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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings, on Wednesday, November 6, 1996, at 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator Fred W. GOLLOP, (President)

His Honour Senator C. L. BOLDEN, (Deputy President)

Senator the Honourable R. R. FARLEY (Minister of Industry, Commerce and Business Development) (Leader of the Senate)

Senator the Honourable P. C. GODDARD (Minister of Foreign Trade and International Business)

Senator Miss C. Y. FORDE (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Culture)

Senator T. E. BARKER (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs)

Senator the Honourable Miss O. P. SYMMONDS, G.C.M.

Senator D. T. GILL

Senator Miss J. C. ODLE

Senator N. A. LYNCH

Senator N. P. WELCH

Senator J. A. WORKMAN

Senator Mrs. P. E. RICKINSON

Senator S. P. BERNSTEIN

Senator the Venerable Archdeacon J. L. SPRINGER, G.C.M.

Senator C. K. LAURIE

Senator Mrs. V. J. DAVIS

Senator Mrs. A. P. THOMPSON

Senator C. A. MASCOLL.

Prayers were led by Fr. Errington Massiah.

Mr. PRESIDENT: The Senate is in session.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

SENATOR THE HON. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. President, I am commanded to lay the following documents before the Honourable Senate:

1. The National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations, 1996.
2. The Sugar Industry (Sugar Workers' Provident Fund) Order, 1996.
3. The Customs (Amendment) Regulations, 1996.
4. The Land Tax (Rate of Tax) (Amendment) Order, 1996.
5. The Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (No. 10) Order, 1996.
6. The Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (No. 11) Order, 1996.
7. The Duties, Taxes, and Other Payments (Exemption) (No. 12) Order, 1996.
8. The Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (No. 13) Order, 1996.
9. The Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (No. 14) Order, 1996.
10. The Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (No. 15) Order, 1996.

11. Licence and Concession Agreement between the Government of Barbados and Conoco Barbados Ltd., for the carrying out of Petroleum Operations.
12. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the years ended December 31, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992.
13. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Development Bank for the year April 1, 1994 to March 31, 1995.
14. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' provident Fund for the years ended December 31, 1993 and December 31, 1994.
15. Annual Statement of Accounts of the Barbados National Bank for the year 1995.
16. Report of the Public Enterprise Investment Fund for the Quarters ending March 31 and June 30, 1996.
17. The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1996.
18. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Water Authority for the year April 1, 1994 to March 31, 1995.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATOR THE HON. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. President, I rise to give notice of the following Resolutions:

1. Resolution to approve the guarantee by the Minister responsible for Finance of the payment of the principal and interest for redemption of a bond issue of \$41 300 000 by the Barbados Agricultural Management Company Limited.
2. Resolution to approve the sale by the Crown of land and the buildings thereon at Speightstown, St. Peter to the Barbados National Bank.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

SENATOR THE HON. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. President, Senate's approval is being sought for the acquisition of land at Benn Hill in St. Peter to facilitate the construction of access roads and footpaths to the tenantry

at that location. This tenantry, Sir, is one of the older tenancies in Barbados, Sir. It consists of some 57 or so houses covering an area of almost 9 acres.

The problem with the tenantry however, Sir, is like that of many tenancies that would have developed long ago in Barbados. They were developed at a period in which vehicular access was not a matter that had to be considered because the people who lived in the tenancies in those days clearly did not have, and in terms of the immediate conditions in which they lived, Sir, did not contemplate owning vehicles at that time.

However, we are pleased, Sir, that today it is typical for motor vehicles to be owned by persons who live in various areas across Barbados. Also, Sir, in terms of person's ability to get around either to or from work, to provide the facility for access to ambulance services, fire services or to any of the security services, it is a standard and quite reasonable expectation, Sir, that the average citizen of Barbados should have proper vehicular access to his home.

In addition, Sir, part of this Government's approach to the social and economic development of Barbados, Sir, is that where there are existing communities, we would want to strengthen those communities and encourage persons who live there to continue living there, and certain persons who might have had their origins there but might have moved away for want of amenities, to encourage those persons to return.

You will recall, Sir, that we have on several occasions in this Chamber, brought a number of Resolutions with respect to acquisition of land adjacent to existing communities so that the additional housing which is being provided, Sir, particularly by way of providing what we call sites and services – land, roads, water and electricity, would be such, Sir, that the new residents would be able to draw on the strength and the infrastructure, both physical and social, of living in an existing community. We believe, Sir, that this is an extremely important approach to the housing development of this country, and one which will do the least violence to the peculiar culture and sociology of Barbados.

This project really seeks to bring the tenantry at Benn Hill into the 1990s. It basically seeks to provide for them what many other persons in many communities spread across Barbados take for granted, that is, Sir, being able, if you have a car to park it in front of your house rather than parking it on a playing field somewhere, walking some distance on a rocky path. Or if you are having guests, Sir, your guests can drive up to your door rather than having to be directed to park down by the school, walk around by the mango tree, turn by the neighbour's paling, and

as you pass through by the mud and the pig pens, my front door will be there.

The proposal with respect to this project, Sir, is within the framework of approximately 9 acres and 57 houses, to provide a road which would be the standard 3-metres wide, Sir, and in 1 or 2 areas provide footpaths as well for access to some of the more difficult areas. In the process there would be requirements that 1 or 2 of the houses may have to be relocated on properties within the area in order to make the path for the road more smooth, Sir. The acquisition, as one would expect, given the situation which I described, Sir, really involves taking small portions of the land of some 11 landowners in that area in order to accommodate the amenities which I have described earlier.

The Government consider, Sir, this project to be a worthwhile project. We consider that this is only the very least the residents, not only in Benn Hill, but in any community in Barbados should expect, Sir, especially in a district which is as old and as well known as the one in question, which should expect to have the level of amenities available to them, Sir, that all of us in this Chamber and outside today take for granted.

Sir, I beg to move that this Resolution for the compulsory acquisition of land at Benn Hill, Saint Peter to facilitate the construction of access roads and footpaths for that well established tenantry, Sir, do now pass.

SENATOR Mrs. P. E. RICKINSON: Mr. President, I rise to support this Bill for the acquisition of lands, but I would also like to make an additional comment regarding, not only the land, because I note that the Leader of Government Business said that some of the people will have to be relocated in the area. I would like to make a plea on behalf of those persons, not only in this area, but in other areas of the country who require land in order to put homes, that the Government make lands available for these persons at a nominal rent to put their homes so that it will discourage what we are reading about, of persons, overnight virtually, building homes in areas that are not satisfactory or are prone to flooding, or in areas where the Town and Country Planning does not agree that building should take place.

I think that the time has come for us to identify areas throughout Barbados and make some other plots, apart from this area, available for low income persons upon which to build their homes so that we will not have Town and Country Planning laws contravened.

I would also like to say that the Town and Country Planning laws should apply to everyone. What is good for Peter is good for Paul. One person should not be allowed

to build a wall over 7 feet because he has personal contacts, and the other person get away with it.
11.30 a.m.

Mr. President, in addition I would also like to talk about the construction of roads. I would like to make a plea that when these roads are being constructed we make sure that the person who is building the road finds out the technology to build roads that do not disintegrate within 2 years. I will say why I am asking this. In the area where I live, about two years ago we had to undergo the inconvenience of not being able to get to our homes or to get to various areas because between the Spring Garden roundabout and a bit further down the road was being laid. To my surprise and horror, Mr. President, about two weeks after we had to go through the same thing.

I do not know what the technology is but I do not think that is satisfactory. I think that if one has to lay a road the road should last for at least 5 years. One should not have to return within 2 years and during the day time, when people are trying to get to work, start laying that road. When it is finished you can see, even though you are not an expert, you can see obvious holes in the road through which the water is going to seep and it is not a smooth finish.

I would like us in Barbados to try and get that technology and learn how to do the roads properly because they are not being done properly and it is very costly. It is costly in terms of having to pay for the road to be laid. It is costly in terms of having to spend time getting to and from work because time is money. I hope that we will be able to pay some attention to those areas because it is not satisfactory what is happening at the moment.

Apart from that, Mr. President, I support this and being from St. Peter as well I would like to see our people in St. Peter as comfortable as other persons. Thank you.

The question was put to the Senate and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 2 – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
THE SALE OF LAND TOGETHER WITH
THE BUILDINGS THEREON AT
BUTTALS, ST. GEORGE

SENATOR THE HON. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. President, approval is being sought for the sale, Sir, of this property at Buttals to Debra Hughes. This property which is owned by the Government was advertised for sale by public tender during 1995. Tender notices were published in the usual format, Sir, in the newspapers, and the tenders had recommended, Sir, based on the award of the highest tender that the property should be sold to another individual. That

individual however, subsequently was not able to come up with the financing and the tender was then awarded to the next highest tender. That individual also subsequently could not come up with the sum which he had tendered and we are now down to the third in line in terms of the tenders which were submitted. The attorneys for the individual mentioned, Miss Hughes, had indicated that they were in a position to complete the offer made in the tender and the approval of the Honourable Senate therefore is being sought under Section 5 of the Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act, Cap. 225 for the sale of this parcel of land together with the buildings thereon at Buttals, St. George to Debra Hughes.

I beg to move, Sir, that this Resolution do now pass.

SENATOR Mrs. A. P. THOMPSON: Mr. President, I rise to speak on this Resolution and to express a concern. In looking at this area of land, 10 acres, being sold to Debra Hughes I want to express the concern of the residents of St. George neither North nor South but the parish of St. George, that at a time when there is need for land for housing in Barbados, at a time when the parliamentary representative in the Ministry of Housing and Lands is claiming that he takes down every small area of land in St. George and allocates it to housing, which is the explanation given when the area of land reserved for the James Bryan Sporting Complex was taken away, the parliamentary representative gave as an explanation the need to look for every open space and put houses on it.

I was also very appalled, Sir, that 10 acres of land which can be used for housing, not only is it not in a zone 1 area, I have checked it out, I have checked with the Town Planning Department, I have checked with the Water Works Department, and I have been advised that it is not close to a zone 1 area. I therefore cannot accept any explanation given for the use of this land at this time other than for housing. I think the priority of the Government is skewed and I feel the people of St. George deserve an explanation.

Right now there are a number of people out there crying out for house spots in St. George and I think they would have been very pleased, had the Government made the decision to allocate this land. Ten acres of land could give at least 90 houses in a development when you take out reserves for road use and that kind of thing. I cannot understand why we are selling this to an individual.

I understand that horses instead of people will occupy this area of land and I am asking the Government why. Why at a time that you are stating that housing is a priority in Barbados, why at a time when you are saying that we are taking every vacant area of land available to people in Barbados for housing you are making 10 acres of land

available to an individual for a purpose other than housing when it is land that is suited for housing?

I have lived in that area and I have roamed that whole area so I know that it is good enough for housing for the residents of St. George and any other persons in Barbados who may be residing for whatever purposes. So I cannot accept this explanation and I do not know how far we have reached on this matter.

We are seeking approval in Parliament so I can say that if Parliament says no that this transaction will not go through. I am therefore hoping having gone to the Senate with the information that this is not a zone 1 area. The people of St. George have asked me to say to the Parliament of Barbados that they would prefer to have this area allocated to houses. They would prefer to have this area allocated to housing. I am, therefore, saying that I will not be supporting this matter for this area to be used for anything other than housing at this time. Thank you, Sir. 11.40 a.m.

SENATOR THE HON. G. S. H. MURRAY: Mr. President, I am not surprised at the last Senator's intervention on this issue. It is fairly obvious for those who are in the know that a roundabout way would be sought to state some opposition to this venture. First of all, I would like to say that I welcome her party's overnight and recent conversion in providing houses for people since they operated for 8 years and never built a house. They only finished the Pondsides and built a few nay-nay houses in St. Philip and that was it. So for 8 years they were not concerned about housing and they were not concerned about any area in providing houses. But all they are seeking to do is to come aboard with this Government. I welcome them. They obviously are reading our Manifesto. So I welcome them to some enlightened policies.

The Honourable Senator made some reference to land at James Bryan Sporting Complex which was taken away. I do not understand this topsy-turvy approach to housing. First of all, you built nothing for 8 years. Then when we sought to acquire some land for the James Bryan Complex for housing, you objected and said no, not for housing. We want tennis courts. Now all of a sudden you have gone back to housing. Make up your mind. Do you want sporting facilities or do you want housing? But this up and down dippy doodling you are doing...

Aside.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Senator, please.

SENATOR THE HON. G. S. H. MURRAY: Sir, I must therefore question the real *bona fides*

of this opposition to this venture. It is also quite revealing that when this land was advertised on two occasions no suggestion came from the goodly Senator who professes to speak on behalf of the people of St. George. I live in St. George where I have been living for 11 years and nobody has told me that she carried out a survey to test the opinions of the people of St. George as to how they felt about housing. I am a good St. Georgian. I am not an overnight convert of St. George. I do not go back to St. George. I chose to live in St. George. I left St. Michael and went to Christ Church and then I went to St. George. So I like St. George. I do not go back to St. George for political reasons. I am a resident of St. George. So nobody can tell me about St. George. But the point is, Sir, that the Honourable Senator did not canvass anybody's opinion. She never said so, Sir.

SENATOR Mrs. A. P. THOMPSON: On a point of order, Mr. President. I do not know who gave the Honourable Senator permission to speak for me. At a meeting two Sundays ago in St. George, I was challenged by two farmers at that meeting to put this case in the Senate and was canvassed again this morning. You cannot tell me that nobody told me that.

Mr. PRESIDENT: No point of order, Senator. You are making a speech. Senator Murray, please continue.

SENATOR THE HON. G. S. H. MURRAY: Sir, I think that it is a somewhat incongruous suggestion that farmers would be promoting housing and I wonder how the Honourable Senator can base her opinion that two farmers were canvassed. She did not say that there were two dozen people canvassed. Two dozen would be 24 persons plus 2 are 26 people. These 26 people are not representative of all of St. George. That is not scientific. That is just something being constructed for convenience.

Sir, if I may resume my point. The point is that when this property was advertised there was no suggestion from the goodly Senator that housing was important rather than somebody being allowed to buy this property and keep it for themselves or for their own individual use for a narrow set of people. Now that it has come this far we are hearing these noises about housing. I just want to repeat for the record that if the former Senator is worried she should check the record to see the performance of this Government *vis-a-vis* taking land out of agriculture and devoting it to housing. We have no record ever in the history of this 58-year old Party of the kind of dastardly deeds that were done to agriculture in Neils, Cottage, Frere Pilgrim, Sandford, nothing like that. So this Party has a strong record of respecting the integrity of agriculture and at the same time providing houses in meaningful numbers for people who are always seeking to realize the Barbadian dream of a 14 by 9 on their own piece of land. We did not

destroy people's dreams and have people selling their houses, selling their land and going back to their mother to live. We have restored the means of people once more claiming insurance, repairs and what not. We did not take those away from the people. So our commitment and contribution to housing cannot be gained said. I thank you.

HIS HONOUR SENATOR C. L. BOLDEN: Mr. President, life is funny. I came in here today hoping that I would not have to speak and I even said that I was leaving early. But the Honourable Senator has forced me to my feet and a lot of people will not like what I have to say today. Mr. President, this Resolution and what the Honourable Senator has said has brought to light a feeling in Barbados today which, if the Honourable Senator had thought back, she would not have opened her mouth today for what I am going to say because a lot of people will not like it. The Government advertised Buttals. Even before Buttals was advertised, I made an offer to purchase Buttals. But you see certain people believe that Buttals was worth a million dollars. That is why Buttals went up for auction on two occasions and the price we are getting for Buttals is a good price when you look at what it is. Buttals was a doctor's residence. It was left opened for a very long time under the Democratic Labour Party. The Rastas went in and start pulling the house to pieces. Because when I visited it the doors were opened and I told the Government that, if they do not do something about it, they will only find walls in the end. They went and nailed some boards around it. It went up for auction on two occasions and, when I was told that it was going up for auction a second time, I said that only fools will bid for it at the price that the Government wanted and that is the truth. It was only valued at \$148 000. That was what it was valued at by the Government valuers and that is even before it was being vandalized by persons in the area.

The Honourable Senator talks about two farmers in St. George who came and made protestations to her. Now I want to say this openly. There is now a concept in Barbados that Government must take up people's land and give to other people. Everybody wants land for nothing. Nobody wants to exercise their energies and savings to get something. Everybody wants something for nothing including land and house spots. But if the Senator had been thinking, she would ask herself a simple question. When the Democratic Labour Party had the mandate and had this island in their hand, when the sugar industry started to go down and they chopped the subsidy to the sugar industry, they could have acquired every piece of land in this country for the people of Barbados but they did not. The Democratic Labour Party had the right to acquire every plantation in this country into their own hands as Government lands and they could have distributed as they like. But do you know what they did? They brought in Booker Tate. They set up a system, and I know you

are not going to like this now, in which they are now leasing all these plantations from the owners and Booker Tate is managing them. At some given time every owner decided that they wanted back their land. But the Honourable Senator and her Party did not take the steps to acquire anything to give to the poor people who wanted house spots. The Honourable Senator and her Party did not take steps to acquire land which they could have acquired for nothing and could have written off part of the debt and subdivided it between all the so-called people in St. George and elsewhere who now want land to work. No, they did not do that. But they will come in here today and talk about 10 acres at least 200 or 300 yards off the highway, 10 acres which are surrounded by other plantation lands, to do what? Put a housing area? If you knew the history of this country you would know you are talking foolishness. 11.50 a.m.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Please address your remarks to the Chair.

HIS HONOUR SENATOR C. L. BOLDEN: Sir, with all due respect, I withdraw that. I had no intention of saying the Chair is talking foolishness, because the Chair is not speaking.

Mr. PRESIDENT: But even if the Chair was speaking, the Chair would not be talking foolishness.

HIS HONOUR SENATOR C. L. BOLDEN: That is absolutely true and correct. But the history of housing and agricultural land will show that wherever you set up a large housing area in the midst of agricultural land, the land around it goes out of agriculture. People will not like to hear this, but the petty theft out of housing areas always destroys the agricultural land around it. Go and ask Bulkeley why they have a lot going up the hill by Mount Hill and are trying to sell it for little or nothing. They say they can reap nothing out of the field because there is a housing area behind it. Ask the Government why Oxnards and the area near the University went out of agriculture, because the moment you set up a housing area the land around it can produce absolutely nothing. They had to turn the whole area into housing. There is history in this country to check and see what we are talking about.

If you talk about St. George being a productive area, if you talk about maintaining agriculture in that belt, you are going to set 90 houses in the middle of cane lands, then for what? What is the answer? We talk but we do not think. We do not look at the history of our society. I will have a lot to say when we come with the \$41 million for BAMC, but all the Honourable Member should do is look at the Pine Housing Area and ask why it has stretched and

stretched. Ask the same ADC if year after year fields that were planted with sugar cane ended up with four or five rows at the front but the inside was empty.

Take Haggatt Hall that I used to manage. We stopped planting anything at Haggatt Hall, because you got nothing out of it. And when you talk about Town Planning, it is not Town Planning you have to talk about, it is the Ministry of Agriculture, because when you apply to Town Planning and they send a file to Agriculture, you have to wait a year or two to get back an answer. The Honourable Senator should know that in her regime there were two Ministers of Agriculture and yet decisions were taken elsewhere by other people.

We must tell our people fairly and frankly what the facts are. Do not do it and come in here grandstanding, because the Honourable Member has never got a vote in that area and will never get a vote in that area. Even down in Lower Estate, where the Honourable Member used to be strong, there is a housing area down there and you lost by 800 votes. This time you will lose by 1400.

Mr. PRESIDENT: Senator Bolden, that part is not relevant.

HIS HONOUR SENATOR C. L. BOLDEN: It is part of the Resolution, Mr. President. We are dealing with housing and agriculture and the placing of houses close to agricultural land. Lower Estate used to be a factory plantation and they have developed housing all along that stretch. The lands have now gone out of agriculture into housing and it is stretching and stretching. The Honourable Member likes to walk down in there, so I am just reminding her that her speech today will not do her much good.

The Honourable Member must think carefully when she speaks, because I think the Government is doing very well out of this project. Here again, we are using our position without thinking. The Honourable Member said she understands horses will be going up there. Are you saying now it is wrong to keep horses? Are not horses part of an agricultural pursuit? Mr. President, I did not want to speak, but that is why I have to speak. I have a little place in the country and even the people from Town Planning came and asked what I was building and said I must get development permission. I asked them: "For what? Bird houses?" The gentleman said he had never seen bird houses built like that.

We have a concept in Barbados that there are two classes of people. Those up there and the labourers at the bottom. There must be nobody in between. You must not come up with anything innovative in Barbados. If you come from over and away you can do anything you feel like and everybody accepts it, but as soon as

a Bajan seeks to do something, there is something wrong. I bet if this lady had come from abroad and decided to keep horses you would not hear any complaint about it today, they would sit down and say: "I approve it." "I agree with the Government on this." But because it is a Bajan, something is wrong. We must reach the point where we regard everybody in this country as equal, and this foolishness of criticising Bajans as soon as they start to do something other than the normal must go out through the window.

I will join with the Government to say that the Government in this case has taken a good decision. They are getting a good price for the land on the market as it is today. Where are you going to find house spots in that area? In the gully? That is the next thing you will hear.

Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR C. K. LAURIE: Mr. President, I would just like a little clearing, because I was born in St. George and I am not sure, but from what I remember of this piece of land it has a huge gully. I would have thought that in that 10 acres at least four or five are in that gully, but I may be mistaken.

I would like also to comment and compliment Government's policy on not buying agricultural land that is not contiguous with existing tenancies. I have seen in the *Gazette* that we plan to acquire a piece of land in St. Thomas, which is miles away from any house at all, and I am horrified at that thought. I hope it never actually sees the light of day in Parliament, because this would be absolutely the opposite to what Senators have said in here today as Government policy. There are villages about two miles away in both directions and it would be far better to go alongside those villages and extend it, but I am very pleased to hear that the policy of Government is just to add on to existing villages on rab land and not go into the midst of agriculture and put a housing area. I agree totally with Senator Bolden. There are many, many examples. . .

Aside.

SENATOR C. K. LAURIE: Yes, it is unusual. But there are many, many examples of where this has been done and disaster has followed in terms of a very high rate of praedial larceny. Most of Codrington now has been abandoned by the owners of land in that area because of the Green Hill area, and there are many, many examples of this, and so I really am very, very pleased today to hear Government's policy.

Thank you.

SENATOR S. P. BERNSTEIN: Mr. President, just a quick brief note with regard to the passing of this

Resolution. I heard Senator Bolden say that it was valued at \$148 000 and people wanted \$1 million. The Leader of Government Business, who usually enlightens us as to all the information and gives us all the background, told us that Miss Hughes was the third highest bidder. We had the first bidder who could not come up with the money, the second bidder could not come up with the money and that Miss Hughes is the third highest bidder.

12.00 noon

We are asked to approve the Resolution, but I think that as a matter of courtesy we ought to know before we approve it, how much money we are asked to approve in the Resolution. How much is the bid that Miss Hughes is offering for the land?

Asides.

SENATOR THE HON. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. President, I rise on conclusion of this debate just to wind up by saying that in relation to matters raised by the goodly Senator Thompson concerning the need of the people of St. George for housing, I want to refresh her memory about the Resolution that came before this very Chamber for the acquisition of some 18 acres of land adjacent to an existing development in the area of Market Hill in St. George for the provision of housing for the people of St. George.

I would want to remind her as well of the Government's actions in seeking to relocate the people at Groves, in St. George, Zone 1 water area, and therefore were unable to fully develop the housing lots. I would want to remind her of the situation at the Belle, which is technically St. Michael but adjacent to St. George. I believe that those people in the Belle would be going into Haggatt Hall, whether it is St. George or the St. Michael part, but Haggatt Hall nevertheless. Again people in these Zone 1 areas cannot fully develop the properties that they are on. They cannot live to their full potential.

I want to remind her as well of the work that the Government has done in addressing the situation at Lower Estate in terms putting things in place to ensure that persons there are able to purchase their properties, and to have clear title without any problems. I would also like to remind her of the work which is going on in Jordan's Tenantry, adjacent to Middleton in St. George, where for many years the people in that area were not able to obtain roads. Therefore as a result, persons who are already there would make do, but in terms of developing the adjacent housing lands around there was no new investment in the area. With the provision of the roads you will see the expansion of spots available in that area. I would also want to remind her of the other private sector initiatives which are occurring, either as separate private sector initiatives or joint ventures with the private sector in St. George.

I really would want to suggest to the Honourable Member, that contrary to what her 2 farmers, which as far as we have been made aware so far, represent the full extent of her consultation with her people in St. George, Sir, that the people of St. George are certainly not suffering in the way that she is suggesting, and that the many projects which are ongoing will take care of the housing needs of the people in St. George.

I would want as well, Sir, to use the opportunity to make the point that in these Resolutions that are before Parliament, the information which I will present in introducing the Resolution, Sir, will be the information which is not currently in the hands of the goodly Honourable Members of the Senate. I will not seek to repeat what is in the Resolution in terms of the location and the description of the land, Sir. I would not read out what is in the Schedule, Sir. Certainly, Sir, the addendum is always there. In which case the addendum indicates "It is proposed subject to the approval of Parliament, to sell to Debra Hughes a parcel of land described in the Schedule therein together with the buildings thereon for the sum of \$320 000." That is appended to all of the papers that have been circulated to Members.

SENATOR S. P. BERNSTEIN: Mr. President on a point of elucidation. Just for the record I did not receive what this goodly Senator is talking about, the addendum, as to the amount. My colleague next to me, Senator Springer, has not received one as well. So just for the records on a point of elucidation I thought that I would mention that, Sir.

SENATOR THE HON. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. President, a point was made as well, Sir, concerning the matter of persons who, from time to time, are in locations on which, for example, they have squatted or otherwise have set up houses without permission, Sir.

I think that, perhaps, we would want to discuss that very briefly. That is to say that we have heard the very eloquent exposition by the Honourable Senator Bolden as to the critical importance of location in terms of the capacity to fully develop housing, as well as what happens in the adjacent areas. He particularly focused on the proximity of housing and agriculture and the impact which one will have on the other.

There are other areas in Barbados which are known, by long years of experience, Sir, or to borrow Senator Bolden's words, "If people would know the history of the areas that there are dealing with." There are areas which are watercourses, Sir, and which, only for the grace of God, Sir, there has not been significant rainfall at a given point in time.

Weston for example. Weston is one of those areas, some of the houses that were washed away in the great flood of 1995, were really in what has been a traditional watercourse. There are others outside of that which were affected because of the magnitude. There are other areas, for example, Murphy's Pasture, Woodbourne in St. Phillip, there are areas all around Barbados – Gill's Terrace, we know them, Sir, they are all around. If there is rainfall over a certain amount those areas always flood, and yet, Sir, because we had 5 years of dry time people put up structures there. If on the other hand they had either consulted with neighbours, Sir, or they had sought the approval of Town and Country Planning, the department would have information on the flooding pattern, Sir, they have the topographical research of the areas properly mapped out, and they know what are the flood prone areas and so on. Sometimes, Sir, if it is necessary in order to allow people to plan their business in an orderly fashion, and to allow them as well to maximise the benefit from living on a particular location, Sir, we need to impose some order to provide them with some professional advice.

We have the situation in St. Joseph where persons who would have been advised to relocate, where persons who would even have been offered alternative properties, Sir, indicated, "No, we were born here, we like here, we will stay here." Then when at 4 o'clock in the morning their backyard slips away, then the expectation, based on the reports you see in the media and so on, is that by 10 o'clock the next day an alternate location should have been found, when 4 or 5 years ago an alternate location was found and offered to those individuals.

I am making the point, Sir, with respect to a number of these issues that will arise from time to time, we need to follow the words of wisdom as put out by Senator Bolden, and that is "We have to know the history of the area. We have to know the history of the developments going on in the area," whether in relation to the relationship between residences and agriculture, whether it is on the question on flooding, whether it is on the question of wind and wind movements and so on.

I just want to clarify those points that were raised during the course of this particular debate, Sir, but primarily to remind the Honourable Senator Thompson of the fact that contrary to her wide ranging consultation with 2 farmers, Sir, that there are many projects in St. George, Sir, which are catering to the short term needs and the long term needs of the people of St. George for housing. Whether it be by way of sites and services or the construction of units for rental, Sir.

I beg to move, Sir, that this Resolution do now pass.

The question that this Resolution do now pass was put to the Senate and agreed to.
12.10 p.m.

SENATOR THE HON. G. S. H. MURRAY: Mr. President, this Resolution seeks Senate's approval for what we hope would be a happy conclusion to a matter that has been in the works for some time. It seeks to implement a decision to abolish the post of Buildings Officer in the Ministry of Education.

Now, Sir, if I may give you the history of this matter, way back in November 1993 the then Cabinet came to the conclusion that the buildings section of the Ministry of Education should be disbanded and certain posts including that of Buildings Officer, transferred to the Defence Force. This position stemmed from the fact that as a result of meeting with principals of all primary schools in Barbados and on visiting the schools, it was discovered that most of the schools were in a severe state of dilapidation and such things as plumbing, electrical systems, structural damage, were left unattended.

It was also determined that in many cases the urgent problems affecting the schools should be remedied at little cost but the composition of the building section of the Ministry of Education was incapable and unable to cope with these repairs and therefore that the maintenance of these schools should in future be carried out by other Government agencies and contractors. That led, Sir, to the decision of the Cabinet on the 25th November 1993 that the buildings section of the Ministry should be disbanded and certain posts transferred to the Defence Force.

It was however learnt, Sir, that the Defence Force could not accommodate the Buildings Officer and efforts to find a place for this officer elsewhere in the service proved fruitless, while this unsuccessful attempt was in contrast to the success which attended the attempts to place other officers of the section in other posts in the service.

Sir, because there was no alternative post to be found in the service for the Buildings Officer and the officer could not be asked to retire it was then suggested that the post be abolished and that the officer be afforded all his benefits which would accrue to him and for which he would have been entitled. And here is where the problem arose, Sir.

By May 1995 it was agreed to the abolition of the post of Buildings Officer, all other attempts to place that officer having failed. With effect from 1st July 1995 but because of some delay in the legislative process, this action was not completed, meaning the publication of the notice in the *Gazette* was not completed until November 23, 1995. Then it was discovered that it would have been unconstitutional to abolish a post retroactively since the publication of the notice in the *Gazette* giving full effect to the decision was way back in July and therefore it was necessary to determine a new order. Therefore the previous

order which was dated 1st July 1995 was declared null and void. This Civil Establishments Order therefore seeks to correct that consequence of the delay in the legislative process in putting this matter finally to rest.

I hope, Sir, that I do not hear any accusations of any victimisation or punitive measures and that this is some form of punishment against the officer. Rather, like I said, it is a matter that dates back to November 25, 1993 and has come only at the end of exhaustive attempts to seek to place the officer elsewhere in the service. I therefore beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

SENATOR Mrs. P. E. RICKINSON: Mr. President, I listened carefully to the explanations but I would like to raise a few questions. I wonder why it was so difficult to find a placement for this Buildings Officer. We have a big maintenance section in the Ministry of Transport and Works that is responsible for maintenance and we hear and read quite a lot about the elderly persons complaining that they cannot get their homes maintained etc. etc.

I do not know the history of it. I do not know the person who was in the post but I would have thought that a Buildings Officer would have been fairly easy to place in the Ministry of Transport and Works or under the National Cultural Foundation. However, I hope that since you cannot find a place for this officer that the person will be given all the necessary entitlement that can accrue to him or her. I also hope that having abolished the post and not created extra posts that the schools will find it easier to get the repairs done and we would not be seeing some of these horrible pictures in the print media with dilapidated toilets and leaking roofs and parents and children demonstrating etc. etc. because that is not really very good.

In this connection I would like to make another plea that we start embarking on some in-service training programmes for all the officers within the public service with an emphasis on professionalism. I am not going to go into it in detail because I will have another opportunity, I hope, under the area of public sector reform, in order to voice my opinion more fully. In this connection, I would like to say that if everything has been done that needs to be done I would support the amendment to the Order.

SENATOR THE HON. G. S. H. MURRAY: Mr. President, I would just like to say that I understand the concerns of the goodly Senator but I assure her that this matter has been very carefully treated. All the legal provisions were examined and gone into and the officer has received the full protection of the law and his constitutional rights. I hope therefore that the abolition of this post does not cause any disquiet across the general service or across the general populace because it is not part of a trend.

We in this Government are not in the business of abolishing posts. As a matter of fact we are in

the business of filling posts. We have been conscientiously and systematically filling a number of posts. Ever since October 1994 until now, we have been appointing people to posts who have been acting for long periods of time. 12.20 p.m.

As a matter of fact, I think that my records indicate that over the last few years some 1,074 established posts were filled and in addition we also probably filled 193 unestablished posts. These posts seek to give people security of tenure, psychological security and assurance and a standing in the Service about their future. This will include 149 clerical officers that were never filled. We appointed 152 Senior Security and Security Guards, some of whom were acting since 1970 something, also Livestock Attendants and a whole range of people.

As a matter of fact, Sir, the Prime Minister alluded to this matter in his presentation at his Annual Conference and, if I might make reference to it, very soon the Ministry of the Civil Service is working with the Personnel Administration Department to take some steps which we hope virtually forever eliminate the disquiet that currently attends certain officers because they are not appointed. Some steps have been made already in examining the issue and we hope that in a matter of months at the most we will be able to alleviate and eliminate this disquiet and anxiety and give people a greater sense of security and make appointments so that people can transact business with banks, insurance companies and what not without having to suffer the consequence of not having been "appointed".

I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

The question that this Resolution do now pass was put to the Senate and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 4 – TO MOVE THE PASSING OF A
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE
TO WENDY EVERSLEY OF LAND AT
SPRING GARDEN, SAINT LUCY,
FOR AGRICULTURAL
PURPOSES**

SENATOR THE HON. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. President, approval of the Senate is being sought for the lease of approximately 2.023 hectares of land at Spring Garden, Saint Lucy to Ms. Wendy Eversley for agricultural purposes. This matter, Sir, would represent the culmination of a series of events part of which the Honourable Senate would have already been involved with.

You will recall, Sir, that there was a Resolution before the Senate for the acquisition of some land at Bryan's Road in Welchman Hall, St. Thomas and this was acquired by the Crown in order to preserve the ecological

and aesthetic value of the Harrison's Cave. The lady in question was operating a pig farm immediately above the main entrance to the Harrison's Cave and you will recall in that debate I had indicated that the effluent from the pig pens was flowing down along the same gully face that would carry it directly into the water streams of the Cave. In fact, it was possible when one went on the scenic walk which is just outside of the entrance of the Cave, Sir, that one could actually hear the pigs and smell the odour whilst on that scenic walk. I guess it could have been called a scented walk. It was just a scenic walk. But, Sir, that acquisition was taken at that time to remove the scent and leave the scene for the visitors to enjoy. Clearly, it was not the intention of the Government to create any major dislocation in the business of Ms. Eversley. Amongst other things, Ms. Eversley keeps pigs and chickens and therefore efforts were sought to find alternative accommodation that would be suitable for her. Both from her efforts as well as the Government, we were able to locate land at Spring Garden in St. Lucy which is adjacent to the area used by the Springhall Land Lease farming community.

The area in question which is being proposed to be leased to Ms. Eversley is again just over 2 hectares and the details are set out in the Schedule and the Addendum to the Resolution. I beg to move, Sir, that this Resolution to lease this area of land to Ms. Eversley for agricultural purposes at Spring Garden in St. Lucy do now pass.

The question that the Resolution do now pass was put to the Senate and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 5 – TO MOVE THE PASSING OF A
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE TO
PALACE E. GARDENS, LTD., UNDER SEC-
TION 5 OF THE CROWN LANDS (VESTING
AND DISPOSAL) ACT, CAP. 225 OF LAND
NEAR THE CRANE, SAINT PHILIP, FOR
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

SENATOR THE HON. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. President, approval of the Senate is being sought under Section 5 of the Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act, Cap. 225 for the sale of a parcel of land in St. Philip to Palace E. Gardens, Ltd. This property is surrounded on 3 sides by property of Palace E. Gardens, Ltd. It is the ruins of the old Malaria Hospital. It basically has just a narrow entrance. Like I said, Sir, it is surrounded on 3 sides by the property of Palace E. Gardens. That property is in the process of preparing a housing development in the area on the land which they own of over 4 acres and they made presentation to the Government that they should be able to absorb this property into the existing development which they have.

On consideration and careful examination of the property, Sir, it was discovered that given the fact that it is virtually land locked it would have no real value to the Government or to any other individual other than the company that owned the development that surrounds it. Therefore, given its location and given its relative inaccessibility road wise and given that it is not an area which is good for any agricultural purposes as well as that the development which is being done by Palace E. Gardens is all within the general area of the greater housing development made up of the Crane, Union Hall, Belair and other areas, the best use to which the particular property could be put rather than just continuing in its state of ruin would be to sell it to the company, Palace E. Gardens, Ltd., to form part of an expanded already ongoing development in St. Philip.

Sir, I beg to move that this Resolution for the sale of 2.035 square metres of Government owned land at the Crane, St. Philip to Palace E. Gardens, Ltd., do now pass.

The question that the Resolution do now pass was put to the Senate and agreed to.
12.30 p.m.

RETIREMENT OF MARSHAL OF PARLIAMENT

SENATOR THE HON. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. President, I rise to move the adjournment, but before I do, Sir, one of our long serving members of staff, who served not only the Other Place but this Chamber as well, Mr. Orville Best, has reached the age of retirement. In fact, he had done that some time earlier this year, but he has been around on a month to month basis to assist us in grooming our new Deputy Marshal. I believe that process of grooming, having just been completed, Mr. Best will be leaving us shortly and I thought that given the long contribution of Mr. Best that we would want to make formal mention of it.

Mr. Best, Sir, has been around this Parliament since 1966. In fact, according to the records, he was here from July 1, 1966, so he would have been around here just before Independence. He has acted as Deputy Marshal, Messenger and Library Attendant for the House of Assembly from 1966 to 1970. In 1970 he was appointed Deputy Marshal and Library Attendant and he served in that position until 1990, when he was appointed as Marshal of Parliament with effect from April 1. He attained the retirement age of 65 last April and has been quite willing and, certainly as you can see from his very light steps, very able to serve us on a month to month basis, and I think it would be fitting for Honourable Members to join with me in wishing Mr. Best well in his retirement and to thank him for his long and excellent service to the Honourable Senate.

SENATOR T. E. BARKER: Mr. President, I want to associate myself very much with these remarks to pay tribute due to Mr. Best, not so much for his long service but for his good service, his exemplary service to the Senate Chamber of which I was a member for the past six years. I can attest to his gentlemanly conduct and, more important, his helpfulness especially to those newer Members of Parliament. He has always been courteous and very helpful and we know he is going to be very much missed from the halls of this Chamber. We know that all good things must come to an end and we wish him all the best in his retirement and we hope he will have long years to spend with his family. From time to time we know we will still see him around Parliament, because this place is a second home to him. We will be asking about him and we will always be very keen to know of his whereabouts and his movements. I am sure he has from this Chamber all the best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Thank you.

SENATOR Mrs. V. J. DAVIS: Mr. President, I would like to say also that I would like to wish Mr. Best a long and happy retirement. One thing I notice about Mr. Best, and he has said this to me, is his great pride in the Parliament of Barbados, his great pride in the sense of the length of time Barbados has been a democracy and all that entails. The fact that he has been a very dignified figure in the Senate makes him a true treasure in terms of our traditions in this country, so I would like to wish Mr. Best a very long and happy retirement and hope that he really enjoys many years of retirement.

God bless him. Thank you.

SENATOR Mrs. A. P. THOMPSON: Mr. President, I too would like, on behalf of myself and the Democratic Labour Party, to extend to Mr. Best a very happy retirement. I have always admired him – even when I visited the House as someone with an interest in politics other than seeking to represent people in Parliament – for the seriousness which he applies to the job. It seems to me that he has a very great respect for the Parliament of Barbados.

On many occasions he has spoken to me about those things which he enjoys doing, so I know he has some time still to get ahead with his sewing. He drew to my attention that he sews for both males and females, so I hope that during his years of retirement I can see some of his beautiful designs out there and that he would draw to my attention those garments he has made and that some of us in this Honourable Chamber would patronise him, give him some work and assist him in his retirement.

I too would like to extend best wishes to him on his retirement and hope that he enjoys it in good

health, that it may be long and free of illness and that we will see some more of him in the years ahead.

Thank you.

SENATOR THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON J. L. SPRINGER: Mr. President, I had the opportunity and the privilege of knowing Mr. Best since 1991, like my colleague Senator Barker, as we are the only two remaining ones of the old regime. I have always found Mr. Best to be very helpful. He never seems annoyed. If asked to give some kind of help he always does it pleasantly and I think it is in many ways an example to all those who enter this Chamber in terms of his deportment.

I would like, Sir, to suggest that whatever committee or body there is of the Senate that deals with these matters, that some way will be found, a more tangible way, of showing our appreciation to Mr. Best in due course. I would like to thank him for the works he has done here and the help he has given from time to time.

Thank you.

SENATOR Miss J. C. ODLE: Mr. President, I should like to associate myself with all the words spoken so far and to say that Mr. Best has really brought to life for me aspects of these hallowed walls, both of a humorous nature sometimes and things of a serious nature, things you never imagine that happened here in this building, and I found it very, very rewarding and interesting. We will certainly miss him and I think there is so much more we could learn from him as we go through the years in these hallowed walls.

I want to wish him a very happy retirement and sincerely hope that sometimes we will see him here in the Gallery and that he will continue to share thoughts of the past with us.

Good luck! Thank you.

SENATOR THE HON. G. S. H. MURRAY: Mr. President, I too must join these encomiums to Mr. Best. I remember having been coming to the Parliament Building since I was a schoolboy and I remember seeing some very imposing figures in those days of Marshals, Clerks and what not; but Mr. Best was dignified. I am making that point because although Mr. Best seemed dignified he did not turn out as unapproachable or seemingly unapproachable as some of the other figures. He was dignified but still he was very humane with it. When I became a journalist he also proved to be very helpful in providing the documents which you might have missed or you want to get hold of, always with a smile and always very willing to assist. He, to me, epitomises one of those figures who I believe the quotation says: "They also serve

who stand and wait." He might have been a voiceless figure around Parliament but he is a treasure house of anecdotes and incidents and memories and I would hope that the members of the media take the opportunity to let him talk about some of the experiences and incidents so that he might in some way put those experiences and incidents into a repository of information which can in some way contribute to the rich and long history of our Parliament.

12.40 p.m.

I wish him also all the best in his retirement from Parliament. I am accustomed butting up on him at certain events, especially in the North and I look forward to sharing fellowship and camaraderie on those future occasions for a very long time. Thank you.

SENATOR Miss O. P. SYMMONDS: Mr. President, I wish to join the out pouring of praise to Mr. Best. I had not known him before until I became a Senator but from the first time that I met him I was impressed with his dignified manner. He is a very amiable person and very interested in education. I have enjoyed from time to time talking with him not only about things that concern Parliament but about education. I know he has a son who has done very well and of whom he is very proud. He has published a book and in that respect we have something in common.

I hope that he will have a very active and healthy retirement and I wish to thank him for the way he has helped me in many little ways when he has been here. Again I hope that God will richly bless him so that he can have a long retirement. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR N. A. LYNCH: Mr. President, I would like to join as well in wishing Mr. Best only good things in the future. I first came in contact with Mr. Best here in this building and at this stage I am always amazed to see people who actually seem to enjoy their work. There are many people around this institution who seemingly don't enjoy what they do and there are many people within this country and other places who do not look forward it seems to coming to work on a morning.

Mr. Best has always given me the impression that he immensely enjoyed his work and that he has great respect for both the State and the role that Parliament plays in the development of this country. In an age when people seem to be losing respect for the State and for politicians and for parliamentarians it is really good to see that someone still has that level of respect and goes about it with the kind of enthusiasm that he goes about it with.

Just to end in the words of Clarence Francis, the great industrialist. He says:

"You can buy a man's time, you can buy his physical presence at a given place. You can even buy his skill, muscular motion per hour but you cannot buy enthusiasm and you cannot buy loyalty. You cannot buy the devotion of hearts, minds and souls. You must earn these."

I believe that the people around here have certainly done enough to earn the loyalty of Mr. Best. Thank you.

Mr. PRESIDENT: It remains only for me to join Honourable Senators in expressing the appreciation of the Chair to Mr. Best for his outstanding service to the work

of Parliament. I have always found him to be a man of great courtesy and charm. I understand he comes from a family well known for its longevity and I therefore wish him may long, happy and healthy years of retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

SENATOR THE HON. R. R. FARLEY: Mr. PRESIDENT, I beg to move that this sitting be adjourned until Wednesday, November 13 at 11.00 a.m.

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