

THE SENATE DEBATES

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

SECOND SESSION OF 1981-86

THE SENATE

Wednesday, March 13, 1985

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Public Buildings on Wednesday, March 13, 1985, at 11.25 a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator J. C. W. Wickham, M.B.E.,
(Deputy President)

Senator the Hon. N. A. Barrow, (Minister of Information and Culture) (Leader of the Senate)

Senator the Hon. O'B. Trotman, (Minister of Health);

Senator the Hon. C. A. Griffith, (Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office)

Senator J. E. D. Williams, (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister)

Senator H. R. Linton

Senator Mrs. E. M. Lynch, G.C.M.

Senator D. A. C. Simmons, Q.C.

Senator Miss J. Clarke

Senator Mrs. M. O. Reece

Senator B. E. Greaves

Senator A. W. A. McClean

Senator Mrs. G. G. Reader, M.B.E.

Senator C. D. Seale

Senator the Rev. Canon I. McK. Jones

Senator L. A. Ward, G.C.M.

Senator C. E. Jemmott, B.S.S., J.P.

Senator J. E. Jordan

Senator H. E. Yearwood.

Prayers were led by the Rev. Canon I. McK. Jones.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Mr. DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Honourable Senators, I have two Messages to read. The first one is dated 1 March, 1985.

Dear Mr. Deputy President,

I will be absent from duty for medical reasons from 4 to 24 March, 1985. Senator The Hon. Sir Arnott Cato, K.C.M.G., has been designated by Her Majesty The Queen, under section 29(1) (a) of the Constitution, to perform the functions of the office of Governor-General during the period of my absence.

As the Senate is not expected to meet before the 4 March, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent down to your Chamber. Will you therefore please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The Senate when it meets, provided that this occurs before my resumption of duty on 25 March 1985.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

HUGH W. SPRINGER

Governor-General

His Honour,
The Deputy President,
The Honourable The Senate.

The second Message is:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

TO
THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

His Excellency the Acting Governor-General regrets to inform The Honourable The Senate of the death on Monday, 11th March 1985, of The Right Honourable John Michael Geoffrey Manningham Adams, Q.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Barbados.

His Excellency The Acting Governor-General further has the honour to inform The Honourable The Senate that, in accordance with provisions of section 65 of the Constitution, he has appointed The Honourable Harold Bernard St. John, Q.C., M.P., to the office of Prime Minister with effect from 11th March, 1985.

A. S. CATO
Governor-General (Acting)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
BARBADOS.

11th March 1985.
11.35 a.m.

Mr. DEPUTY PRESIDENT: In the circumstances, the death of our late Prime Minister, I ask you to stand in silence for two minutes.

(The Honourable the Senate stood in silence for two minutes).

Mr. DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Senators, I think we will go to the Presentation of Papers. Immediately after, we will follow that by a motion for the adjournment.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

Statement showing net Customs and Excise Receipts for the nine months ending 31 December, 1984.

The Estimates for 1985–86.

Mr. DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Honourable Senators, I propose to suggest the adjournment of the Senate until Monday next at 9.30 a.m. for the purpose of expressing our tribute to the late Prime Minister.

ADJOURNMENT

SENATOR THE HON. N. A. BARROW: Mr. Deputy President, I beg to move that the Senate do now adjourn until Monday, March 18, 1985 at 9.30 a.m.

The question was put to the Senate and agreed to and Mr. DEPUTY PRESIDENT adjourned the Senate accordingly.

11.40 a.m.

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(Senate observed two minutes' silence)

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