

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

The Twenty Fifth Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly

Date: 29 July 2021

Start Time: 10:00am

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Speaker, Mrs. Barbara Webster-Bourne

Members Present in the Assembly:

Hon. Member for Valley North, Mr. Evans McNeil Rogers

Hon. Member for Island Harbour, Dr. Ellis Lorenzo Webster

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kenneth Hodge

Hon. Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kyle Hodge

Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie

Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson-Hodge

Hon. Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. José Vanterpool*

Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford

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

In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor

Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan

Chaplain, Pastor Victor Hugo Brooks

Order of Business

1. Prayers

- a) Prayers were said by the Chaplain to the Assembly.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Twenty Fourth Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.

- b) Minutes of Proceedings for the Twenty Fourth Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was confirmed by the Assembly without amendment.

3. Oaths of Allegiance to New Members

- a) None.

4. Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- a) Welcome was extended to the persons in the gallery.
- b) Informed the public that the Proceedings of the Assembly are broadcasted live by the Department of Information Technology and E-Government Services (D.I.T.E.S) via the House of Assembly's Facebook page and on Radio Anguilla and welcomed all who are listening.

5. Papers

- a) None.

6. Reports from Committees

- a) None.

7. Petitions

- a) None.

8. Government Notices

- a) None.

9. Unofficial Notices

- a) None.

10. Questions

- a) None.

11. Motions

- a) None.

12. Other Business

12.1 Government Business

12.1.1 A Bill for, House of Assembly Powers and Privileges (Amendment) Act, 2021

12.1.1.1 Second Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Road North moved that the Bill have its second reading.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 10:10am.

- b) Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Member for Road North gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- d) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.

- e) Hon. Member for Road North responded.
- f) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

12.1.1.2 Committee Phase:

- a) Under Rule 54 of the Legislative Assembly Rules of Procedure the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.
- b) Committee agreed that clauses 1-4, the title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

12.1.1.3 Third Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Road North moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a third time and passed and the Assembly voted in favour.

**A Bill for, House of Assembly Powers and Privileges (Amendment) Act, 2021,
passed without amendment.**

12.1.2 A Bill for, Business License Moratorium (Amendment) Act, 2021

12.1.2.1 Second Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- b) Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- d) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke.
- e) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge responded.
- f) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

12.1.2.2 Committee Phase:

- a) Under Rule 54 of the Legislative Assembly Rules of Procedure the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.
- b) Committee agreed that clauses 1-4, the preamble, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

12.1.2.3 Third Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a third time and passed and the Assembly voted in favour.

**A Bill for, Business License Moratorium (Amendment) Act, 2021,
passed without amendment.**

**12.1.3 A Bill for, Public Procurement and Contract Administration (Amendment) Act,
2021**

12.1.3.1 A Bill for, Public Procurement and Contract Administration (Amendment) Act,
2021 was read a first time.

12.1.4 A Bill for, Goods and Services Tax Act, 2021

12.1.4.1 Second Reading:

- a) Hon. Speaker admonished all Members to respect each other and uphold the dignity of this Honourable House and as the House is governed by Rules to govern themselves accordingly.
- b) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- c) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- d) Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- e) Hon. Member for Road North spoke.
- f) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- g) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge spoke.
- h) Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.
- i) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for lunch at 1:40pm for an hour and a half.

House resumed at 3:07pm.

- j) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke.
- k) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke.
- l) Hon. Member for West End spoke.
- m) Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
- n) The Assembly

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for five minutes at 7:39pm.

House resumed at 7:50pm.

- o) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.

Hon. Attorney General returned at 8:15pm.

- p) Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- q) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- r) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool requested a vote by division citing Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure.
- s) Hon. Speaker cited Rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure and cited Paragraph 20.60 of Erksine May.

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for five minutes to confer with the Hon. Attorney General.

House resumed at 10:52pm.

- t) Hon. Speaker allowed the Hon. Attorney General to explain voting by division.
- u) Hon. Attorney General spoke.
- v) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- w) Hon. Speaker again put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the vote was in question.
- x) Hon. Speaker allowed the Hon. SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool to request the division.
- y) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool again requested a vote by division citing Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure.
- z) The Clerk asked each Member separately for their vote, beginning with the most junior Member.
- aa) Hon. Speaker read the vote and the majority voted in favour of having the Bill read a second time.

12.1.4.2 Committee Phase:

- a) Under Rule 54 of the Legislative Assembly Rules of Procedure the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.

PS Finance, Mrs. Kathleen Rogers, Acting Comptroller of Inland Revenue, Mr. Lonnie Hobson and Tax Consultant, Mr. Peter Harries joined.

- b) Committee agreed that clauses 1-107, Schedules 1-5, the title and the enacting clause stand part of the Bill with amendments to clauses 1, 8, 10(1)(a)-(b), 17(3), insertion of new clause 18 (Subsequent renumbering and cross referencing accordingly), 35(2), 37(4)-(7), 38(3), 38(4), 38(7), 40, 89, 99(1)(a), 105(11)-(12), 107(2), Item 1 in Schedule 1 and Item 2 in Schedule 2 and reported same to the Assembly.

PS Finance, Mrs. Kathleen Rogers, Acting Comptroller of Inland Revenue Department, Mr. Lonnie Hobson and Tax Consultant, Mr. Peter Harries left.

12.1.4.3 Third Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- c) 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 Act, 2021, passed with amendment.

13. Adjournment

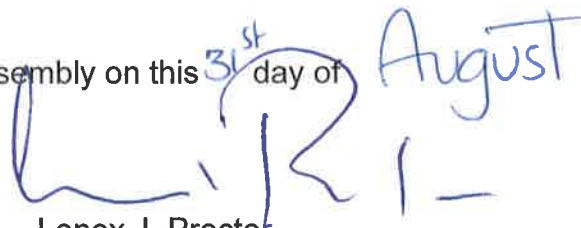
- a) Hon. Speaker pointed Members to Rule 4(2) of the Rules of Procedure and expressed thanks and gratitude to the Commissioner of Police and the Royal Anguilla Police Force for their assistance in the Assembly.
- b) Hon. Member for Road South acknowledged the technical staff who were present in the gallery.

- c) Hon. Member for Island Harbour acknowledged the gallery and other members of the public and moved that the meeting be adjourned *Sine die*. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.
- d) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned *Sine die* and the Assembly voted in favour.
- e) The Assembly was adjourned at 11:45pm.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 31st day of August, 2021



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly