

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

The Second Meeting of the Third Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly

Date: 29 November 2022

Start Time: 10:00a.m.

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Speaker, Mrs. Barbara Webster-Bourne

Members Present in the Assembly:

Hon. Member for Island Harbour, Dr. Ellis Lorenzo Webster
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kenneth Hodge
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kyle Hodge
Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes
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 Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie
Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford

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

Members Not Present in the Assembly with Reason:

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson Hodge
Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson

In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor
Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan

Order of Business

a) Prayers

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

Hon. Speaker allowed a five (5) minute recess for DITES to set up at 10:02a.m.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 10:05a.m.

House resumed at 10:22a.m.

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for Valley South moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the First Meeting of the Third Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the First Meeting of the Third 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 for the absence of the Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson Hodge and the Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson, who are off island on Parliament's business.

e) Questions

- i) None.

f) Government Statements on Recent Developments

- i) None.

g) Papers

- i) Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Judicial Officers Pensions) Regulations, 2022
 - Hon. Attorney General laid the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Judicial Officers Pensions) Regulations, 2022 on the table.

h) Reports from Committees

- i) None.

i) Petitions

- i) None.

j) Government Notices

- i) None.

k) **Private Members' Notices**

i) None.

l) **Motions**

i) None.

m) **Personal Explanations**

i) None.

n) **Other Business**

l) **Government Business**

a) **A Bill for Supplementary Appropriation (2022) (No. 2) Act, 2022**

i) **First Reading:**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its first reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a first time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Supplementary Appropriation (2022) (No. 2) Act, 2022 was read a first time.

ii) **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 Valley South spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge spoke.

Hon. Attorney General left with the consent of the Speaker at 11:43a.m.

- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for lunch at 1:44p.m.

House resumed at 3:00p.m.

- Hon. Member for Road South continued his debate.

Hon. Member for Valley North arrived at 3:12p.m.

- Hon. Member for West End 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, Supplementary Appropriation (2022) (No. 2) Act, 2022 was read a second time.

Hon. Speaker allowed a five (5) minute recess at 4:12p.m.

House resumed at 4:21p.m.

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 1-2, the Schedule, 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 Rule 44 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Assembly be suspended to allow the bill, entitled Supplementary Appropriation (2022) (No. 2) Act, 2022, to be read a third time. The Member explained that the reason for the suspension is for the three readings on the same day due to the urgency of the bill.
- Under Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure, the Hon. Speaker consented to the proposing of the motion.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a third time and passed and the Assembly voted in favour.
- Rule 44 of the Rules of Procedure suspended.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for Valley South 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, Supplementary Appropriation (2022) (No. 2) Act, 2022,
passed without amendment.**

b) A Bill for Licensing of Businesses (Amendment) Act, 2022

i) First Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill has its first reading.
- Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a first time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Licensing of Businesses (Amendment) Act, 2022 was read a first time.

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) The following Members extended congratulations to Ms Calla Gumbs, a schevening scholar on her new appointment and to all the graduates over the past weeks:
 - Hon. Member for Road South,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool,
 - Hon. Member for Valley South and
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie.
- ii) The following Members also offered condolences to the Benjamin family who would have recently lost their sister Ms Iva Benjamin and the Sasso family who would have recently lost Ms. Sasso, and to all who are suffering from the loss of loved ones:
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool,
 - Hon. Member for Valley South and
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie.
- iii) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie also acknowledged the activism against Gender Base Violence.


o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 at 10:00a.m. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 and the Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 4:46p.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 13th day of December, 2022



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly