

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 29 December 2020

Start Time: 9am

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 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 (Ag), Ms. Erica Edwards

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

Member Absent in the Assembly with Reason:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor
Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan
Chaplain, Pastor Victor Hugo Brooks

The Meeting was called to Order at 9am and the Hon. Speaker allowed a brief recess to allow the Technicians to resolve technical issues. House resumed at 9:23am.

**Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge and Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 9:25am.
Hon. Member for Island Harbour and Member for Sandy Hill arrived at 9:30am.**

Order of Business

1. Prayers

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

2. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Eleventh Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated.
- b) Minutes of Proceedings for the Eleventh 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) Apologies were given for the Hon. Member for Valley North.

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, Appropriation (2021) Act, 2020

- a) Hon. Speaker proposed time allocation for Members to make contributions for the budget debate and the Assembly agreed.

12.1.1.1 Second Reading (Cont'd) Budget Debate:

- a) Hon. Member SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke (48 minutes 34 seconds).

Hon. Speaker allowed a brief recess of 5 minutes and House resumed at 10:32am.

- b) Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded (18 minutes).

Hon. Speaker allowed a brief recess of 30 minutes and House resumed at 11:18am.

- c) 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.

PS Finance, Mrs. Kathleen Rogers, Ms. Jamila Gumbs and Ms. Shona Proctor joined.

- b) Committee agreed that clauses 1-4, the Schedule as amended (Program 450R Ministry of Finance and Health 2021 Estimate changed from \$108,276,862 to \$108,092,690 and Program 750R Ministry of Economic Development, Investment Commerce, Information Technology and Natural Resources 2021 Estimate changed from \$8,525,945 to \$8,710,117. Overall Total Recurrent expenditure did not change.), the title and the enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

PS Finance, Mrs. Kathleen Rogers, Ms. Jamila Gumbs and Ms. Shona Proctor left.

12.1.1.3 Third Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- b) Hon. Member for Road South 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, Appropriation (2021) Act, 2020 passed with amendment.

12.1.2 A Bill for, Interim Stabilisation Levy (Amendment) Act, 2020

12.1.2.1 Second Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- b) Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- d) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for lunch of 1 hour and House resumed at 1:59pm.

- e) Hon. Member for Road South continued.
- f) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.

Hon. Speaker allowed a brief recess of 10 minutes and House resumed at 5:41pm.

- g) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill continued.
- h) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the question be put to end the debate.
- i) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs Marie seconded the motion.
- j) Hon. Speaker put the question that the debate be closed and the Assembly agreed.
- k) Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- l) 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 1-3, the title and the enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

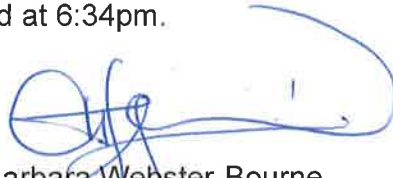
12.1.2.3 Third Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, 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.

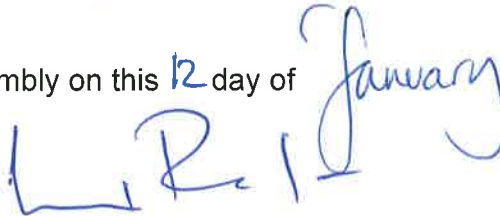
A Bill for, Interim Stabilisation Levy (Amendment) Act, 2020 passed without amendment.

13. Adjournment

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned *Sine die*. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.
- b) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned *Sine die* and the Assembly voted in favour.
- c) The Assembly was adjourned at 6:34pm.


Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 12 day of January, 2021


Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly