

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Special Sitting of the Fourth Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly to Pay Tribute to the Late Mr. Evans Harrigan

Date: 16 April 2024

Start Time: 10:00a.m.

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 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. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes

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

Members Absent in the Assembly with Reason:

Hon. Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers
Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge
Hon. Member for Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford
Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor
Clerk of Committees, Ms. Vanisha Proctor
Executive Secretary, Ms. Ronequa Hodge
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.

b) National Anthem

- i) The National Anthem was sung by the Anguilla National Choir, Male Chorus.

c) National Song

- i) The National Song was sung by the Anguilla National Choir, Male Chorus.

Hon. Member for Road South arrived at 10:10a.m.

d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- i) Apologies were given on behalf of the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge, Hon. Member for Valley North, Hon. Member for Valley South and Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gums-Marie who are absent with reason.
- ii) The Hon. Speaker welcomed all former Members, Members, and persons in the gallery.

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for 5 minutes at 10:16a.m.

House resumed at 10:24a.m.

e) Tribute

- i) Hon. Speaker paid tribute to the Late Mr. Evans Harrigan.

f) Recording

- i) A recording of the Late Mr. Evans Harrigan was played.

g) Tributes

- i) The following Members paid tribute to the late Mr. Evans Harrigan

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool,
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge,
- Hon. Member for Road North,
- Hon. Member for West End and
- Hon. Member for Road South.

- ii) Hon. Leader of The Opposition and Member for Sandy Hill gave a tribute.

- iii) Hon. Premier and Member for Island Harbour gave a tribute.

h) Selection

- i) Mrs. Amelia Vanterpool Kubish gave a selection.

j) **Government Notices**

i) None.

k) **Private Members' Notices**

i) None.

l) **Motions**

i) **Motion 1/2024-4/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 1/2024-4/12HOA) Regulations, 2024**

- Hon. Member Island Harbour moved Motion 1/2024-4/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 1/2024-4/12HOA) Regulations, 2024.
- Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED Jose Vanterpool spoke.
- Hon. Member for West End spoke.
- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED Kyle Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 1/2024-4/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 1/2024-4/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House

m) **Personal Explanations**

i) None.

n) **Other Business**

l) **Government Business**

a) **A Bill for Department of Health Services Act, 2024.**

i) **Second Reading:**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Quincia Gumbs-Marie seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke.
- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.

Hon. Member for SIWED Mr. Jose Vanterpool and Hon. Attorney General left with the consent of the Speaker at 12:30p.m.

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for lunch at 12:44p.m.

House resumed at 2:00p.m.

- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.

Hon. Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor left at 5:11pm

- Hon. Member for Road North spoke.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jose Vanterpool returned at 5:30p.m.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.

Hon. Speaker allowed a 5 min reset at 5:46p.m. to allow IT to restart the live.

House resumed at 5:52p.m.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour continued his response.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Department of Health Services Act, 2024 was read a second time.

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.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that Section 26 1(A) be amended to remove the words "of a".
- Committee agreed that clauses 1-40, 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 Valley South 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, Department of Health Services Act, 2024, passed with amendment.

b) A Bill for Department of Water Services Act, 2024.

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Member for Road South moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Road South gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge left with the consent of the Speaker at 6:52p.m.

- Hon. Member for Road South responded.

- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Department of Water Services Act, 2024 was read a second time.

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 1-40, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

iii) Third Reading:

- Hon. Member for Road South moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for Valley South 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, Department of Water Services Act, 2024,
passed without amendment.**

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) The following Members extended deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Mr. John C Lake "Pow".
 - Hon. Member for Valley South,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie,
 - Hon. Member for Valley North,
 - Hon. Member for Island Harbour and
 - Hon. Speaker.
- ii) Hon. Member for Valley South encouraged the public to support the upcoming Sports Day. The Member also made mention of the ground breaking ceremony for the Airport Redevelopment tomorrow at 10:30am.
- iii) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie noted that her ministry would be hosting an open market day at the People's Market on Thursday. The Member also wished the whole of Anguilla a Happy Easter, wished all athletes a safe and exciting day and wished the Premier and Member for Road South congratulations on the ground breaking ceremony for the Airport Redevelopment tomorrow.
- iv) Hon. Member for Valley North wished all the athletes much success. The Member also extended condolences to the family of the late Ms. Shirley Maynard and the Heyligers.

- v) Hon. Member for Island Harbour recognizes that Festival Del Mar is this coming weekend and thanked the Royal Anguilla Police Force who would be there doing their duty to protect. The Member also wished all Primary School athletes the best.
- vi) Hon. Speaker wished all schools well on Sports Day and invited the public to Festival Del Mar this weekend. Madam Speaker also thanked the Royal Anguilla Police Force.

o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned *Sine die*. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie.
- 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 8:01p.m.

Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 23rd day of April, 2024

Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly