this evening by himself, no partner. I knew he tried to hold it too long, Sir.

First of all, Sir, he made a beautiful point that people should be encouraged to walk. Walking is healthy. Walking helps people to develop and then he promptly opposed people walking from Regency Park to Sargeant's Village to the playing field, there is no part of Regency Park that is more than a quarter mile from the playing field. There is no part of Regency Park that is no more than a quarter mile from Sargeant's Village and many years ago, Sir, when I could move faster I could cover that distance in less than a minute. Yes, I used to be able to do that at one time.

Sir, I do not understand him. He complains of facilities for Regency Park forgetting that Regency Park was not put there by accident. They have a playing field. There is no need for a second playing field.

Secondly, Sir, he made the point, half of a point, Sir, about Belfield. I was checking with my colleague about Belfield and I quite remember that the proper representative of the area has been pressing for some part of the Nightengale Home land to be made available to that area and now I am advised that it is the same area that he is speaking about. You see, he lost the toss. That is the problem. Somebody else has already lobbied and is trying to get part of the Nightengale area turned into a playing field so he has just moved a little bit too late to take that one.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Order, order.

SENATOR THE HON. O'B. TROTMAN: On the question, Sir, of tracks for running, I do not believe that we are going to have a lot of tracks around outside schools but if Government's programme of providing high school facilities for all people of high school age succeeds, then we can be assured, Sir, that all of our young people would have tracks available to them.

It is important that people who want to become athletes in track and field start early. You do not learn big. You either start young or you do not get into the business at all so that the place to put track and field facilities will not be in the community centres but in the High Schools themselves, that is the place for them to have the tracks if you are going to have athletes.

Mr. President, Sir, I hear an undertone that "I do not understand these things". I believe, Sir, that I am absolutely correct when I say that nine out of every ten Olympic participants in track and field did their track and field in school first. In fact, most of them are still in High School or in Universities. This is not something you learn when you get over 40. Over 40 is for the Masters thing at Spartan and Dayrells Road when you are making fun. Track and field is for young people.

All the swimmers are young people, 16, 17 and 18 years old. All the gold Medalists in track and field are young people. You do not learn big and if we provide track and field facilities at High Schools, then we would have achieved what Senator Hall hopes we can achieve. Thank you, Sir.

The question that the Senate concur in the Resolution was put to the Senate and agreed to.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT THICKETTS, ST. PHILIP

The Third Order of the Day was called — to move the passing of a Resolution to approve the compulsory acquisition of land at Thicketts, St. Philip.

SENATOR THE HON. O' B. TROTMAN: Let it read in the record, Sir, the fact that the land at present is owned by Lionel Allan Ward of Thicketts, that the amount of land being acquired is 18,211 square metres and that it is also being acquired for recreational facilities.

I believe, Sir, that Thicketts is properly represented and therefore I do not have to speak about it. I also understand, Sir, that some progress is being made in terms of Six X Roads where the other representative in St. Philip, Senator Linton, is trying to get facilities in

St. Philip so I do not expect to hear any arguments from the Other Side.

I beg to move, Sir, that the Senate do now concur in the Resolution.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Did you say that the Senator was a representative in St. Philip?

SENATOR THE HON. O'B. TROTMAN: *De facto*, Sir.

Mr. PRESIDENT: He is not here as that, I do not think. It is proposed that the Senate concur in this Resolution.

SENATOR D. A. C. SIMMONS: Mr. President, Sir, the history of this Resolution is well-known to me. It started about 1978 when the residents of the Blades Hill/Thicketts area drew to my attention, something of which I was aware, that the Blades Hill/Thicketts area is really a part of St. Philip that is cut off from other areas.

At that time there were just getting the main road to link Blades Hill with the Bayfield area. That road had been promised from about 1937 and the promise was renewed each year that Elections came around. They finally got the road but the problem for the people in this area is that in order to have any recreational facilities they have to join St. Catherine's Club at Bayfield and, of course, the Club can only accommodate a limited membership so there was therefore a real need for the second largest district in terms of population in St. Philip North to have its own recreational facilities.

Initially when I wrote to the Government, we looked at a spot of land at the junction of Super's and Palmer's, land owned by Palmer's Plantation opposite a shop owned by Sir Lloyd Alleyne's brother.

That would have made an ideal site. It was flat and it was at a focal point. But, the plantation owner was rather reluctant to allow Government to acquire it and Government did not press its rights to compulsorily acquire that land and we looked for an alternative spot. And, it was finally decided, last year, in May, at a visit attended by Mr. E. A. V. Williams, then Acting Director of Sports; Mr. Seymour Nurse, Mrs. Mapp of the Ministry of Community Services and myself, as well as, Mr. Ward the owner of Thicket Plantation — Mr. L. A. Ward, that the plantation would be quite willing to give up an area of land which adjoined St. Mark's Senior School and ran back towards Thicketts for the provision of recreational facilities.

There has been one problem, Sir, the fact that the land has been farmed by a number of individual

agricultural tenants over the years. So, it has been necessary to give those tenants notice that the tenancies will come to an end before Government can start any work to provide the recreational facilities. The acquisition, therefore, is a step in the right direction for the Government to get the land under its control and then, hand it over to the National Sports Council for development.

I am aware that the Representative of St. Philip North in the Honourable House of Assembly — I do not represent St. Philip North, do not mind what colleagues may still say, I do not represent it at all — but, I know of this particular matter, having been the one to urge it on Government many years ago. That it has now reached this stage of partial completion reflects the movement of the machinery of Government. I have no quarrel that it has come after the Elections because I was aware and the people of St. Philip North should be aware that this particular facility which is going to be given to them has not been the subject of any political gimmick, has not been the result of any pressure on Government, by the present Representative of St. Philip North, but, is a matter that has been in Government's planning for some time.

Indeed, the circular that I sent out for the Elections of 1981 dealing with immediate plans for future development of St. Philip North had, as its first plan, the establishment of a playing field and a recreational centre at Blades Hill approximately five acres, next to St. Mark's School. So that, in June, they should have known, if they cared to believe, they should have known that Government intended to provide this facility.

I would trust, that Government, in its planning and in my capacity as Chairman of the National Sports Council — I would have some input into the planning for this particular area — I would hope that the Government would think in terms of not putting down just the pavilion, but, establishing a community centre, where the people from the area can resort to a place within the area for the development and expression of the many talents that abound in that area.

I think that — and I think that I have said it in here if not elsewhere — it is not enough merely to put down a playing field. It is not enough only to put down a playing field and a pavillion, if our intention is to bind communities together, to provide facilities so that they can develop and if you like, externalise any latent talent that may reside in the particular district. And so, I am asking Government, in its future planning, fully cognisant of the implications of cost, rather than have ten playing fields and ten little pavillions, perhaps to be more selective and prudent and lay down say, five playing fields and five buildings that could double as community centre cum playing field. I think it would be a better — clearly

a better way of spending money, than just having a pavilion which can only be useful for people taking part in a sport that is going to be held at the particular playing field.

But, it seems to me, that if we want to develop the arts, and people's cultural talents, if we want to encourage communities to have worthwhile debate, communication and discussion among themselves, we should put down something that would enable them, a facility that would enable them to give vent to the talents which we are seeking to develop. So, I am going to support this Resolution, of course, Sir, since I had a hand in it.

There were comments made this afternoon about recreational facilities generally and I endorse much of what Senator Hall had said previously. His membership on the National Sports Council is very important because one of his abilities and his reputation and indeed, his expertise in the area of sports and in personnel management, these qualities are most useful and I have found them most useful so far at the Sports Council. He believes that we, on this Side should be surprised by his continued membership of the Sports Council. We are indeed surprised that the Rt. Hon. Leader of his Party has allowed him to sit on a Statutory Board when he has directed that all the offers that were made by this Government to members of the Democratic Labour Party to sit on Statutory Boards and participate therein, all those offers had to be rejected on the dictation of the present Rt. Hon. Leader of the Opposition. That Senator Hall has refused to be dictated to speaks a lot for his strength of character, Sir.

Mr. President, one of the biggest problems facing the National Sports Council is how to control and effectively deal with the wanton vandalism that takes place at premises under the control of management of the Sports Council. Senator Wickham would wish us, in tackling the problem of vandalism to do something about attacking the causes for vandalism. He has not developed his point, in terms of specific ideas, but I understand the point he is making. It is like the treatment of crime. Perhaps, building jails is not the solution to the treatment of crime. One has to look at the etiology of crime.

The problem with vandalism in Barbados, Sir, as I have been able to identify it, and this is purely subjective, and to that extent may be very wrong, but, it seems to me that vandalism is the acting out, by young members of the society:-

- (a) frustration; (b) a lack of respect for other people's property; (c) an unwillingness to respond to authority; and (d) a general lack of discipline.

Now, how are we going to instill the proper virtues in these who are refusing to imbibe them? Well, there is so much that the leaders of a country can do, but, leaders of a country can certainly set proper examples for the younger people to follow. It behoves each and every one of us who is in public life and in a position to be watched, mocked or emulated to ensure that we carry ourselves properly, so that our juniors and also, in some cases, our elders would have something that is worthy of emulation. It cannot be just talk. We have to lead by example to instill the correct attitudes.

Secondly, those areas of activity where discipline can be instilled have to look at themselves very closely and ask themselves whether internally, the discipline that should be in the particular activity or organisation is there. Now, I am thinking for example of one case of a disciplined force, I am thinking of the Police Force. The Police Force should be a disciplined force and should be setting examples, but the Police Force itself, albeit a microcosm of the larger society, the Police Force itself today exhibits a lot of indiscipline. You see Officers, Superintendents, walking around in the yard in khaki tunic with no belt, casually. What do you expect the recruit to do? What do you expect the constable to do? Some will dress in their khaki pants and their boots and have on what we used to call when I was a little boy "spatter spatter shirts" outside, and they are Superintendents and that is the example they are setting to the juniors in the ranks. They do not have any discipline in them. These are some of the problems.

Certainly at the Sports Council, as I indicated on Monday at the opening of a sports facility in the Ivy, and making use of limited knowledge of the law, I am going to exert myself to see that as far as the Sports Council's property is concerned every effort will be made to preserve it, to root out vandalism and to make sure that there is discipline on the Sports Council's property. How? I have not seen on any Sports Council site a sign outlining the penalties that can attach for damage to the Sports Council's property. If people are ignorant and they feel that they can just attack the Sports Council's property and destroy it, I think the first thing we must do is to bring it to their attention what can happen if there is a breach of the Regulations. They are not familiar with the Regulations, and the Regulations have been in force since January 1980. Those Regulations which now apply to the National Sports Council and its property will be brought to the attention of the public early in the new year. There will therefore be no excuse for anyone to say he did not know he could not wipe mud on the Sports Council's property, or pull out a window.

Secondly, it seems to me that we have to ensure that the caretakers of these properties recognise their duty and their sense of loyalty to the Council. (A

VOICE: Don't sell dope). Don't sell dope. I do not know anything about that, if you know about it you can talk about it, I do not know about that. But what I do know is that we who are going to set an example have to examine ourselves first and ask why is it that at the Stadium on Wednesday night last week a number of toilet bowls were destroyed. It was not brought to the Council's attention until Friday, and it was not brought to the attention of the Council by the person who should have drawn it to the Council's attention, so you have the destruction of property and the man who should be supervising does not make a report to you. Well, I do not like firing but I would fire if I have cause to, so where there is negligence and a failure to perform your duties in accordance with the contract of employment, those who are in breach will have to be dismissed. They can find work elsewhere. If you are a watchman you are supposed to watch, and whatever happens during the time that you are responsible for the premises you should be able to account for.....if you cannot account, go.

The National Stadium has been susceptible to much vandalism over the years, and the result is now that it is going to cost the Government a pretty penny to do what is necessary to refurbish the National Stadium. It has not been refurbished to any significant degree in the last ten years, and it is time that we have some major capital expenditure at the Stadium. We will have to persuade Government — and I say this for the benefit of Senator Trotman who I believe has some responsibility for island constables and so on — if you give us Regulations which say that we can arrest people, you will also have to consider giving us the power to have our caretakers and people in charge of the property made island constables.

So that I hope that when the request goes to Senator Trotman that he will — if he does not remember he will look at this debate and remember that I have called for consideration to be given to the creation of a number of island constables who work in a capacity where they have to manage and control the Sports Council's property. We will try from measures such as those I have spoken of to instil some discipline ourselves and try and get it in the heads of some of the young vandals that respect for the property of others is an essential quality in being able to live in social contact in a contemporary society.

Sir, there has been a call for more physical education teachers. I do not know if that is the answer. It seems to me that there can be an attack from various angles on this question of controlling the young. As I have said, the mere placement of a playing field or recreational facility is not going to be the be all and end all. We have seen in a place in Christ Church, in Lowlands I think it is, or Lowthers, I get confused between the two, — Lowthers Government put down a whole set of

hard courts up there. They are not in use, or put another way, they have fallen into destitute in less than three years. That has been a waste of money, and I think it has been a waste of money because the research that should have gone into this matter before the establishment of the facility was lacking. You should go into the area and see if the people want it. If it is a community that is going to remain more or less static in the sense that they are going to remain in Lowthers, or where, or is it a community that is likely with social mobility to move out into urban areas or elsewhere from the particular district. What has happened is that people have moved out and there is now no one to play at the facility; a waste of money, Sir.

But having put down the facility, I think the Sports Council will have a responsibility to ensure before any handing over, and before anybody is seen on television handing over and saying how long they have been asking for this facility and so on, to make sure that it is handed over to the Sports Council who can then hand it over to a Committee of Management which is itself responsible to the Sports Council; otherwise, what you have found is that the facility has been created and left there, with nobody to manage it. You may put a caretaker who is paid weekly by the Sports Council, but to do what? I think we have to ensure at the Sports Council that we are in touch with the Community Development Officers and the people from the particular district who will themselves be willing to create a committee for the running, the operation and the management of the particular facility, so that we will know who to go to in the event of any — there may not even be trouble — but let us say in the event of trouble we will know who to deal with.

I think to that extent we will also be ensuring that the facility is likely to have maximum use. These are some of the measures which I intend to urge on the Sports Council in my capacity as Chairman early in the new year. I am not going to burden members for the balance of this year.

Mr. President, the question of recreational facilities has been treated over all the years somewhat as a political football. Even though politicians will wish to claim praise for having brought to a particular area a sporting facility, I think it is also incumbent on politicians even if they have urged a facility and got it, not to leave it. They themselves must play their part and get involved with the people of the area to ensure that the place is run properly. In 1980 when a pavilion was put at Chapel in St. Philip, the night after I went to the area and met with a large group of persons and we created a Committee which would manage and operate that facility at Chapel and it has continued. I would appeal to people in public life and who are community-minded to get involved when a facility is placed in your district so that you can lend some guidance and assistance to the young people who are going to use the particular facility.

Senator Hall's idea about creating around, let us say, a particular playing field or at some point on a playing field concrete benches for senior citizens is obviously an ideal to which we can aspire. This achievement is entirely dependent upon the wherewithal of the finance of Government, because all these facilities come straight from the Central Government, and the Sports Council itself is not, as it were, a self-financing body say like CBC. We have to depend upon the Estimates Committee and the grant during the week of Estimates. But as I say, it is a worthwhile idea, and in the planning of the National Sports Council, having regard to whatever funds we have, I trust that Senator Hall will urge some of these ideas he has, I am sure he will, on the Sports Council for the better development of sporting facilities in Barbados. I am obliged to you, Sir.

SENATOR THE HON. O' B. TROTMAN: Just one comment, Sir, to say in explanation of the new Chairman of the Sports Council that when sporting facilities are being put down in any location, I would hope that in future the Sports Council will not, as they did at Lowthers and at St. Christopher merely look at a map of the area, look for an open space and impose some sporting facility on the people. I am not going to say like Senator Hall like in the old days of the Dems, but I hope that in future the people who are involved, the people whom the Government expect to use the facilities will be consulted.

The facilities at Lowthers and at St. Christopher are really a waste of money. First of all, no people live at Lowthers, but it appeared from a map of Barbados that Lowthers had open space somewhere between the villages of Fairview on the one side, St. Patrick's on the other and Walrond on the other, and therefore the last Government imposed this facility on the people and expected them to respond because the Government said you must use the playing facility. That sort of system will not work, and I would only advise him to be careful where they are putting playing facilities to make sure first of all that it is the kind of facility people want and that it is put where the people want it, because Barbados is made up of small communities and people are jealous of their little villages, the rivalries and that kind of thing, and people are not going to journey from one village to the other village merely because the Chairman of the Sports Council says so or because the Minister of Sport says so. It will not work that way.

The question that the Resolution be concurred in was put to the Senate and agreed to.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Mr. PRESIDENT: I understand from Senator McClean that he is not proceeding today with the Item under his name, but on a subsequent occasion.

THE ADJOURNMENT

SENATOR THE HON. N. A. BARROW: Mr. President, I beg to move that the Senate do now ad-

ourn until next Wednesday, 2nd December, 1981 at 2.30 p.m.

The question was put to the Senate and agreed to, and Mr. President adjourned the Senate accordingly. 4.00 p.m.