THRONE SPEECH AND BUDGET ADDRESS

FIRST MEETING OF THE 2015-2016 SESSION OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUILDING
33 Fort Street, George Town
GRAND CAYMAN

Friday
May 15, 2015
9:40 am





HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S REPRESENTATIVE
Her Excellency the Governor
Mrs. Helen Marjorie Kilpatrick, CB

THE SPEAKER

Honourable Juliana Y O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA
Second Elected Member for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman

THE PREMIER

Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA
Minister of Home Affairs, Health and Culture
Third Elected Member for George Town

MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Honourable Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA
Deputy Premier
Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport
First Elected Member for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman

Honourable D Kurt Tibbetts, OBE, JP, MLA
Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure
First Elected Member for George Town

Honourable Marco S Archer, JP, MLA
Minister of Finance and Economic Development
Fourth Elected Member for George Town

Honourable Osbourne V Bodden, JP, MLA
Minister of Community Affairs, Youth and Sports
Second Elected Member for Bodden Town

Honourable G Wayne Panton, JP, MLA
Minister of Financial Services, Commerce and Environment
Third Elected Member for Bodden Town

Honourable Tara A Rivers, JP, MLA
Minister of Education, Employment and Gender Affairs
Second Elected Member for West Bay

Honourable Franz I Manderson, Cert. Hon, JP
Deputy Governor, ex officio Member
responsible for the Civil Service

Honourable Samuel W Bulgin, QC, JP
Attorney General, ex officio Member
responsible for Legal Affairs

ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Government Backbench

Mr Anthony S Eden, OBE, JP, MLA
Deputy Speaker
First Elected Member for Bodden Town

Mr Roy M McTaggart, JP, MLA
Second Elected Member for George Town

Mr Winston C Connolly, Jr, MLA
Fifth Elected Member for George Town

Mr Joseph X Hew, MLA
Sixth Elected Member for George Town

Mr Alva H Suckoo, MLA
Fourth Elected Member for Bodden Town

The Opposition

Honourable W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA
Leader of the Opposition
First Elected Member for West Bay

Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Third Elected Member for West Bay

Capt A Eugene Ebanks, JP, MLA
Fourth Elected Member for West Bay

Independent Members

Mr D Ezzard Miller, MLA
Elected Member for North Side

Mr V Arden McLean, JP, MLA
Elected Member for East End

PROGRAMME

9:25 am Members of the Legislative Assembly arrive.

Members of the public arrive.

9:30 am Pastor Marquis McLaughlin, JP - Officiating Minister arrives.

9:35 am Guard of Honour in position.

All Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly and the general public seated.

9:37 am Arrival of the Chief Justice, the Honourable Anthony Smellie, QC, JP. and Mrs. Smellie

9:40 am **SPEAKER'S PROCESSION** *(All rise)*
The Serjeant-at-Arms (bearing the Mace).

The Honourable Speaker followed by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

The Honourable Speaker proceeds to the Chair and bows to the right and to the left.

PRAYERS

The Honourable Speaker requests the Minister to say prayers.

The Honourable Speaker says "Please be seated" *(All sit).*

PROCLAMATION

The Clerk reads the Proclamation summoning the new Session of the Legislative Assembly.

READING BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE HOUSE
The Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA, Minister of Home Affairs, Health and Culture proposes

> *"That this Honourable House do rise to await the arrival of Her Excellency the Governor Mrs Helen Marjorie Kilpatrick, CB to receive a gracious Message from the Throne".*

The Question is proposed and put.

The Honourable Speaker suspends the House to meet Her Excellency the Governor.

All rise as the Honourable Speaker, preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms and followed by the Premier and the Clerks proceeds to the forecourt of the Building to meet Her Excellency the Governor.

INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOUR

9:45 am Arrival of Her Excellency the Governor *(Met by the Honourable Speaker)*

The Honourable Speaker, the Premier, the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk and Serjeant-at-Arms in attendance, stand at the top of the steps to watch the Inspection of the Guard of Honour.

9:56 am The Honourable Speaker and Clerk escort Her Excellency the Governor and the Governor's Aide-de-Camp inside the Building.

PROCESSION

The Serjeant-at-Arms
The Honourable Speaker
Her Excellency the Governor
The Aide-de-Camp
The Honourable Premier
The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
The Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Proceed to the main doors of the Chamber.

The Governor's Aide-de-Camp gives three knocks on the door.

The doors are opened by Officers of the Legislative Department.

As the doors open, the Serjeant-at-Arms heads the Procession and announces: *"Her Excellency the Governor".*

As the Procession enters the Chamber, ALL STAND.

The Serjeant-at-Arms places the Mace in the lower cradle.

Her Excellency the Governor proceeds to the left and upon reaching the Speaker's dais, takes the Speaker's Chair. The Honourable Speaker takes a seat to the right of Her Excellency and the Aide-de-Camp to the left.

Her Excellency the Governor bows to the right and the left and says *"Please be seated".* Her Excellency takes her seat.

The Honourable Speaker invites Her Excellency the Governor, to address the House.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Her Excellency the Governor delivers the Throne Speech, which is handed to her by the Aide-de-Camp. At the conclusion, the Aide-de-Camp approaches Her Excellency the Governor, bows, and receives a copy of the Speech, bows again and moving backward, turns and gives the copy to the Deputy Clerk to be laid on the Table.

Her Excellency the Governor *(all rise)*, bows to the right and to the left.

The Serjeant-at-Arms approaches the Table.

DEPARTURE OF HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Procession departs in the following order:

Serjeant-at-Arms
The Honourable Speaker
Her Excellency the Governor
Aide-de-Camp

The Honourable Chief Justice and Mrs. Smellie
Pastor Marquis McLaughlin, JP

THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER RE-ENTERS

The Serjeant-at-Arms announces*: "Madam Speaker" (All stand).*

The Honourable Speaker re-enters the Chamber preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms who lays the Mace in the upper cradle.

RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Honourable Speaker bows to the right and the left and takes the Chair.

The Honourable Speaker calls the House to order.

MOTION OF THANKS TO HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The Father of the House and Leader of the Opposition
Hon W McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, moves -

"BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Legislative Assembly record its grateful thanks to Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs Helen Marjorie Kilpatrick, CB for the Address delivered at this Sitting".

The Question is proposed and put.

MOTION TO DEFER DEBATE ON THE THRONE SPEECH

The Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, Minister of Home Affairs, Health & Culture moves-

"BE IT RESOLVED that the debate on the Address delivered by Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs Helen Marjorie Kilpatrick, CB be deferred until Wednesday 20th May, 2015".

The Question is proposed and put.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

The Annual Plan and Estimates for the Government of the Cayman Islands for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2016 together with the Annual Budget Statements for Ministries and Portfolios for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2016, Purchase Agreements for Statutory Authorities, Government Companies and Non-Governmental Output Suppliers for the Year ending 30 June 2016, and Ownership Agreements for Statutory Authorities and Government Companies for the Year ending 30 June 2016.

To be laid upon the Table by the Honourable Marco Archer, JP Minister of Finance and Economic Development.

STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Policy Statement

"Toward a Better Tomorrow"

By the Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, Minister of Home Affairs, Health and Culture

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills:

First Reading: The Appropriation (July 2015 to June 2016) Bill, 2015

Second Reading: The Appropriation (July 2015 to June 2016) Bill, 2015

BUDGET ADDRESS

To be delivered by the Honourable Marco Archer,
Minister of Finance and Economic Development

MOTION FOR THE DEFERRAL OF DEBATE ON THE BUDGET ADDRESS

The Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, Minister of Home Affairs, Health and Culture moves-

"BE IT RESOLVED that the debate on the Budget Address be deferred until Wednesday 20th May, 2015".

The Question is proposed and put.

MOTION FOR THE THRONE SPEECH, THE POLICY STATEMENT AND THE BUDGET ADDRESS TO BE DEBATED SIMULTANEOUSLY

The Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP,
Minister of Home Affairs, Health and Culture moves -

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Throne Speech, the Strategic Policy Statement and the Budget Address be debated simultaneously on Wednesday 20th May, 2015".

The Question is proposed and put.

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT

The Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, Minister of Home Affairs, Health and Culture moves the motion for the Adjournment of the House.

The Question is proposed and put.

PROCESSION

The Serjeant-at-Arms *(bearing the Mace).*
The Speaker.

(All stand)

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE

Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Mrs. Sharon K. Smith, JP
Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. J. Kim Evans
Serjeant-at-Arms