

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

The Sixth Meeting of the Fifth Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly

Date: 17th December 2024

Start Time: 10:00a.m.

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson

Members Present in the Assembly:

Hon. Member for Island Harbour, Dr. Ellis Lorenzo Webster
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kyle Hodge
Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes
Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson Hodge
Hon. Member for Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kenneth Hodge
Hon. Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. José Vanterpool*
Hon. Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers*
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie*
Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Kurt De Freitas OBE, KC

*Denotes a Member arriving after the meeting has been called to Order.

Members Not Present in the Assembly with Reason:

Hon. Speaker, Mrs. Barbara Webster-Bourne

In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor
Clerk of Committees, Ms. Vanisha Proctor
Executive Secretary, Ms. Ronequa Hodge
Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan

Order of Business

a) Prayers

- i) Prayers were said by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Fifth Meeting of the Fifth Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road South.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Fifth Meeting of the Fifth Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was voted in favour by the Assembly without amendment.

c) Oaths of Allegiance to New Members

- i) None.

d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- i) Apologies were given on behalf of the Hon. Speaker, Mrs. Barbara Webster-Bourne.

e) Questions

- i) None.

f) Government Statements on Recent Developments

- i) None.

g) Papers

- i) None.

h) Reports from Committees

- i) None.

i) Petitions

- i) None.

j) Government Notices

- i) None.

k) Private Members' Notices

- i) None.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 10:05a.m.
Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie arrived at 10:06a.m.
Hon. Member for Valley South arrived at 10:07a.m.

l) Motions

i) Motion 5/2024-5/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 5/2024-5/12HOA) Regulations, 2024 – Royal Anguilla Police Force – Welfare Association – Robert Clark.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 5/2024-5/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 5/2024-5/12HOA) Regulations, 2024 – Royal Anguilla Police Force – Welfare Association – Robert Clark.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- No Debate.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 5/2024-5/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 5/2024-5/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

ii) Motion 6/2024-5/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 6/2024-5/12HOA) Regulations, 2024 – Anguilla Sands and Salts – Josveek Huligar

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 6/2024-5/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 6/2024-5/12HOA) Regulations, 2024 – Anguilla Sands and Salts / Josveek Huligar.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for West End spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 6/2024-5/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 6/2024-5/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

m) Personal Explanations

- i) None.

n) Other Business

l) Government Business

a) A Bill for Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2024.

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2024 was read a second time.

ii) Committee Stage:

- Under Rule 45 of the House of Assembly (Procedure) Rules the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.
- Committee agreed that clauses 1-3, with amendment to clause 3, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

Hon. Speaker thanked the Drafters at the Attorney General Chambers for joining us.

iii) Third Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a third time and passed and the Assembly voted in favour.

**A Bill for, Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2024,
passed with amendment.**

b) A Bill for Inland Revenue Department (Amendment) Act, 2024.

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke.
- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Inland Revenue Department (Amendment) Act, 2024 was read a second time.

ii) Committee Stage:

- Under Rule 45 of the House of Assembly (Procedure) Rules the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.
- Committee agreed that clauses 1-3, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

iii) Third Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a third time and passed and the Assembly voted in favour.

**A Bill for, Inland Revenue Department (Amendment) Act, 2024,
passed without amendment.**

c) A Bill for Allowances (Temporary) Reduction (Amendment) Act, 2024.

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Allowances (Temporary) Reduction (Amendment) Act, 2024 was read a second time.

ii) Committee Stage:

- Under Rule 45 of the House of Assembly (Procedure) Rules the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.
- Committee agreed that clauses 1-3, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

iii) Third Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a third time and passed and the Assembly voted in favour.

**A Bill for, Allowances (Temporary) Reduction (Amendment) Act, 2024,
passed without amendment.**

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour extended condolences to the families of the late Irva Vanterpool, and Veronica Fleming. The Member wished the families who are sick God's comfort and healing at this time. The Member also invited persons to come out on Saturday 21st December 2024 to the Christmas tree lightning in Island Harbour.
- ii) Hon. Member for Valley South thanked everyone for coming out to the Christmas Tree lightning in Rey Hill. The Member also extended condolences to the people of Trinidad and Tobago, and the family of the late Mrs. Collette Jones-Chin.

o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Monday 23rd December 2024 at 10:00a.m. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Monday 23rd December 2024 at 10:00a.m. The Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 2:18p.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 23rd day of **December, 2024.**



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly