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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings, on Wednesday, July 11, 1990, at 11.10 a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator Sir Frank L. WALCOTT, K.A., O.B.E., LL.D., (President)

His Honour Senator M. deL. JORDAN, (Deputy President)

Senator the Honourable L. V. H. LEWIS (Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office) (Leader of the Senate)

Senator A. MORRISON

Senator N. W. BOXILL

Senator Mrs. V. C. FRASER, B.S.S., J.P., M.C.F.A.

Senator Mrs. G. L. EASTMOND

Senator A. J. N. PHILLIPS

Senator T. A. PRESCOD

Senator J. C. W. WICKHAM, M.B.E.

Senator the Reverend Canon I. McK. JONES

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

Senator C. A. BLACKMAN, Q.C.

Senator Mrs. P. Y. FORDE

Senator J. S. GODDARD

Senator the Honourable Dr. C. D. CLARKE (Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs)

Senator A. W. A. McCLEAN

Senator Miss V. P. BRATHWAITE

Senator Dr. F. W. ALLEYNE

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

Mr. PRESIDENT: The Senate is in session.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Mr. PRESIDENT: Message No. 5 from Her Excellency The Governor General to the Honourable The Senate:-

"Her Excellency the Governor-General has the honour to inform the Honourable The Senate that, in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister under section 39(1)(f) of the Constitution, the seat in the Senate held by Mr. David Andre Comissiong has been declared vacant with effect from 29th June, 1990."

Message No. 6 from Her Excellency The Governor-General to The Honourable The Senate:-

"Her Excellency the Governor-General has the honour to inform the Honourable the Senate that, in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, Mr. Tyrone Cecil Estwick has been appointed to be a member of the Senate under section 36(2) of the Constitution with effect from the 11th of July, 1990."

Mr. President asked that Senator Tyrone Estwick enter the Chamber and take his seat and Senator Estwick was escorted to his seat by the Clerk of Parliament.

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: Mr. President, one wonders if the entry of the new member heralded by music represents the beginning of the festive season which we are approaching.

I believe that all Honourable Senators would wish to express congratulations to Senator Estwick on his appointment to the recently created vacancy in this Honourable Senate and we would look forward to his

making useful contributions whenever he has the opportunity to intervene on matters. I am certain that he will grow to intervene in areas which heretofore would have been unfamiliar to him.

It seems to me that when one enters the Senate with limited understanding of several things, the tendency is to become an authority on various things and I hope that the Senator will not fall into the trap that others have fallen into but will ensure that his contributions which will certainly be on record are worthy of him during the period that he graces this Honourable Chamber.

With those very brief remarks I would like to offer him words of welcome to the Senate.

SENATOR A. W. A. McCLEAN: Mr. President, I too on behalf of this side of the Table would like to associate myself with the words of welcome to Senator Estwick and we look forward to his contributions in the Chamber.

Thank you.

SENATOR Dr. F. W. ALLEYNE: Mr. President, from one Foundation old boy to another one, welcome. I have every confidence that Senator Estwick will live up to the high promise which we all expect from him.

I need give no words of caution. I was associated with him in University. I was on one side of the table and he at the other and he has always been known for balanced judgment; never quick to rush to judgment; very pensive; and I am fairly sure that he will bring those same traits to bear in the deliberations of this House.

With those few words again I say, "Welcome".

SENATOR T. A. PRESCOD: Mr. President, I too would like to go on record of welcoming Senator Estwick here today. I know Senator Estwick is a man who possesses that sound acumen and I am sure that he will make a substantial contribution to this Chamber.

Over the last four years or so since I came in contact with Senator Estwick, we have always entered into very cordial and sound discourses and I am sure that we will see that type of manifestation exhibited here in this Chamber. Once again I want to say, "Welcome" to Senator Estwick as my colleague and Senator for the Democratic Labour Party. 11.20 a.m.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Senator Estwick, I should like to extend, on behalf of the Senate as a whole, the warm welcome you have received from your colleagues in the Chamber and wish you a pleasant sojourn in this Chamber.

SENATOR T. C. ESTWICK: Mr. President, and if I may say so, fellow Senators, I am somewhat in awe at the

occasion, not only because of the surroundings but because of the persons that I see, as I look around the Table.

I am happy to have heard such warm things about me. I will not question whether they are true or not. I will merely accept them.

I promise earnestly to uphold all the high ethics, discipline, honour, judgement of this august Chamber and, as my friend Senator Alleyne stated, even though I sit on this side, I will do my utmost to be dispassionate and fair. Because I think, at the end of the day, we are all here for one singular purpose, that is, the better administration of this country that we all live in.

My relationship with some persons does go back some ways, Senator McClean on the other side, Senator Brathwaite, Senator Alleyne, Senator Trevor Prescod. But I am also a very good learner. As I look around the Table again, I see experience, years of hard work and learning.

I further promise to listen as well as anybody on earth could possibly listen. I would believe that, out of that listening, I must necessarily learn something. Again, those are two principle things I promise to do; to be dispassionate, to be fair, and to listen. Out of listening, hopefully, I shall learn.

Thank you very much, Sir.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: Mr. President, I wish to give notice of:

A Resolution to approve the compulsory acquisition by the Crown of land at Lodge Hill in St. Michael.

A Bill respecting the registration, supervision and arrangement of certain societies, the members of which have a common bond of philosophy, social and economic objectives, and for related purposes known as the Co-operatives Bill.

The question that the Bill be read a first time was put to the Senate and agreed to.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: Mr. President, I am command to lay the following document:

The Annual Report of the National Petroleum Corporation for the year 1988-89.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

SENATOR THE REV. CANON I. McK JONES: Mr. President, I have a Question which I should like to present. It is to the Leader of the Senate:

- "1. Will the appropriate Minister please state if it is the decision of Government to establish a Vendor's Mall in, or in the vicinity of, Trafalgar Square?
2. If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Minister indicate and identify the precise area allocated for the Mall and state in detail the provision for vendors' stall and amenities?
3. If the Mall is to be otherwise located, will Government please state the location?
4. In any event will the Minister state the anticipated cost of the establishment of the Vendor's Mall?"

Thank you, Sir.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

LAND REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1990

Order No. 1 was called - To move the Second Reading of a Bill to amend the Land Registration Act, Cap 229.

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: Mr. President, this Bill seeks to empower the Minister responsible for Lands to suspend sporadic and voluntary registration of titles and to make certain provisions with respect to the transfer of the system for dealing in unregistered titles from the Registration Office, to the Land Registry.

These Bills are before us, Mr. President, because of a decision taken by Cabinet that the unregistered deed system for dealing with land should be transferred to and administered by the Land Registry with effect from April 1989.

Certain representations were made by the Barbados Bar Association with respect to this new system for registration of titles generally, and in particular, certain technical difficulties which have been encountered because of the voluntary and sporadic registration.

It appears to be necessary to make the Land Register reflect judgements obtained in the High Court immediately

after they are registered. This would be dealt with in another Bill.

The Bill before us contains 9 clauses, the first of which repeals and substitutes the short title to the Bill, so that provision is made for the registration of titles to land for dealings in land, so registered, for the administration of the unregistered system and for dealing in titles with the Land Registry.

At Clause 2 of the Bill, these provisions are amply set out. Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to modify Cap. 229, Section 3, in order to exclude certain new provisions relating to unregistered land.

11.30 a.m.

What section 3 does is to say that except for the provisions of this Act, meaning the Land Registration Act, no other enactment shall apply to registered land. Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to reflect the current position, whereas in the original Act there is a requirement that Attorneys-at-Law deal with matters relating to title, the correct legal position is that Assistant Registrars who have been transferred from the Registration Office find themselves having to deal with these transactions although the Act does not properly permit it, and this amendment seeks to empower those persons to deal with the transactions and hence overcome the difficulty that exists. Clause 4 in fact therefore seeks to exclude Assistant Registrars from the list of persons who are required to have legal qualifications in order to deal with these transactions.

Clause 5 of the Bill represents a concern which was raised at the seminar on land registration which was sponsored by the Bar Association, and their view was that section 15(3) of the Act was ambiguous. It was unclear at what point the application for registration should be made, and this new clause seeks to clarify the position so that an application must be made prior to the application for subdivision.

Clause 6 is an insertion after section 15 of the Act. It is understood that at the time of enactment of legislation concerning registered titles that information was made available to the effect that there was sufficient survey information at the Lands and Surveys Department to make it a simple matter to tie in any survey on a national grid, and this gave rise to provision regarding voluntary and sporadic registration under sections 14 and 15 of the Act. This meant that any person wherever his or her land is situated could voluntarily bring title to the land register. Additionally all conveyances on sale after the enactment of the Land Registration Act, that is after 8th September 1988, had to be brought on to the register, and these were described as sporadic registrations. Although there has been substantial compliance with the two forms of registration, there is a difficulty because the Chief Surveyor cannot in fact tie in any of these lots on the national grid, or reflect any of them

on a registry map. The position therefore is that although these acts have taken place and they have been declared by the Commissioners of Title, no certificates of title can be issued by the land registry because the parcels cannot at present be reflected on a registry map. In the interim these titles are dealt with as unregistered titles, and the purpose of this section is to correct that deficiency.

This amendment as I said earlier is a reflection of certain representations which were made by the Bar Association. So that at clause 6, section 15 (a) gives the Minister responsible for lands power to suspend by order sections 14 and 15 of the Act if he is satisfied that such suspension would enhance the systematic registration of title generally or within a particular registration district. This is not a power which is to be exercised in a personal or whimsical fashion. To be satisfied would mean in law precisely what is regarded probably on professional advice to be a difficulty which would make the Minister so satisfied.

Clause 7 of the Bill seeks to correct a typographical error in section 117(2) of the Act. Clause 8 provides for the addition of a new Part 21 to the Act which deals with the administration of unregistered land. There are five new sections, sections 157 to 161 which respond to this provision for the administration, along with a schedule. They together respond to the concern for the administration of the Act. Some of these provisions have been lifted almost lock, stock and barrel probably with variations of wording from Cap. 33, because the system which was formerly administered by the Registration Office is provided for under that piece of legislation.

Finally, Mr. President, clause 9 of the Bill relates to those fees which have been collected since November 1989 under the provisions of legislation. Although the Land Registry was in fact administering the system, the acts were legally carried out by the Registrar, and what clause 9 seeks is to validate the collection of those fees commencing November 1989 to the present time.

I beg to move that this Bill be read a second time.

SENATOR C. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. President, in general the Bill is welcome because some of the representations made by the Bar Association have been reflected upon. I am however, Sir, making an appeal that the Government give consideration at the earliest possible date to the relocation of the Land Registry to a more convenient place. In fact, I had some difficulty to understand the urgency with which the matter of the land registry was put in train when a lot of the physical infrastructure was lacking. Indeed the Bar Association drew attention some while ago both to the problems of systematic and voluntary registration which the original Act contemplated. It is very frustrating for a practitioner, Mr. President, at the present time to deal with matters at the

Garrison, Walrond Street, Coleridge Street, and the amount of time lost by having people all over the place is really quite considerable. If you are going to go ahead with the Land Registry at the Garrison, then I would suggest that consideration be given to providing the Land Registry with the facilities of a fax machine so that there could be more direct access to that department from the members of the profession who have them or who can borrow them or rent them or share, because those members of the Chamber, Senator Estwick to whom I extend a warm welcome, Senator Prescod who works in a law office and Senator Brathwaite could tell you that it is a waste of activity having to try to relate to a Government department at the Garrison when all your other business connections are within the environs of the city.

11.40 a.m.

The Barbados Land Surveyors Association too, Mr. President, supported the several requests which the Bar made for these proposals which we are now giving effect to, but they had a concern that there were not enough land surveyors available to be able to do all the work that is expected in a timely fashion. I note from debate in the Other Place that consideration is being given to engaging surveyors from outside of Barbados, and there was a commentary that non-nationals who are not acquainted with the Barbados system might have a problem in getting it right initially.

I think what we need to do, Sir, is to put in place a regime to make it possible to attract more people into surveying. There are a lot of people, I understand, who are at the Community College pursuing courses in land surveying, and it is for the purposes of trying to attract more people into this area, because the Land Registry is going to be with us, since we have put the legislation in place, but I do think that if we are going to make substantial and radical changes in the legal system, then the infrastructure should be in place so as to avoid the wastage of time that results from it being approached initially without everything being thought through to its logical conclusion.

The question that the Bill be read a second time was put to the Senate and agreed to.

On the motion of SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS, Mr. PRESIDENT left the Chair and the Senate went into Committee on the Bill, SENATOR M. deL. JORDAN in the Chair.

COMMITTEE

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Senate is in Committee.

Clauses 1 to 9, inclusive, were called and passed.

On the motion of SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS, Mr. CHAIRMAN reported the passing of one Bill in Committee, and Mr. PRESIDENT resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motions of SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. PRESIDENT: I must make an apology to Members for the little interruptions you have been having. It is not entertainment, but they are technical difficulties, so you will have to bear with them for the time being.

ORDER NO. 2 - THE PROPERTY (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL, 1990

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: Mr. President, as the name of this Bill implies, it consists of various miscellaneous amendments to a number of statutes. Among these are the Registration of Judgments Act, Cap. 210, the Land (Adjudication of Rights and Interests) Act, Cap. 228A, the Registration Office Act, Cap. 33, the Property Act, Cap. 236 and the Companies Act, Cap. 308.

The amendments are contained in the Schedule to the Bill. In the case of the Registration of Judgments Act, the position is that judgments obtained in the High Court affect land whether it is registered or unregistered. As the law now stands, such judgments are registered at the Registration Office. Additionally, as the law now stands, judgment searches have to be made by the Land Registry staff if these judgments are to be reflected on the appropriate folio of the land register in relation to each particular parcel of land.

The amendments proposed to the Registration of Judgments Act provide a simple mechanism for the future whereby a certified copy of all judgments affecting land title will be lodged with the Registrar of Titles.
11.50 a.m.

It is to be noted in passing, Mr. President, that although the original copy of a judgment is required to be stamped, a certified copy to be lodged with the Registrar of Titles is not required to be stamped. In the case of the amendment relating to the Land (Adjudication of Rights and Interests) Act, four amendments are proposed, the first of which relates to section 20 in which it is proposed to add a new section, sub-section (3). This sub-section (3) seeks to empower Commissioners of Title to accept plans after consultation with the Chief Surveyor, and the consultation is to take place between the Commissioner of Titles and the Chief Surveyor.

In the case of the second proposed amendment, it is a change of one word, the deletion of the word "the" and the substitution of the word "an". A similar amendment is proposed in relation to section 28, and these are done in order to remove any ambiguities which exist. The amendment to section 29 reduces the statutory 90 days which are prescribed for the finality of an adjudication record, and this was a point raised by the Bar Association. It was agreed that the 90 days should be reduced to 60 days. This proposal was agreed by the Land Registry because of the fact that notification of adjudication records are published in the *Official Gazette* and in local newspapers

and copies of the adjudication records are sent by the Land Registry to all of the Barbados Missions for distribution to Barbadians overseas. The amendment seeks to reduce the period from 90 days to 60 days.

In the case of the Registration Office Act, Mr. President, it is proposed to add two Schedules, First and Second Schedules, and these Schedules relate to the payment of fees for recording of documents, for perusing documents, for obtaining copies of recorded documents. These Schedules are really modifications of the existing Schedules in the Registration Office Act, Cap. 33, and it is necessary to have the amendment done under this Property (Miscellaneous) Amendments Act because land matters no longer directly concern the Registration Office, and it is necessary to amend the Schedules of the Registration Office Act to reflect that reality.

There are four amendments proposed relating to the Property Act, Cap. 236, and these deal with substitution of the words "Land Registry" for the words "Registration Office" in certain clauses which relate to transactions which are now properly the province of the Registrar of Titles. The amendment relating to the Companies Act, Cap. 308 relates to charges created by a company which affect land owned by a company which have to be communicated within 28 days. The amendment seeks to make it mandatory for a copy of all company charges which affect land to be lodged with the Registrar of Titles within 28 days, and these copies when lodged will be entered in the land register appropriately.

The amendment to section 245A gives authority for the Registrar of Titles to make the appropriate entries in the section of the folio of the Land Register pertaining to the parcel of land that is affected by the charge.

I beg to move, Mr. President, that this Bill be now read a second time.

The question was put to the Senate and agreed to.

On motion of Senator the Hon. L. V. H. Lewis, Mr. President left the Chair and the Senate went into Committee on the Bill, Senator M. DeL. Jordan in the Chair.

COMMITTEE

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Senate is in Committee.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed.

Clause 3 was called.

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Clause 3 stand part.

SENATOR C. A. BLACKMAN: Mr. Chairman, I have a concern with clause 3 which relates to Part 2 of the Schedule. It says that these amendments shall be deemed to have come into operation on 13th November, 1989, which has the consequence of importing the amendments to Cap.

308 as part of the law back to November. Really no one has been doing what the provision at 237 in the Schedule now requires, and I have a difficulty whether as drafted and bringing it into operation retrospectively you are not creating a difficulty for those who have made transactions in good faith and in compliance with the law as it stood by making a retroactive requirement that they should have been filed with the Land Registry and this was not a requirement at the time.

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: My understanding is, Mr. Chairman, that the clause seeks to validate what happened in good faith although not lawfully provided for, and it does not seek to alter what in fact happened in good faith. My understanding is that that is the effect of the amendment. The fact that they are made in respect of enactments specified in Part 2 implies that they shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 13th. That is the intent, to validate what has already taken place, even if not properly so.

The question that Clause 3 stand part, was put to the Senate and agreed.

The Schedule was called and passed.

On motion of Senator the Hon. L. V. H. LEWIS, Mr. President resumed the Chair and the Bill was reported as having passed the Committee without amendment.
12.00 noon.

On the separate motions of SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS the Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDER NO. 3 - RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE
COMPULSORY ACQUISITION BY THE CROWN
OF LAND AT LODGE HILL, ST. MICHAEL,
FOR THE ADAMS-BARROW-CUMMINS
HIGHWAYS

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: Mr. President, this Resolution relates to the compulsory acquisition by the Crown of land which had already been utilised at the time of construction of the Industrial Access Road.

Mr. President, this is one of five parcels of land which had been utilised and for which appropriate authority had not been given by Parliament. This remaining parcel of land, the property of Cleopatra Hall, situated at Lodge Hill measures 594.5 square metres or thereabouts, and it is abutting and abounding on lands of the Government and other persons.

This is really a Resolution tidying up a transaction which took place several years ago about four or five years ago.

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

SENATOR MISS V. P. BRATHWAITE: Mr. President, I wish I had been given some indication as to the exact location on Lodge Hill where this particular piece of land lies. But I rise mainly to make two points of concern.

The first one, Sir, relates to the use to which other Government lands at Lodge Hill will be put. It is my understanding, Sir, that the Government does, in fact, at present own some lots of land in the Lodge Hill area. There is a very desperate need, all over the country, but in particular in that area, for the provision of house spots.

I wish to invite the Leader of the Senate perhaps to indicate what is the policy and the intention of the Government in relation to those particular spots at Lodge Hill. Is it that Government intends for them to be made available for house spots at some time in the near future and, if not, what arrangements are being made for the persons especially in that area who now have shacks built on other persons' lands and live in conditions that really can be described as sub-human or very nearly sub-human.

I wondered if I could have some indication when the Leader of the Senate speaks again as to what is the policy and intention of Government with regard to the Government lands situated at Lodge Hill.

My second point of concern Sir, relates to that section of the Adams-Barrow-Cummins Highways which traverses Lodge Hill. Not very long ago, Sir, I raised a matter of grave concern to myself and to the persons who live in that immediate vicinity with regard to the question of assistance to the children crossing that highway.

A very sad situation occurred, Sir, approximately some three weeks ago where almost a carbon copy of the situation I had described (not only to this august Chamber, Sir, but I had also brought the matter to the attention of the Attorney General through a letter to the Police Department) and that is, a child crossing the highway at the exact location that had been described was involved in an accident that was near fatal. Thankfully, Sir, she is now back home and well, apparently progressing on the road to a speedy recovery. But, to my mind, Sir, that situation could have been averted had speedy action been taken at the point when the matter was brought to the attention of the Government.

I wish also to invite Government to indicate what is the policy with regard to the Traffic Warden Scheme.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Senator Brathwaite, I am a little bit confused. What are you speaking on?

SENATOR MISS V. P. BRATHWAITE: Sir, the Resolution before us seeks to empower Government to

acquire a portion of land at Lodge Hill for purposes connected to the Adams-Barrow-Cummins Highways. My first point related to the land at Lodge Hill.

Mr. PRESIDENT: I heard that.

SENATOR MISS V. P. BRATHWAITE: And my second point relates to the Adams-Barrow-Cummins Highways at Lodge Hill.

Mr. PRESIDENT: So you can bring anything in that discussion?

SENATOR MISS V. P. BRATHWAITE: No, Sir. I am not bringing anything. I am speaking specifically about the Adams-Barrow-Cummins Highways and the point that there is need to implement a scheme whereby persons can cross the Highway with the least difficulty possible.

Mr. PRESIDENT: I cannot hear that every time a debate arises on the highway. This is not germane to what we are now dealing with. Proceed and get to the point that you want to make.

SENATOR MISS V. P. BRATHWAITE: Sir, I have already made the two points, if you would recall: the Government policy as to the land at Lodge Hill and the fact that provision should be made as a matter of urgency to assist persons especially children, in crossing the Adams-Barrow-Cummins Highways at Lodge Hill.

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: I will only respond, Mr. President, by saying that the good Senator is pushing on an open door in terms of the question of the need for a warden to be allocated to areas where school children are, or might be in danger in crossing of the highways. Government is certainly proceeding as fast as the machinery of Government permits it to respond to this whole question of the traffic wardens for children going to school.

12.10 p.m.

I can only say that I would regard it, as my duty, to communicate the continuing concern expressed and hope

that the appropriate Ministry will be able to satisfy some of the needs, if not all of the demands in this area, by the time schools re-open after the holiday which they should soon be proceeding on.

With regards the question of the house spots at Lodge Hill, I believe that this is the season when these sorts of questions will arise. I do not believe, for one minute, that there are any sub-human conditions existing up there. I would be very surprised because if sub-human conditions existed up there, I am sure that the press would have been invited and that, there would be much display, at this time of the year, with the hope that we catch the eye of people who do not understand anything more about it but the fact is that this is the season for such things.

Aside.

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: You say "silly". I am not in it so I am not describing it as "silly". I am not in it, to that extent.

What I believe is that there are substandard conditions which exist, in various parts of the island, about which all of us are concerned. A caring Government will ensure that it responds to these needs. The appropriate Member of Parliament for that area, I am sure, will represent the cause of the persons in Lodge Hill.

I beg to move that the Resolution do now pass.

The question was put to the Senate and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

SENATOR THE HON. L. V. H. LEWIS: Mr. President, I believe we have come to the end of Public Business for today and I should like to move that this Senate be now adjourned *sine die*.

The question was put to the Senate and agreed to and Mr. PRESIDENT adjourned the Senate sine die.

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