

THE ANGUILLA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS OF
THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE FIRST SESSION
OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2015 AT 1:02 P.M.
AT THE ATLIN NORALDO HARRIGAN, OBE, PARLIAMENTARY BUILDING,
THE VALLEY, ANGUILLA

Presiding

Hon Speaker of the House of Assembly, Mr. Leroy Rogers

Members Present in the Assembly

Hon Member for Valley South, Mr. Victor F. Banks
Hon Member for Valley North, Mr. Evans M. Rogers
Hon Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson-Hodge
Hon Member for Road South, Mr. Curtis Richardson
Hon Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor
Hon Member for Island Harbour, Ms. Palmavon Webster
Hon First Nominated Member, Mr. Terry Harrigan
Hon Second Nominated Member, Mr. Paul Harrigan
Hon Attorney General, Mr. Rupert Jones

In attendance

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor
Court Reporter, Miss Carla S. Ritchie
Sergeant at Arms, Constable Vincent Gumbs
Chaplain, Pastor Lucien MacDonna

Absent

Hon Member for Road North, Mrs. Evalie Bradley
Hon Deputy Governor, Mr. Stanley Reid

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1 Meanings of Symbols and Words used in Transcripts

2 Dashes

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4 A series of two dashes (--) is used to show:

- 5 (1) Changes of thought: When the speaker has a
6 sudden change of thought leaving a sentence
7 unfinished to begin a new sentence or a phrase.
- 8 (2) Mid-word: When a speaker leaves a word unfinished
9 and starts another word.
- 10 (3) Interruption: When a speaker is interrupted by
11 another speaker. These dashes normally appear
12 at the end of the sentence. When the dashes
13 appear at the beginning of the sentence it means
14 that the speaker continued speaking even though
15 interrupted or resumed the sentence after the
16 interruption.

17 The word (indiscernible):

18 Used when a word or phrase is unintelligible and cannot
19 be transcribed due to interruption, simultaneous speech,
20 cough, voice lowered.

21 The word (inaudible):

22 Used when a speaker cannot be heard.

23 The word (phonetic):

24 When the correct spelling of a word or name cannot be
25 ascertained from available resource material the word is
26 typed as it sounds phonetically and the word phonetic
27 follows in brackets.

28 The word (sic):

29 Used when a speaker uses a term or word or figure/number
30 that is known to be incorrect.

P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

(Meeting began at 1:02 p.m.)

THE CHAPLAIN: Hear counsel and receive instructions that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. There're many devices in a man's heart, nevertheless, the counsel of our Lord shall stand forever.

Blessed is your name O Lord our God from whom all blessings come. We thank you this day for your goodness and your mercy which you have given unto us. You are King and you are Lord of all. You are the one who watches over this nation and its people. Today as this Government meets to discuss important issues concerning the future of this country, may you grant unto them wisdom and grant unto them strength. And in so doing, O God, there will be no oppression to the people. We thank you that your blessings will be upon this house, upon the people of Anguilla, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE CLERK: Confirmation of minutes. (Clerk consulted with the Speaker.)

Oaths of Allegiance: None. Papers.

MEMBER FOR ROAD SOUTH: Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Yes.

MEMBER FOR ROAD SOUTH: Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Section 13 of the Legislative Assembly Procedure Rules 1976, and as required by Section 19 of the

1 Public Utilities Commission Act, I beg leave to lay on the
2 table the Public Utilities Commission, 2014 Annual Report.

3 Mr. Speaker, the Annual Report outlines the
4 activities of the Public Utilities Commission during 2014,
5 along with the Audited Financial Reports of the Public
6 Utilities Commission. The Public Utilities Commission is
7 responsible for regulating the telecommunications sector of
8 Anguilla and is one of the better functioning statutory bodies
9 of the Government of Anguilla. I thank you.

10 THE SPEAKER: Thank you.

11 THE CLERK: Announcements by the
12 direction of the Speaker.

13 THE SPEAKER: I would just like to
14 welcome all those in the gallery. Thank you for coming. You
15 know you're always welcome to come here.

16 THE CLERK: Reports from
17 Committees: None. Petitions: None. Government Notices:
18 None. Unofficial Notices: None. Questions: None. Motions:
19 None. Other business, Government business: The 2016
20 Appropriations Bill, 2015, first reading.

21 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: Mr. Speaker, I call
22 upon the Clerk of this Honourable House to read the 2016
23 Appropriations Bill, 2015, first reading.

24 THE CLERK: A Bill to provide for
25 the services of the Government of Anguilla for the financial

1 year ending the 31st day of December 2016. The 2016
2 Appropriations Bill, 2015, second reading.

3 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: Mr. Speaker, I beg and
4 move that a Bill shortly entitled the 2016 Appropriations
5 Bill, 2015, be read a second time. Mr. Speaker, I beg your
6 leave to use the podium for my presentation.

7 (Minister of Finance and Member for Valley South
8 read the 2016 Budget Address.)

9 (The Address ended at 3:40 p.m.)

10 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: I thank you all very
11 much for listening. Mr. Speaker, I beg to move.

12 (Applause.)

13 THE SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister of
14 Finance, Member for Road South (sic). Do we have a seconder?

15 MEMBER FOR VALLEY NORTH: Mr. Speaker, I beg to
16 second.

17 THE SPEAKER: Thank you very much.
18 The 2016 Appropriation Bill, 2015, has been moved and seconded
19 for a second reading. I will invite debate on the merits and
20 principles of this Bill tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock when we
21 return, so that is it for the day but I want to thank our
22 audience members in the gallery. I'm not going to say
23 strangers, you're members. (Laughter). You're visitors. And
24 I want to thank you for your patience and your behaviour, well
25 behaved. Thank you very much. So that's it for today and

1 I'll ask for somebody to move that we be adjourned.

2 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: Mr. Speaker, I beg to
3 move that this house stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10
4 o'clock.

5 THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Do we have
6 a seconder?

7 MEMBER FOR ROAD SOUTH: Mr. Speaker, I rise to
8 second the motion.

9 THE SPEAKER: Seconded by the Member
10 for Road South. We adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10
11 o'clock. Those in favour?

12 (Members of Government said "aye".)

13 Those against?

14 (No response.)

15 The ayes have it.

16 This house now stands adjourned until 10 o'clock
17 tomorrow morning, 10th of December 2015. Thank you.

18 **(Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.)**

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, **CARLA S. RITCHIE**, a Certified Court Reporter, do hereby certify:

That on the 9th day of December, 2015, the foregoing proceedings were taken down by me in machine shorthand consisting of 4 pages herein;

That the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings had;

That I am not an attorney, relative, or employee of any party hereto, or otherwise interested in the events of this cause;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature at The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies, this 19th day of January, 2016.


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CARLA S. RITCHIE
Certified Court Reporter