

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 29 December 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 McNiel 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 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 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. Dawne Richardson*

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

Members Absent in the Assembly with Reason:

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

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

Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford

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

a) Prayers

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

**Hon. Deputy Governor, Hon. Member for West End and
Hon. Member for Valley North arrived at 10:05a.m.**

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for Road North moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Fifth Meeting of the Second Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road South.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Fifth Meeting of the Second Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was voted in favour by the Assembly without amendment.

c) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- i) With recent events condolences were extended to those who mourn and God's blessings wished especially during this time.
- ii) Apologies were given for the absence of the Hon. Member for Valley South, Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie and the Hon. Member for Sandy Hill.

d) Questions

- i) None.

e) Government Statements on Recent Developments

- i) None.

f) Papers

- i) None.

g) Reports from Committees

- i) None.

h) Petitions

- i) None.

i) Government Notices

- i) None.

j) **Private Members' Notices**

- i) None.

k) **Motions**

i) **Motion 7/2021-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 7/2021-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2021.**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour asked leave of the Assembly to read Motions 7 to 10 together as the Resolutions are similar in nature.
- Hon. Speaker put the question for the Motions to be read together and the Assembly agreed.

Hon. Attorney General arrived at 10:10a.m.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour read the text to the Motions and moved Motion 7/2021-2/12HOA: Customs Duties and Tax Exemption (Motion 7/2021-2/12-HOA) Regulations, 2021.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 10:12a.m.

- No debate.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 7/2021-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 7/2021-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

Oaths of Allegiance to New Members

- Ms. Dawne Richardson was administered the Oath of Allegiance as Acting Attorney General.

ii) **Motion 8/2021-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 8/2021-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2021.**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 8/2021-2/12HOA: Customs Duties and Tax Exemption (Motion 8/2021-2/12-HOA) Regulations, 2021.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 8/2021-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 8/2021-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

iii) Motion 9/2021-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 9/2021-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2021.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 9/2021-2/12HOA: Customs Duties and Tax Exemption (Motion 9/2021-2/12-HOA) Regulations, 2021.
- Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.
- No debate.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 9/2021-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 9/2021-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

iv) Motion 10/2021-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 10/2021-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2021.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 10/2021-2/12HOA: Customs Duties and Tax Exemption (Motion 10/2021-2/12-HOA) Regulations, 2021.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 10/2021-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 10/2021-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

a) Personal Explanations

- i) None.

b) Other Business

1) Government Business

a) A Bill for, Stamp (Temporary Provisions) Act, 2021

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour sought leave for the Bill for Stamp (temporary Provisions) Act and Aliens Land Holding Regulation (Temporary Provisions) Act to be debated together as they are linked.
- Hon. Speaker put the question for both Bills to be debated together and the Assembly agreed.
- 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 Island Harbour sought leave to have the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge give a substantive discussion on the Bill to which the Hon. Speaker allowed.
- Hon. SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge further explained the Bill to which was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road North.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie arrived at 11:03a.m.

- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South 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.

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 1-4, the 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 the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for Road North 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, Stamp (Temporary Provisions) Act, 2021, passed without amendment.

b) A Bill for, Aliens Land Holding Regulation (Temporary Provisions) Act, 2021

i) 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.
- As the Bill was previously debated the Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

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 1-8, the 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 the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle 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.

**A Bill for, Aliens Land Holding Regulation (Temporary Provisions) Act,
passed without amendment.**

c) A Bill for, Money Transmission Levy Act, 2021

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for Road South 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.

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 1-26 (with an amendment to clause 1), the 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 the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle 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.

A Bill for, Money Transmission Levy Act, passed with amendment.

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

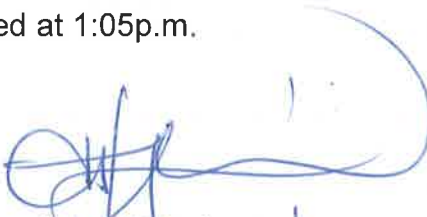
IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) As requested by the Hon. Member for Valley North the Hon. Speaker allowed condolences and well wishes to be given by Members who wished to do so and requested that they speak to gun violence and offer suggestions as to what can be done as a community to mitigate such.
- ii) Hon. Speaker then opened the floor for contributions and the following Members offered greetings and condolences to those who mourn:
 - Hon. Deputy Governor expressed thanks on behalf of his family and himself to all Members on the presentations given on the passing of his brother.
 - Hon Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth extended condolences to the families of the Late Earnest Crawford and the Late Tony Fleming and urged the Anguillian community to return to the time of true community values – looking out for one another and being our brother's keeper.
 - Hon. Member for Road South welcomed back the Hon. Deputy Governor and offered condolences to all those who mourn including Members of the House. Leave was also requested and granted to read a post of one of the daughters of the Late Earnest Crawford (with her consent).
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie also extended condolences to all who mourn the passing of persons throughout the entire year, in particular this month whether naturally or tragically. Persons were urged to speak up to make a change and look within ourselves first while being an encouragement to others. It was suggested that the RAPF and Courts put greater effort into educating the community of the consequences to such negative acts.
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool welcomed the Hon. Deputy Governor and offered condolences to all who mourn urging the public to put the guns down. It was suggested that we sit and reflect on where we are today thinking about the future we want to see for Anguilla.
 - Hon. Member for Valley North extended condolences to those who lost loved ones, in particular the family of the Late Earnest Crawford. It was suggested that a Committee be put in place from the House to address the gun violence and offered to be a member of the said Committee once it is established.
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge extended condolences to the Spanish community on the passing of the Late Tony Fleming. The public was urged to be actively involved in our communities spending quality time with the members. New Year's greetings were also extended to all including the staff under his Ministry.
 - Hon. Member for Road North extended condolences to all who mourn at this time and as it relates to the issue of gun violence it was suggested that action is needed now and welcomed the idea of a special Committee being put into place. New Year's greetings were also extended to all.
 - Hon. Member for West End extended condolences to the families of the Late Tony Fleming and Earnest Crawford. It was also recommended that as we go into the New Year that our commitment going forward needs to be community oriented.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour thanked everyone for the presentations given and also offered condolences to all who mourn, in particular the families of the Late Earnest Crawford, Janice Morton-Connor and Kareem Bradley. Several suggestions in relation to the issue of gun violence were given including holding Seminars on gun violence addressing conflict avoidance and de-escalation measures, etc. An appeal was made for all eligible persons to get vaccinated. A special thanks was expressed to those in both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Finance and New Year's greetings were also extended to all.
- Hon. Speaker agreed to take up the suggestion offered by the Hon. Member for Valley North to establish a Committee to address gun violence and will allow it to be tabled at another Sitting. Additionally, Members of the House and public were invited to offer suggestions to remedy the issue of gun violence.


c) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned *Sine die*. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned *Sine die* and the Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 1:05p.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 4th day of January, 2022



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly