
THE SENATE DEBATES

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THE SENATE

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings, on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at 11.00 a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator Dr. BRANFORD TAITT, B.A. M.P.A., LL.B. (Hons.), D.H.L. (Honourary), (President)

Her Honour Senator Miss KERRYANN F. IFILL, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.B.A. (Deputy President)

Senator the Hon. Miss MAXINE P. O. McCLEAN, B.Sc., (Hons.), M.A., M.B.A. (Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade) (Leader of the Senate)

Senator the Hon. HAYNESLEY L. BENN, E.M.B.A. (Marketing), J.P. (Minister of Commerce and Trade)

Senator the Hon. DARCY W. BOYCE, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.B.A. (Finance), C.M.A., F.C.A. (Minister of State in the Ministry of Energy, Immigration, Telecommunications and Invest Barbados)

Senator Mrs. V. IRENE SANDIFORD-GARNER, CIM, Dip. Mng., M.B.A., (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Health)

Senator JEPTOR INCE, BB.A., M.B.A., Dip. (Mgmt), J.P.

Parliamentary Secretary, Prime Minister's Office)

Senator HARCOURT A. HUSBANDS, M.L.I.R., B.sc.

(Public Administration) (Hons.). Ed. Cert. (U.W.I.) (Parliamentary Secretary, Prime Minister's Office)

Senator PETER W. B. GILKES

Senator REGINALD A. HUNTE, J.P.

Senator Rev. Dr. DAVID L. Durant, D.D. (Hon.)

Senator Andre R. Worrell, B.A. (Hons.)

Senator Miss H. ELIZABETH THOMPSON, LL.B. L.E.C, M.B.A (Distinction) LL.M.

Senator ARTHUR E. HOLDER, B.Sc. (Hons.) MSW., LL.B (Hons.)

Senator Sir ROY TROTMAN, K.A., M.A.

Senator the Very Reverend HAROLD E. CRICHLLOW, G.C.M., B.A. (Hons.) (Dunelm)

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

Senator RONALD G. CAVE, CBE., B.C.H.

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Errington Massiah.

Mr. PRESIDENT: The Senate is in session.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Mr. PRESIDENT: I have received Message No. 3/2010 from His Excellency the Governor-General to the Honourable the Senate.

“His Excellency the Governor-General regrets to inform The Honourable The Senate of the death on Saturday, 23rd October, 2010 of The Honourable David John Howard Thompson, Q.C. M.P. Prime Minister of Barbados.

His Excellency The Governor-General further has the honour to inform The Honourable The Senate that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 65(1) of the Constitution, he has appointed The Honourable Freundel Jerome Stuart, Q.C., M.P., to the office of Prime Minister with effect from 23rd October, 2010.

His Excellency Governor-General

25th October, 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. PRESIDENT: I want to draw to your attention that as you entered the Chamber you may have been given a little electronic gadget. If you have been so given, this gadget is to allow for entry to the Members' Room,

Members Only. This is to be utilised by Honourable Members of the Senate. Am I correct that everybody has received one? I see from your nods around the Table that I am correct.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McCLEAN: Mr. President, as a mark of respect to our former Prime Minister, John Howard Thompson, there will be no Public Business in this sitting. We will on our next sitting pay the appropriate tributes.

Mr. PRESIDENT: As the Senate can well imagine, these matters have been discussed and therefore there will not be any Public Business today. I now ask Honourable Members to show their respect for the late Prime Minister of Barbados by standing in their places as we indicate one minute's silence.

One minute silence was observed.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McCLEAN: Mr. President, I beg to move that the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 11.00 a.m.

The question that the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday, November 10, 2010 was put and resolved in the affirmative and Mr. PRESIDENT adjourned the House accordingly.

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11.50 a.m.

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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. Adjournment. The closing procedural note says that Mr. President ‘adjourned the House accordingly’, although this is a Sitting of the Senate. Printed as in the source.

Q3. Message No. 3/2010. The Governor-General’s Message ends ‘His Excellency Governor-General’ and ‘25th October, 2010’, with no name given. Printed as in the source.

Q4. PRESENT list. The entries for Senator Jeptor Ince and Senator Harcourt A. Husbands are each split over two lines, and both are described as ‘Parliamentary Secretary, Prime Minister’s Office’. Printed as in the source.

DEBATE SUMMARY

(Editorial summary — not part of the record.)

The Senate met on Wednesday, 27th October, 2010 at 11.00 a.m., with the President, Senator Dr. Branford Taitt, in the Chair; prayers were led by Rev. Father

Errington Massiah. The Sitting took place four days after the death of the Prime Minister.

The President read Message No. 3/2010 from His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 25th October, 2010, informing the Senate of the death on Saturday, 23rd October, 2010 of the Honourable David John Howard Thompson, Q.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Barbados, and that, in accordance with section 65(1) of the Constitution, the Governor-General had appointed the Honourable Freundel Jerome Stuart, Q.C., M.P., to the office of Prime Minister with effect from 23rd October, 2010.

The President also told Senators that the small electronic device they had been given on entering the Chamber was for entry to the Members’ Room and was for the use of Senators only, and noted that all had received one.

The Leader of the Senate, Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, announced that, as a mark of respect to the former Prime Minister, there would be no Public Business at the Sitting and that tributes would be paid at the next Sitting. The President said the matter had been discussed and asked Senators to stand in their places for one minute’s silence in respect for the late Prime Minister, which was observed.

On the motion of Senator McClean, the Senate was adjourned until Wednesday, 10th November, 2010 at 11.00 a.m.