
THE SENATE DEBATES

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THE SENATE

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament

Buildings, on Wednesday, March 03, 2004 at 11.00
a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator Sir FRED GOLLOP, K.A.
(President)

Her Honour Senator Dame Patricia SYMMONDS,
D.B.E., G.C.M. (Deputy President)

Senator the Hon. E.G. GRIFFITH, G.C.M., J.P.,
(Leader of the Senate)

Senator R.W. GRANT, (Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Tourism and International Transport)

Senator Miss L.V. EASTMOND, (Minister of
Commerce

Consumer Affairs and Business Development)

Senator T.E. BARKER, B.A.(Hons.), M.A.(Econ.)
(Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and
Economic Affairs)

Senator the Hon. J.E.D. WILLIAMS, (Minister of
State Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of the Civil
Service)

Senator G.P.B. NICHOLLS, B.Sc., LL.B.

Senator Mrs. S.C.V. HUSBANDS, B.A. (Hons.)

Senator A. C. FIELDS

Senator Dr. F.L. CHANDLER, B.Sc. (Hons.), Ph.D.

Senator Sir Roy TROTMAN, K.A.

Senator the Hon. Mrs. V.E. NEWTON, S.C.M., B.A.
(Spec.Hons.), M.A., LL.B.(Hons.) (U.W.I.), F.L.A.
(Gt.Brit.), L.E.C.

Senator Sir JOHN S. GODDARD, K.A., G.C.M.,
B.Com., F.C.A., Hons. LL.D.(Hons.)(U.W.I.)

Senator B.R. COLLYMORE, C.M.G.

Senator I. St.C. LINTON

Senator I.G.P. GOODING-EDGHILL

Senator Dr. D.S. LOWE, Dip. Theology, B.A.,
MED., ED.D.

Senator F.J. STUART, B.A., LL.M.

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Errington Massiah.

Mr. PRESIDENT: The Senate is in session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. PRESIDENT: We have learnt with deep sadness
of the passing of Sir Harold St. John, K.A., Q.C., former
Prime Minister of Barbados, and for some seven years an
Honourable Member of this Chamber.

As is fitting, he will be accorded a State Funeral at
the Christ Church Parish Church on Monday 8th day of
March, 2004.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

Senator the Hon. E.G. GRIFFITH: Mr. President, in
view of the fact that Sir Harold has passed away, and there
is presently a week of national mourning in place, I think
that it is appropriate for this Chamber to adjourn until
Wednesday next week.

Sir, before moving the adjournment of this meeting,
I wish to let Senators know that the body of the late Sir
Harold will be laying in state in the House of Assembly on
Thursday and Friday, and that on Thursday, between 9.30
a.m. and 10.30 a.m. there will be private viewing for the
present and past Members of Parliament.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Hon. E.R. GRIFFITH: Mr. President, I beg
to move that the Senate be adjourned until Wednesday,
March 10, 2004 at 11.00 a.m.

The question that the Senate be adjourned until Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at 11.00 a.m. was put to the Senate and agreed to and Mr. PRESIDENT adjourned the Senate accordingly.

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EDITORIAL NOTES — NOT PART OF THE REPORT

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

EDITORIAL QUERIES

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

Q1. Masthead. The session is not stated in the source, so no session line is printed.

Q2. Opening. The convening sentence is split in the source: ‘The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament’ is followed by a rule and then ‘Buildings, on Wednesday, March 03, 2004 at 11.00 a.m.’ as a separate paragraph. Printed as in the source.

Q3. Present. The entry for Senator Miss L. V. Eastmond is split over two lines, ‘(Minister of Commerce’ and ‘Consumer Affairs and Business Development)’, so that neither line has balanced brackets. Printed as in the source.

Q4. Adjournment. The Leader of the Senate is labelled ‘Senator Hon. E.R. GRIFFITH’ on the motion to adjourn, but ‘Senator the Hon. E.G. GRIFFITH’ earlier in the Sitting and in the list of those present. Printed as in the source.

DEBATE SUMMARY

(Editorial summary — not part of the record.)

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings, at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd March, 2004, with the President, His Honour Senator Sir Fred Gollop, in the Chair; prayers were led by Rev. Father Errington Massiah. Those present included the Deputy President, Her Honour Senator Dame Patricia Symmonds, and the Leader of the Senate, Senator the Hon. E. G. Griffith.

The President announced with deep sadness the death of Sir Harold St. John, K.A., Q.C., former Prime Minister of Barbados and for some seven years a Member of the Senate, and said that he would be given a State Funeral at the Christ Church Parish Church on Monday, 8th March, 2004.

Senator the Hon. E. G. Griffith said that, in view of Sir Harold’s death and the week of national mourning, it was appropriate for the Senate to adjourn until the following Wednesday. He told Senators that the body of the late Sir Harold would lie in state in the House of Assembly on Thursday and Friday, with a private viewing for present and past Members of Parliament on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

No other business was taken. On the motion of the Leader of the Senate, the Senate was adjourned until Wednesday, 10th March, 2004 at 11.00 a.m.