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Hon. Heather D. Bodden
Deputy Speaker

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PRESENT WERE:

Hon. Heather D. Bodden
Deputy Speaker

MINISTERS OF THE CABINET

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP	*Premier*, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands and Finance & Economic Development
Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP	*Deputy Premier*, Minister of Financial Services & Commerce *and* Investment, Innovation & Social Development
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, MP	Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure and Transport & Development
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP	Minister of Tourism & Ports
Hon. Sabrina T. Turner, MP	Minister of Health & Wellness and Home Affairs
Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP	Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP	Minister of Youth, Sports and Heritage

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Hon. Eric Bush, JP	*Acting Deputy Governor*, ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service

ELECTED MEMBERS

GOVERNMENT BACKBENCHERS

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, MP	Elected Member for West Bay West
Mr. Bernie A. Bush, MP	Elected Member for West Bay North

OPPOSITION MEMBERS

Hon. Joseph X. Hew, MP	*Leader of the Opposition*, Elected Member for George Town North
Ms. Barbara E. Conolly, JP, NP, MP	*Deputy Leader of the Opposition*, Elected Member for George Town South
Mr. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP	Elected Member for George Town East
Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, OBE, JP, MP	Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman
Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP	Elected Member for Newlands

INDEPENDENT OPPOSITION MEMBERS

Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP	Elected Member for Bodden Town West

APOLOGIES

Hon. Sir Alden McLaughlin, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP	Speaker
Hon. Dwayne S. Seymour, OCI, JP, MP	Minister of Border Control & Labour and Culture
Hon. Samuel W. Bulgin, KC, JP (Verify)	*Attorney General*, ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs
Hon. Franz I. Manderson, MBE, Cert Hon, JP	Deputy Governor, ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service
Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP	Elected Member for George Town West

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[The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Heather D. Bodden, presiding]

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Heather D. Bodden: [Parliament is resumed. Please be seated.]

I will now invite the honourable Member for Cayman Brac to say prayers.

PRAYERS

Mr. Moses I. Kirkconnell, Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman: *Almighty God, from whom all wisdom and power are derived, we beseech thee so to direct and prosper the deliberations of the Parliament now assembled, that all things may be ordered upon the best and surest foundations for the glory of Thy name, and for the safety, honour and welfare of the people of the Cayman Islands.*

Bless our Sovereign, King Charles, III; William, Prince of Wales and all the Royal Family. Give grace to all who exercise authority in our Commonwealth, that peace and happiness; truth and justice; religion and piety may be established among us. Especially we pray for the Governor of our Islands, the Premier, the Speaker of Parliament, the Leader of Opposition, Ministers and Cabinet, ex officio members and Members of Parliament, the Chief Justice and members of the Judiciary, that we may be enabled faithfully to perform the responsible duties of our high office. All this we ask for Thy great name's sake.

Let us all say the Lord's Prayer together: *Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trust us against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord, make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and always.

Amen.

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Heather D. Bodden: Please be seated.

READING BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Heather D. Bodden: I have apologies from the honourable Minister of Border Control.

As there is no other business of this honourable House, can I call on the Honourable Premier to move the Motion for the adjournment?

ADJOURNMENT

The Premier, Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, Minister of Education, District Administration & Lands and Finance & Economic Development: Thank you Madam Deputy Speaker.

We are obviously delighted to adjourn at this time; but equally delighted, I dare say, on behalf of all Members, to see you occupy the Chair, so it's my distinct pleasure, Madam Deputy Speaker, to move the Motion for the adjournment of the House sine die.

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Heather D. Bodden: The question is that the House now stand adjourned sine die. All those in favour please say Aye, all those against, no.

AYES.

The Ayes have it. The House now stands adjourned, sine die.

At 1:34 p.m. the House stood adjourned sine die.