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THE CHAPLAIN:

Thank you Lord.

Psalms 127 verse 1 says "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour, build it in vain; unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil: for he gives his beloved sweet sleep."

So father, as we start the House of Assembly this day, we thank you, Lord, for watching over and blessing Anguilla. We thank you, Lord, for this nation; for the peace and prosperity of it. We thank you, Lord, for teaching our hands to profit and that, Lord, you would lead us in the way that you should go. Father, we thank you for breaking limitations and restrictions that hinder us as a people from fulfilling our God-given potential. So we release, Lord, the potential of this people, the people of Anguilla, to rise and to come to visibility, in the name of Jesus.

Lord, we ask for your guidance and your wisdom in the deliberations of this house. We pray that things be correctly established and structured for the proper and healthy functioning of the nation. We thank you, Lord, for our leaders being just and that



1 they would rule in the fear of the Lord. Lord, the  
2 scripture says that "*Righteousness exalts a nation*".  
3 So Lord we're praying that righteousness would increase  
4 in Anguilla so that Anguilla would be exalted. We  
5 pray, Lord, that you'd work in the hearts of men that  
6 which laws cannot do. Change hearts and motivations,  
7 Lord, we pray, in the name of Jesus. We thank you,  
8 Lord, for your kingdom increasing. We pray that the  
9 gates of Anguilla would be shut to uncleanness, drugs,  
10 perversion and wickedness, in the name of Jesus.

11           Father, we say let the counsel of them that  
12 mean no good for Anguilla, let it be turned to  
13 foolishness. We thank you, Lord, for Anguilla being  
14 delivered from every evil. We lay the axe to the root  
15 of every evil planting in Anguilla. We pray that every  
16 plant that you have not planted be rooted out, in the  
17 name of Jesus, and that in its place would arise that  
18 which is wholesome and what would result in blessing to  
19 this nation. We thank you for the angels of the Lord  
20 encamping around Anguilla and protecting her. Lord, we  
21 ask you to bless and keep Anguilla; that your face  
22 would shine upon her; that you would be gracious to  
23 her; that, Lord, your face would turn towards her and  
24 that, Lord, you'll give her your peace. We pray these  
25 things in Jesus name, Amen.



1 THE SPEAKER: Amen. Thank  
2 you, pastor.

3 THE CLERK: Confirmation of  
4 minutes: None. Oaths of allegiance: None.  
5 Announcements by the direction of the Speaker.

6 THE SPEAKER: I just have one.  
7 The Second Nominated Member again apologises for not  
8 being here today. He is off island. He should be in  
9 this afternoon and he says if he gets in in time, he'll  
10 come in.

11 Okay, the Chief Minister would like to make  
12 a few remarks in connection Anguilla Week -- Police  
13 Week, I'm sorry.

14 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: Thank you,  
15 Mr. Speaker. I thought that I should not waste an  
16 opportunity in this Honourable House during Police  
17 Week, Mr. Speaker, to express our appreciation to the  
18 Royal Anguilla Police Force on this their 44th year  
19 anniversary and for the good job that they have been  
20 doing over the years and for the efforts of the various  
21 Commissioners of Police over that period who have done  
22 yeoman service to Anguilla.

23 Mr. Speaker, the police is that arm of the  
24 law that ensures that we are kept safe; ensures that  
25 when things go awry they are there to prosecute, arrest



1 and ensure that there is law and order and security in  
2 our nation. And I believe that it's appropriate on  
3 this occasion to wish them the very best in their  
4 endeavours going forward and assure them that the  
5 Government of Anguilla is fully behind them; that is  
6 the political directorate is fully behind them. We  
7 believe that they need our support in various ways.  
8 There's a scarcity of resources from time to time based  
9 on the other competing agencies who require support as  
10 well. But certainly we would do what we can within the  
11 limitations of our resources to ensure that the police  
12 force is well equipped to carry out that very important  
13 function that they are expected to carry out.

14 From time to time, Mr. Speaker, the  
15 community speaks ill of the police force for one reason  
16 or another but the fact remains that when there is need  
17 for their support, they are there. And as in every  
18 organisation there may be persons who may not live up  
19 to our expectations but I think generally speaking,  
20 over the years we have received yeoman service from our  
21 Police Department and they continue to improve in the  
22 delivery of those service.

23 I take this time, Mr. Speaker, to also  
24 remember those Commissioners of Police, those officers  
25 of the police force who have passed on over the last 45





1 years. We are blessed for having them. We are all  
2 dwarfs on the shoulders of giants and they have made an  
3 important contribution to the police organisation that  
4 we have today. The bailiff in this Honourable House is  
5 a former police and I recognise him for the fact that  
6 he is here among us and I also take this opportunity to  
7 thank him personally for his service and the job he  
8 continues to do now in his retirement as bailiff to  
9 ensure that there is law and order and peace within  
10 this Honourable House. So once again, Mr. Speaker, I  
11 want to commend the Royal Anguilla Police Force and to  
12 celebrate with them their 44th anniversary of service  
13 to our nation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

14 THE SPEAKER: Yes. Thank you  
15 very much, Chief Minister. That's the end of  
16 announcements.

17 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: There is  
18 another, Mr. Speaker.

19 THE SPEAKER: Oh. Leader of  
20 the Opposition, you wish to say something?

21 MEMBER FOR ISLAND HARBOUR: Thank you very  
22 much.

23 THE SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

24 MEMBER FOR ISLAND HARBOUR: Thank you very  
25 much, Mr. Speaker. And I too would want to express my



1 appreciation for the incredible work that the Royal  
2 Anguilla Police Force does in Anguilla. It's not easy.  
3 It is not easy at all and particularly in an era when  
4 crime has escalated way beyond our imagination.

5 Mr. Speaker, I had on Monday the pleasure,  
6 indeed the privilege of addressing our police officers  
7 and what struck me at that address, at that lecture was  
8 that our young officers, you know, a vast majority of  
9 them are within our youth demographic. And that,  
10 Mr. Speaker, is so significant to me. It is  
11 significant and it gives me personally incredible hope  
12 that we are going to be able to come together and to  
13 stem this crime that is occurring in Anguilla. And I  
14 believe that in the next -- in this year, this  
15 anniversary year and hopefully in years going forward  
16 there will be an initiative, there will be on the part  
17 of the political directorate to do so much to pull our  
18 officers and the other members of that youth  
19 demographic together because I think that Government  
20 may be very well positioned with a very small  
21 investment. For instance, the "Bikes Up, Guns Down"  
22 initiative that's come out of the community, I think  
23 that is a wonderful opportunity that the political  
24 directorate can grab now by creating a place where our  
25 young people can be safe; where the officers can be



1 assured of an opportunity in a positive way to engage  
2 with those other members of that youth demographic. I  
3 think we can change the stem of things by doing very  
4 small things, and I am using this opportunity, I've  
5 already spoken at length to the officers, and I also  
6 believe challenges that we are having in relation to  
7 community generally. Last night it made my heart full  
8 in Island Harbour. I drove by and there on the  
9 basketball court, east of the St. Andrew's Church, the  
10 Commissioner of Police together with his other officers  
11 and our youth really engaged, playing together. That  
12 is encouraging. And I know that we've had a period and  
13 it's continuing, where, and the Chief Minister made  
14 mention of our resources being slim, scarce I think was  
15 the word he used, but, and it's true but I think by  
16 focusing on the relationships, spreading a little bit  
17 of respect, engaging in the values where there's mutual  
18 respect, taking every opportunity there is to pull  
19 people together, pull our young people together and  
20 teaching them ways of generating discussion, dialogue,  
21 camaraderie, I think we can go back to the days when,  
22 you know, when, and as I told the officers, when the  
23 judge used to attend, open up the criminal assizes,  
24 always that white glove being passed on the part of our  
25 counsel, senior counsel, nothing. Prosecutor comes



1 forward, no crime. I long for those days. And it was  
2 only 25 years ago, less than 25 years ago that that  
3 occurred in Anguilla. So on this very special 44th  
4 anniversary, and particularly because the theme is so  
5 powerful - "Working for the community with the  
6 community" - for police week, I say let us all make a  
7 difference with our officers. Let us all do our little  
8 bit to provide them the support that they need, to  
9 provide them the encouragement they need. They go out  
10 on a limb every day.

11                   And I want to say something to you:  
12 Mr. Speaker, I am the daughter of a police officer. I  
13 am the daughter, the child of a police officer. And a  
14 lot of our officers have families that are themselves  
15 living in fear because we don't necessarily -- we're  
16 not necessarily providing the protections that our  
17 officers need in this particular context. We -- Our  
18 police force, they take risks. It's not an easy job.  
19 And I want to commend them, I want to congratulate  
20 them, I want to say that it's an honourable, honourable  
21 profession and it evidences absolutely the most  
22 patriotic of contributions. So Mr. Speaker, with your  
23 leave, again I want to express my personal appreciation  
24 but also for, you know, in this role, to whatever I can  
25 do, whatever we can do throughout Anguilla, in the





1 private sector and otherwise as well, to support their  
2 initiatives, we commit to that. Thank you,  
3 Mr. Speaker.

4 THE SPEAKER: Yes, thank you.  
5 Member for West End.

6 MEMBER FOR WEST END: Thank you,  
7 Mr. Speaker. Former US President John F. Kennedy once  
8 said "*ask not what your country can do for you but what*  
9 *you can do for your country.*" I use that quote to  
10 thank about twenty five business owners in West End,  
11 Mr. Speaker, who understands, as all of Anguilla I'm  
12 sure understands, but these are people who allow their  
13 actions and their money to speak louder than words.  
14 Because, Mr. Speaker, in our area of West End, and I'm  
15 sure every area, every district in Anguilla, the  
16 presence of police is needed and most of the time when  
17 it's called upon it's too late. So what we've decided,  
18 in fact during the campaign, Mr. Speaker, I committed  
19 to the people in West End and to all of Anguilla that  
20 we'll have a police station in West End. I didn't give  
21 a time or a date but we all know it is needed not  
22 because majority of Anguillians and visitors spend most  
23 of their time in West End, which is the tourism capital  
24 of Anguilla but because, Mr. Speaker, over the years  
25 we've seen burning of boats in The Cove that has left a



1 negative impact on our reputation as an island and also  
2 on the tourism industry. We've also seen Shine at the  
3 Petrol Station in West End, jovial though he may be, if  
4 we go there today, Mr. Speaker, he offers the best  
5 service to anybody in Anguilla. He's got one leg; and  
6 why is that? Because somebody decided they wanted to  
7 take Shine's money; not only his money but his life as  
8 well. We also have, not too far from Shine, a  
9 restaurant that was once owned by Cheddie Richardson, a  
10 hardworking Anguillian entrepreneur. But even more  
11 than that, Mr. Speaker, I think it's about two years  
12 ago one of our aspiring young chefs was shot and  
13 killed. And there was a lot of talks directly after  
14 but not a lot has been done since. But Jordel lost his  
15 life that night. And the chances are, Mr. Speaker, if  
16 we had police presence in that area it might not likely  
17 would have happened. Jordel lost his life and Cheddie  
18 lost a business because after that, Mr. Speaker, no one  
19 was going to go there. Blanchards too also had an  
20 incident of attempted robbery. Some of the guests who  
21 were in the house that night have decided not to come  
22 back to Anguilla. And like any and everything that  
23 happens in Anguilla, we tend to react too late, Mr.  
24 Speaker. But what we intend to do now as we go forward  
25 in our area, is that 25 business owners in West End



1 along with the community in West End have decided to  
2 work along with the Commissioner of Police, the  
3 Government of Anguilla. Right now Anguilla needs help.  
4 And too many of us always ask of Anguilla, what can you  
5 give me as opposed to what can we give to Anguilla.

6 And I stand, Mr. Speaker, to support the  
7 police on the job that they do. But I also stand to  
8 say thank you to our business owners in West End and  
9 I'm sure throughout Anguilla. Maybe it's something we  
10 can sell to the other districts that let's help. Let's  
11 help ourselves. Let's help the police actually to help  
12 ourselves. It is not about protection of visitors to  
13 the island. In fact, I think if visitors come to your  
14 island, Mr. Speaker, you've got an obligation to  
15 protect them. They leave their homes and they trust us  
16 when they come here that they are protected.

17 So Mr. Speaker, I'm proud of my district,  
18 I'm proud of my people; not just District 7 but proud  
19 of Anguilla. I'm proud too that as a Government, as we  
20 go forward, we intend not to ask of the people but be  
21 of the people and give the people what they need. But  
22 most of the time and at this present time, Mr. Speaker,  
23 we need to ask of the people to help Anguilla. Thank  
24 you, Mr. Speaker.

25 THE SPEAKER: Thank you.



1 Anyone else wish to make remarks? If not, we'll move  
2 on.

3 THE CLERK: Papers.

4 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: Mr. Speaker, I  
5 beg move of this Honourable House to lay on the table  
6 the report and accounts of the Public Service Pension  
7 Fund, 2014. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

8 THE SPEAKER: Thank you.

9 THE CLERK: Reports from  
10 committees: None. Petitions: None. Government  
11 notices: None. Unofficial notices. None. Questions:  
12 None. Motions.

13 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: Mr. Speaker, I  
14 move, I rise to move the following motion: Motion  
15 number 454 and it's connected with -- in connection  
16 with the importation by Mr. Kenneth Harrigan for the  
17 purpose of villa development, a list of items attached  
18 hereto and in keeping with the normal policy of  
19 concessions for the tourism sector.

20 Mr. Speaker the motion reads: BE IT  
21 RESOLVED that, under the powers contained in section  
22 77(1) of the Customs Act, the House of Assembly exempts  
23 from duty the goods imported into Anguilla specified in  
24 the Schedule.  
25 1. The following conditions apply in respect of all





1 goods exempted from duty by virtue of this Resolution -

2 (a) The goods shall not, within 5 years of the  
3 date of importation, be sold, exchanged, given away or  
4 applied to any use other than the use specified in the  
5 Schedule;

6 (b) On the expiry of 6 months from the date of  
7 importation and on each successive 6 month period within  
8 the 5 year period after the date of importation, the  
9 importer shall certify to the Comptroller of Customs, in  
10 a form acceptable to the Comptroller of Customs, that he  
11 has complied with the conditions set out in the  
12 preceding paragraph;

13 (c) Upon demand made by a customs officer, the  
14 goods exempted from duty under this Resolution shall be  
15 produced or otherwise accounted for to the customs  
16 officer;

17 (d) In accordance with the Customs  
18 Administrative Costs Recovery Act, at the time of  
19 import, the importer shall pay the Customs  
20 Administrative Charge at the rate specified in the  
21 Schedule.

22 2. In accordance with section 71 of the Customs Act, the  
23 following apply in the event that a condition referred  
24 to in section 1 of this Resolution is contravened or not  
25 complied with -



1           (a) If any goods exempted from duty under this  
2 Resolution are sold, exchanged, given away or applied to  
3 any use other than the use specified in the Schedule  
4 within 5 years of the importation -

5           (i) the importer shall pay the duty on the value  
6 of such goods at the rate of duty specified in the  
7 Integrated Customs Tariff at the date of importation;

8           (ii) the importer and any person knowingly  
9 concerned in such sale, exchange, gift or unsanctioned  
10 use is guilty of an offence and may be arrested and is  
11 liable to a fine of \$20,000 or 3 times the duty  
12 relieved, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment  
13 for a term of 2 years or to both; and

14           (iii) the goods in respect of which the exemption  
15 was granted are liable to forfeiture.

16           (b) If the importer fails to certify that he has  
17 not sold, exchanged, given away or applied the goods to  
18 any use other than the use specified in the Schedule -

19           (i) the importer shall produce or account for  
20 the goods exempted from duty under this Resolution to  
21 the Comptroller of Customs; and

22           (ii) any goods not produced or accounted for will  
23 be deemed to have been sold, exchanged, given away or  
24 applied to some use other than the use specified in the  
25 Schedule and paragraph (a)(i) applied; and



1           (iii) If any goods not produced or accounted for  
2 are subsequently found, they are liable to forfeiture.

3           (c) If the importer fails to produce or account  
4 for the goods exempted from duty under this Resolution  
5 upon demand by a customs officer -

6           (i) the importer and any person knowingly  
7 concerned in such failure are guilty of an offence and  
8 may be arrested and are liable to a fine of \$20,000 or 3  
9 times the value of the goods, whichever is the greater,  
10 or to imprisonment for a period/term of 2 years or to  
11 both; and

12           (ii) if any goods not produced or accounted for  
13 are subsequently found they are liable to forfeiture.

14           (d) If the importer fails to pay the Customs  
15 Administrative Charge at the rate specified in the  
16 Schedule, at the expiry of 30 days from the date of  
17 delivery of a demand for payment made by the Comptroller  
18 of Customs, or such longer period as may be designated  
19 by the Comptroller of Customs -

20           (i) the importer shall pay the duty on the value  
21 of such goods at the rate of duty specified in the  
22 Integrated Customs Tariff at the date of importation;  
23 and

24           (ii) the importer and any person knowingly  
25 concerned in such failure are guilty of an offence and



1 may be arrested and are liable to a fine of \$20,000 or 3  
2 times the value of the goods, whichever is the greater,  
3 or to imprisonment for a term of 2 years or to both; and

4 (iii) the goods exempted from duty under this  
5 Resolution are liable to forfeiture.

6 Mr. Speaker, these are the terms under  
7 which the importation being granted, the concession and  
8 importation of duty being granted to Mr. Kenneth  
9 Harrigan apply. Again, Mr. Speaker, this is a  
10 concession as is normal in the tourism accommodation  
11 sector. Mr. Harrigan is a former member of this House  
12 of Assembly, longstanding member, a very well known  
13 person within the community. He has been involved in  
14 Anguilla's development for almost 50 years or maybe  
15 over 50 years. He is now retired but he is involved  
16 and has been involved for many, many years in villa  
17 development and construction and at this point he is  
18 requesting a concession on villas that he owns in  
19 Island Harbour for touristic purposes.

20 Mr. Speaker, this application came to this  
21 Honourable House a couple years ago but it was not  
22 executed because at the time the -- Mr. Harrigan would  
23 not have been prepared to progress the project. He is  
24 now in that position and so he is requesting that the  
25 exemption allowed earlier should now be extended from





1 August 21st, should be allowed to be extended from  
2 August 21st to December 31st 2016; August 21st, 2015,  
3 sorry, to December 31st, 2016. The list of items are  
4 attached. They have been verified by the Customs  
5 Department. They fit the qualifications of the  
6 requirements of the items that are liable for duty free  
7 exemption for villa development and I'm certain that  
8 this Honourable House will give Mr. Harrigan their full  
9 support so that he can execute this project.

10 The list attached and the duty loss  
11 associated with this is \$116,734.15 and the  
12 administrative charge for the value of the goods in  
13 respect of this exemption also applies. Mr. Speaker, I  
14 commend this application to the house and through this  
15 motion I will hope I will get the support of members of  
16 this Honourable House because I am confident that this  
17 request is well deserved. Thank you very much,  
18 Mr. Speaker.

19 THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Do  
20 we have a seconder?

21 MEMBER FOR SANDY HILL: Mr. Speaker, I  
22 second the motion.

23 THE SPEAKER: Yes. Seconded  
24 by the Member for East End. I now invite debate on  
25 this motion, motion number 454.



1 MEMBER FOR ISLAND HARBOUR: Mr. Speaker.

2 THE SPEAKER: Yes, Member for  
3 Island Harbour.

4 MEMBER FOR ISLAND HARBOUR: Mr. Speaker,  
5 I'm happy to support this motion. The Honourable  
6 Kenneth Harrigan has served Anguilla and it's very  
7 encouraging to me that even at this stage and the state  
8 of his health is well known, his heart is with the  
9 district, with Anguilla. And this quest, again, his  
10 renewed commitment to the tourism and hospitality area  
11 is, I think, encouraging for many in the district  
12 because it shows that, you know, he's hopeful about the  
13 future of the district. So I absolutely add my support  
14 to the motion and ask that it receives best  
15 consideration.

16 THE SPEAKER: Thank you.  
17 Member for Valley North.

18 MEMBER FOR VALLEY NORTH: Thank you,  
19 Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I too rise in support of  
20 this motion for duty free concessions for the former  
21 representative of District 1 and former member of this  
22 house and Government Minister for a number of years.  
23 Besides that, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Harrigan has given  
24 yeoman service to this country not only from the  
25 political aisles, Mr. Speaker, but what he is



1 requesting here is nothing out of the ordinary. I  
2 stand here over 11 years in this Honourable House and  
3 we've given similar concessions to locals, to the  
4 foreign investors and it is indeed a pleasure to  
5 support an initiative like this where Mr. Harrigan  
6 would be able to continue in providing the services as  
7 it relates to tourism and accommodation and so on and  
8 so forth. I wish him all the best healthwise and in  
9 his business ventures going forward. My full support,  
10 Mr. Speaker.

11 THE SPEAKER: Thank you.

12 First Nominated Member.

13 FIRST NOMINATED MEMBER: Mr. Speaker,  
14 normally I would recuse myself from making any comments  
15 because as the house would know that the Honourable  
16 Kenneth Harrigan is my uncle. But I'm compelled to  
17 acknowledge that a person with his health, as the  
18 Member from Valley North said and the Member from  
19 Island Harbour, a person with his health, he is still  
20 making that tremendous endeavour and it is  
21 demonstrative for our younger people in Anguilla to see  
22 that there's always an opportunity where they can bring  
23 such a measure before the house.

24 Mr. Speaker, I rise simply to be vocal  
25 about my support in this because it's something that is



1 an encouragement in this island. I would like to move  
2 away a little bit, Mr. Speaker, if I may, and say  
3 welcome to my mom, who sits in the back and my aunts.  
4 Thank you.

5 THE SPEAKER: Okay. Your mom  
6 and your aunt too, right?

7 FIRST NOMINATED MEMBER: Yes.

8 THE SPEAKER: Okay. Any other  
9 contributions?

10 MEMBER FOR WEST END: Thank you,  
11 Mr. Speaker. Just a short one just to say that too  
12 often here in Anguilla when we talk about development  
13 and investment we tend to look to foreigners to bring  
14 it to us. So it's with great pleasure to support any  
15 Anguillian who's prepared at this point in time to say  
16 we will do all we can to help ourselves. And  
17 Mr. Speaker, obviously someone like Kenneth Harrigan,  
18 his heart is as big as his body. In fact, many people  
19 would say he gave even more than he had. It's only  
20 fair now that we give him back something, Mr. Speaker.  
21 Thank you.

22 THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Any  
23 other contribution? Member for Road South.

24 MEMBER FOR ROAD SOUTH: Yes. Thank you  
25 very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it does my heart





1 well to support this request. Mr. The Honourable  
2 Kenneth Harrigan has served Anguilla well. And it also  
3 goes to show, Mr. Speaker, that continuing with my firm  
4 belief that if the people of Anguilla continue to have  
5 a mind to work the country will continue to rise and  
6 we'll go on to see better days even though we are  
7 facing challenging times. And this is just another  
8 example of an Anguillian who, despite the times and his  
9 own challenges, have determined that he will not go  
10 down defeated and I applaud him. Thank you very much,  
11 Mr. Speaker.

12 THE SPEAKER: Thank you.  
13 Okay. I am -- Member for East End.

14 MEMBER FOR SANDY HILL: Thank you,  
15 Mr. Speaker. I rise as well to give my full support  
16 behind this duty free concession for Mr. Kenneth  
17 Harrigan. He's affectionately known throughout the  
18 island as Uncle Kenneth and the reason why he has that  
19 nickname is because he has given his heart and soul not  
20 just to the people in his district but all over  
21 Anguilla. And so I stand here today in full support  
22 because I see that moving forward on this project  
23 augers well not just only for Mr. Harrigan but for  
24 Anguilla as a whole. And what it says to us is that  
25 Anguilla is moving forward and we will continue and we



1 will improve as the year goes on. Thank you,  
2 Mr. Speaker.

3 THE SPEAKER: Thank you.  
4 Okay. If there's -- Member for Road North. If you  
5 wish to speak just stand in your place and you'll be  
6 recognised, okay?

7 MEMBER FOR ROAD NORTH: Well Mr. Speaker,  
8 I don't think that any of us here sitting in this house  
9 would have any objection to supporting something like  
10 this for someone like Mr. Harrigan who, as someone  
11 said, his heart is bigger than his body. And I believe  
12 that when we have opportunities like this to support  
13 and encourage our own we have to be able to do so. And  
14 I stand here with the other members of this house to  
15 wholeheartedly support Mr. Harrigan in this venture and  
16 also to wish him and his family well as they move  
17 forward.

18 THE SPEAKER: Thank you. If  
19 there are no other contributions the mover may reply.

20 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: Mr. Speaker, I  
21 fully expected the entire house to be supportive of  
22 this application, this request from the Honourable  
23 Kenneth Harrigan for this project so there is nothing  
24 left for me to say but to say thank you for that  
25 support and hope that Mr. Harrigan continues to enjoy



1 good health and that we continue to respect the  
2 contribution that he has made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

3 THE SPEAKER: Thank you very  
4 much. Okay, the question then is that motion number  
5 454 be approved as circulated. Those in favour?

6 (All members said "aye".)

7 THE SPEAKER: Those against?  
8 It sound like everybody say aye so there shouldn't be  
9 no need for those against. Okay. So those against,  
10 anyhow.

11 (No response.)

12 THE SPEAKER: Okay. There's  
13 none against so motion number 454 has been approved and  
14 is now a resolution of this house. Okay, we'll move  
15 forward.

16 THE CLERK: Other business,  
17 Government business: Higher Education Licensing  
18 (Amendment) Bill, 2016, second reading.

19 MEMBER FOR VALLEY NORTH: Mr. Speaker, I  
20 move that a Bill shortly entitled the Higher Education  
21 Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2016 be read a second time.  
22 Mr. Speaker, no law is perfect. And from time to time  
23 we pass laws in this Honourable House and from time to  
24 time we have to revisit those laws and amend those laws  
25 and in some cases even repeal and replace those laws.



1           Mr. Speaker, this higher education the  
2 amendment to the Higher Education Bill, 2016 is a very  
3 simple but a very necessary and a very urgent  
4 amendment. There is no doubt, Mr. Speaker, that the  
5 vast majority of Anguillians would remember the days  
6 when tertiary education was not available in Anguilla  
7 and many of us, Mr. Speaker, who aspire for a tertiary  
8 education had to go abroad. I said on Monday during  
9 the presentation when the Permanent Secretary of  
10 Education was in this Honourable House giving the state  
11 of education that education is dynamic, it changes. So  
12 while you and I, Mr. Speaker, and several others in  
13 this Honourable House had to go abroad after secondary  
14 education, those who are in Anguilla today,  
15 Mr. Speaker, they have an opportunity to be able to get  
16 a tertiary education here in Anguilla. And I must  
17 announce that we have for the first time in our  
18 history, a student who is in a PhD programme that will  
19 be awarded in the shores of Anguilla. Twenty years ago  
20 we didn't think about that but it is here before us and  
21 I take this opportunity to wish her every success in  
22 that venture. And I'm looking forward, Mr. Speaker, to  
23 that proud moment and I'm sure everyone in this  
24 Honourable House and this island look forward to that.  
25 But back to this bill, Mr. Speaker, not only the PhD





1 programme but within the next 18 months to 20 months,  
2 Mr. Speaker, we would have a local Anguillian who the  
3 degree of Medical Doctor will be conferred upon, who  
4 would have started her medical education right here in  
5 Anguilla, Mr. Speaker. That is Dr. Gilmer Hodge. And  
6 Mr. Speaker, in order to be able to do that,  
7 Mr. Speaker, but before I go on, MD Degree conferred by  
8 the St. James School of Medicine, Anguilla. And  
9 Mr. Speaker, in order to do that, the school first of  
10 all must be licensed and it must be accredited. And  
11 there are various steps through that process; licensure  
12 and accreditation.

13 The school has been licensed in Anguilla  
14 over the years and the licensing needs to be renewed  
15 shortly. And the school has had provisional  
16 accreditation over the years to accept students and  
17 continue with their education and then they move on to  
18 the United States in Chicago and so on and so forth,  
19 through the Caribbean as well, as in Gilmer's case.

20 There is no doubt, Mr. Speaker, even during  
21 those difficult years and these difficult years that  
22 the St. James School of Medicine has played a critical  
23 role in sustaining the economy of this country in  
24 various ways. The ripple effect, Mr. Speaker, is  
25 unquestionable to the folks in this country. So



1 Mr. Speaker, in order for us to move to full  
2 accreditation, and when I say us, I'm saying us in the  
3 sense that it is Anguilla, there are certain  
4 requirements that must be met by the institution. Mid  
5 last year there was a physical inspection here on the  
6 grounds in Anguilla; the campus. Of course, the  
7 curriculum is already approved because medicine is  
8 medicine. But that has been approved. And there are a  
9 number of bits and pieces of legislation and agreements  
10 that must take place in order to move forward.

11 The next step now, Mr. Speaker, is full  
12 accreditation. And Mr. Speaker, we here in Anguilla  
13 and the Government in particular, the Ministry of  
14 Education, Mr. Speaker, must authorise the St. James  
15 School of Medicine to confer the degree, the MD degree  
16 on the students. And Mr. Speaker, let me place on  
17 record my appreciation for the work that has been done;  
18 PS Education, PS Health and the Attorney General  
19 Chambers for so ably assisting with respect to this  
20 Higher Education Licensing (Amendment) Act because we  
21 want to do things the right way and the legal way,  
22 Mr. Speaker. So I want to commend them for the work  
23 that they have done on this.

24 There is an organisation, Mr. Speaker, the  
25 Caribbean Association of Accredited Medical and Health



1 Professionals, it's called CAAM-HP, which is the  
2 recognised accrediting agency in this region. And that  
3 body, Mr. Speaker, has been recognised and approved by  
4 the General Medical Council in the United Kingdom and  
5 all the various other licensing agencies in the United  
6 States and we have to follow the strict guidelines and  
7 operating procedures in terms of their inspection. And  
8 Mr. Speaker, they are the ones who are doing the  
9 accreditation, not the Government of Anguilla but we  
10 have to accommodate the school and put things in place  
11 so that when CAAM-HP comes in the required agreements  
12 will be in place. And what we are doing here,  
13 Mr. Speaker, would not only allow the school to expand  
14 in bringing students from around the world because as  
15 it is now, there is a restriction or limitation on the  
16 students who can be enrolled or accepted; has nothing  
17 to do with the academic ability or the qualifications  
18 of the students or of the applicants but more so to do,  
19 Mr. Speaker, in terms of the second phase, the clinical  
20 phase and the rotation and so on and so forth. But  
21 having full accreditation, that opens up another area  
22 where students can come from around the world right  
23 here in Anguilla and indeed would increase the student  
24 population and indeed would increase the significant  
25 contribution to Anguilla in general. So Mr. Speaker,



1 it is not only for the St. James School of Medicine but  
2 it is for higher education in general, as I mentioned  
3 before. And what it is doing, Mr. Speaker, is in two  
4 parts. It says, the amendment to section 1, and I  
5 quote: *"The principal Act is amended in section 1 by*  
6 *replacing the definition of "institution" with the*  
7 *following: Institution means an education entity,*  
8 *offering higher education in Anguilla, with a defined*  
9 *structure providing for the administration, governance,*  
10 *delivery and certification of a range of programmes*  
11 *leading to the granting of awards, certificates,*  
12 *degrees, diplomas and any other qualification for which*  
13 *it is accredited."* That word accredited is very  
14 important because there are a number of schools that  
15 pop up all around, you know. And that international  
16 accreditation sort of weed out the weevils from around  
17 the corn, Mr. Speaker. So it is important to have full  
18 accreditation.

19 And Mr. Speaker, the other amendment is to  
20 section 22 of the principal Act. And that is amended  
21 by inserting the following subsection immediately after  
22 subsection 2 and it reads, subsection 3, of course:  
23 *"Where an institution in Anguilla is licensed under*  
24 *subsection 1 and accredited under section 26 it shall*  
25 *be authorised to grant awards, certificates, diplomas,*





1 degrees and any other qualifications which it is  
2 accredited for." So in other words, Mr. Speaker, the  
3 checks and balances are there. The requirements for  
4 licensure is there [sic]. Of course, the requirements  
5 to confer the degree, diplomas, they are there and this  
6 amendment, these amendments, Mr. Speaker, allow us to  
7 form a charter, an agreement with the school whereby  
8 the Anguilla Government would authorise and recognise  
9 conferring of the Medical Degree on the students who  
10 have successfully passed all the required examinations  
11 so that the individual can be duly named or accredited,  
12 Mr. Speaker. So in an essence [sic], this is one that  
13 I'm sure that will get the full support of the house,  
14 including the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Speaker.  
15 So this is just an amendment, Mr. Speaker, to put  
16 things in place so that we can move forward in terms of  
17 our higher education, whether it's the St. James School  
18 of Medicine, whether it's a nursing school, whether  
19 it's the community college, whether it's the university  
20 and so on and so forth. So in brief, that is an  
21 explanation for these simple amendments to the Higher  
22 Education Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

23 THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Do  
24 we have a seconder on this second reading?

25 FIRST NOMINATED MEMBER: I second the



1 motion, Mr. Speaker.

2 THE SPEAKER: Seconded by the  
3 First Nominated Member. I now invite debate on the  
4 merits and principles of this Bill.

5 FIRST NOMINATED MEMBER: Mr. Speaker,  
6 during the last sitting of this Honourable House I  
7 listened keenly to the education report as presented by  
8 the Permanent Secretary. The report highlighted  
9 important aspects of our students' development and  
10 achievements. It demonstrates the tremendous scope of  
11 work done by teachers, Government, parents and the  
12 commitment by many students to achieve excellence. It  
13 emphasises a compilation of statistical data as well as  
14 Government's contributions and suggestions for greater  
15 parental role in the education of our students.  
16 However, just as the initial stages of education and  
17 learning occurs, Mr. Speaker, our students' success in  
18 high school serves as a placement guide for an emerging  
19 college experience. It is our responsibility therefore  
20 as a Government to ensure that higher education  
21 provides all the adequate tools for transformation and  
22 and implementation of knowledge. Mr. Speaker, I  
23 believe the Higher Education Licensing (Amendment) Act  
24 has many important and overarching purposes such as  
25 improving student achievement and the quality of



1 preparation and their professional development.

2           This Bill has the capacity to hold the  
3 higher institutions in Anguilla accountable for  
4 preparing highly qualified persons to function well in  
5 the job market. More specifically, Mr. Speaker, it  
6 facilitates the recruitment of people from various  
7 professions, various disciplines and encourages them  
8 even to participate in teaching in our schools. It  
9 provides licensing and also movement towards  
10 accreditation.

11           Mr. Speaker, most of my adult life I have  
12 been an educator and I know that our students wherever  
13 they went and whatever institutions they participated,  
14 that our students did well. I'm mindful of that.  
15 Wherever our ambitions have taken us, we have had the  
16 occasion to rise to the top. So there is no doubt in  
17 my mind that when this Bill becomes effective, when  
18 this Bill is passed that we would have a glorious  
19 opportunity here in Anguilla where we can accomplish  
20 much and reduce the hardships that many of us have  
21 faced abroad as we studied.

22           Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Bill  
23 because, in essence, it is a good way forward and it  
24 provides opportunities for our students in Anguilla and  
25 it provides further opportunities for placement in the



1 workforce and it gives the Government an opportunity to  
2 be helpful in every aspect and provides also the  
3 insight that we need to ensure that as we go forward  
4 the school will be in compliance with other schools.  
5 As the Honourable Member from District 3, Valley North  
6 said, there are many schools, there are many  
7 institutions but they do not have that oversight and  
8 therefore when you move from one school to another you  
9 are lost in terms of what accreditation you have, what  
10 courses you have done; they are unacceptable and we see  
11 that in every day, in our every day experience. So I'm  
12 hopeful that this Bill would go forward and everybody  
13 will support it in the house and it provides that  
14 opportunity that I speak of for Anguilla. Thank you.

15 THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Are  
16 there any other contributions?

17 MEMBER FOR ISLAND HARBOUR: Mr. Speaker.

18 THE SPEAKER: Member for  
19 Island Harbour.

20 MEMBER FOR ISLAND HARBOUR: Thank you,  
21 Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I promised that I was going  
22 to be a different kind of opposition; not just opposing  
23 for opposing sake. And this is the kind of matter,  
24 this is the kind of serious matter that we have to look  
25 at from the standpoint of what it represents in terms





1 of an opportunity for Anguilla development. And there  
2 is no argument that the St. James Medical School has  
3 been good for Anguilla, particularly in the last  
4 several years.

5           There're a lot of things that I value about  
6 the medical school being here. It's introduced again a  
7 young demographic, a youth demographic that is, I  
8 think, wonderful for young Anguillians who haven't had  
9 the opportunity of interfacing with the outside world,  
10 they're able through contact with these persons to be  
11 aware that we are part of a emerging global economy.  
12 And I know that there has been positive influences  
13 coming from the establishment of that organisation  
14 here.

15           Mr. Speaker, one of the challenges that we  
16 are exposed to, and it doesn't -- we can't be like  
17 ostriches and put our heads under our wings and pretend  
18 that there isn't a challenge when one exist, is that  
19 when we are taking a decision for responsible  
20 development we also have to consider the risk and  
21 manage the risk that when we place our prospects in  
22 front of, you know, a particular strategy like the  
23 establishment of a medical school and the continuation  
24 of -- we put our faith, we put our prospects entirely  
25 on that establishment without being able to manage and



1 influence the risks associated with it. In other  
2 words, we may not have the resources to ensure the  
3 effective regulation on a day to day basis but without  
4 addressing that in our planning, you know, we are  
5 exposed to that risk. To be more blunt, it is quite  
6 possible, say for instance there is a scandal, an  
7 international scandal linked to the school that the  
8 reputation of Anguilla could be hurt tremendously. So  
9 the fact that we are putting in place a context that  
10 will be a responsible context, I think is a good thing.  
11 Some would have argued maybe we needed to do that at  
12 the outset but never too late to do what is  
13 responsible. And so I'm not standing here to oppose  
14 it, I'm drawing attention to the risks and I'm asking  
15 that, you know, the law is going to be passed, the  
16 amendment is going to be passed but the work of  
17 ensuring that Anguilla continues to benefit in a  
18 sustainable way from these initiatives, you know, that  
19 work must continue. That work is so very important  
20 because we've got to keep our eyes on the risks all the  
21 time.

22 In relation to the St. James Medical  
23 School, I love the fact we talked about the education  
24 report, and I want to again say in this house how so  
25 impressed I was with the education report put forward



1 earlier this week, incredibly impressed and very  
2 humbled by the amazing effort that a lot of the, our  
3 people, a lot of the management and staff in that  
4 department, they do so much to contribute to the  
5 development of Anguilla. I want to say that. And yes,  
6 that report, it had some areas of amazing concern in  
7 the medical that, you know, has a medical ancillary to  
8 the fact that we're making some advances.

9           Obesity, the hypertension, the challenges  
10 that that report in terms of upwards on the basis of  
11 the greater principle that we have sometimes like 23  
12 percent or more people, more of our children in one  
13 group being obese or borderline is extremely worrying.  
14 And I would like that while we are paying attention to  
15 licensing institutions that we're also looking at ways  
16 not just to get one scholarship for a Medical Doctor,  
17 although I'm so proud of that and so pleased with that,  
18 I want to see more responsible sharing of the resources  
19 that are available through these institutions  
20 benefiting our people. And I want to see our  
21 Government being a responsible Government in planning  
22 way ahead how we are going to integrate a lot of these  
23 initiatives to get the absolute maximum benefit for our  
24 people, the absolute maximum benefit so that the risks  
25 associated with perhaps less than stalwart regulation



1 can be offset with the advantages and the opportunities  
2 that are afforded to our people. So I know,  
3 Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that I recognise that  
4 this is a good thing. I also recognise the opportunity  
5 if we responsibly license institutions that maybe we  
6 will be building a reputation to be -- to getting that  
7 nursing school here or getting a veterinary school here  
8 so we start somewhere but we can't let go of our  
9 vigilance in making sure that we're doing things always  
10 in a backward way and as in a reactive way but we're  
11 doing it with adequate planning to assure that our  
12 reputation as a responsible licensing country is always  
13 safeguarded. So Mr. Speaker, yes, I support the motion  
14 with those conditionalities that we're going to be  
15 following and making sure that it's responsible and  
16 responsibly managed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

17 THE SPEAKER: Thank you.  
18 Thank you very much. Let me recognise two of the  
19 members of the Youth Parliament here, please. Thanks  
20 for coming and I hope you're following a good meeting  
21 today, right. Okay. Are there any other  
22 contributions? Member for Road South.

23 MEMBER FOR ROAD SOUTH: Yes, thank you  
24 very much, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate  
25 the Member for Valley North for this initiative because





1 I can very well recall when I entered my first two  
2 semesters of university I applied to go to the United  
3 States of America to further my studies and I was told  
4 that I was not accepted to the school that I wanted to  
5 go to because they were not recognising the credits of  
6 the university because they had problems with its  
7 accreditation. So I want to commend the minister for  
8 this initiative because in Anguilla today we will  
9 recognise that over the last two/three years when we  
10 have had extreme trying times that one group of persons  
11 that really made a difference here in Anguilla relative  
12 to the overall economy, whether it was shops, car  
13 rentals, buying used cars, renting apartments really  
14 has been the medical students who has [sic] been coming  
15 in and out. And I can very well recall being in The  
16 Valley one day at a particular eatery when one  
17 gentleman who had his apartments rented by some medical  
18 students were extremely happy that the number of  
19 students were being doubled in that particular  
20 semester. So I think that this Government should be  
21 commended because we have people who understand what it  
22 takes to take Anguilla onwards, upwards and forward and  
23 so I give it my full support. Thank you very much.

24 THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Any  
25 other contributions? If not, the mover may reply.



1                   MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: Thank you,  
2 Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this amendment is not simply  
3 about the St. James Medical School, it is about all  
4 institutions of higher learning and education on  
5 Anguilla. And it is our responsibility to license them  
6 so that persons who attend those universities and those  
7 universities that train and educate our people and  
8 persons from outside of Anguilla are recognised in  
9 every part of the world in which they go.

10                   Mr. Speaker, this Government rises to the  
11 occasion as we have in the past when I was a part of  
12 another Government of which the leader -- the Minister  
13 of Social Development was also a part. This initiative  
14 including the initiative of the Anguilla Community  
15 College, all these initiatives are part of the process  
16 of ensuring that there's a higher education, a tertiary  
17 education component to our education system here in  
18 Anguilla.

19                   The education report that we've referred to  
20 and continue to refer to because of the elegant manner  
21 in which it was presented in this Honourable House two  
22 days ago and the important achievements that it  
23 highlighted goes to show that we are making progress  
24 towards putting Anguilla in a place where, as far as  
25 education is concerned, we have the facilities, we have



1 the capacity and we have the support of the Government  
2 to make these things happen.

3           There is an economic component to the  
4 medical school but there is also a very important  
5 educational component. And it raises the level of  
6 intellectual capital on Anguilla and when it begins it  
7 can only go and grow to higher and higher heights.

8           I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the Leader of  
9 the Opposition in her comments would have been drawing  
10 attention to the fact that there are some sneers  
11 involved in everything that you do. But as far as this  
12 Higher Education Licensing Act is concerned,  
13 accreditation does not take place on the basis of  
14 anything that we do in Anguilla to test the ahm -- to  
15 ensure that these institutions are licensed. These  
16 institutions are licensed by authorities, I mean they  
17 are accredited by authorities outside of Anguilla and  
18 there are certain standards that they must meet. So  
19 even though we issue the licences, we have to rely on  
20 the information that we receive from these other  
21 authorities to make that happen.

22           And I want to say, Mr. Speaker, that as far  
23 as St. James Medical School is concerned, it is now  
24 becoming one of the premier medical schools in our  
25 region. And everything that we can do to make that



1 possible or better to facilitate that process is in the  
2 best interest of Anguilla because not only do medical  
3 students come here because of the higher education  
4 component but they also bring attention to Anguilla as  
5 a whole. Now all these things work together for, in  
6 some cases, a similar interest, right. We're  
7 interested in having the medical school in Anguilla but  
8 we're also interested in making Anguilla a place of  
9 excellence. And I think that this Government continues  
10 to pay attention to the important issues of education.  
11 We would not have been sitting in this house for an  
12 entire four years before we passed the Education Act  
13 and that's a matter of fact. And coming into office,  
14 quickly the Minister of Social Development took on  
15 board the need to progress this Bill in this Honourable  
16 House and has studied and understands every aspect of  
17 it. And that is commendable that not be only do we  
18 have a Minister of Social Development that is  
19 interested in Education but understands what it  
20 requires to make it work. So I would like to commend  
21 Minister Rogers for the work that he has done and  
22 certainly the other members of the Ministry of  
23 Education as well as the Attorney General's Chambers  
24 and all those who were involved in this process. And I  
25 want to say to him that anything in the furtherance of





1 education for Anguilla and for persons throughout the  
2 region that falls in the lap of the Ministry of Social  
3 Development and by extension the Government of  
4 Anguilla, we'll give him every support. Thank you very  
5 much, Mr. Speaker, and I support this Bill.

6 THE SPEAKER: Thank you very  
7 much Chief Minister, Member for Valley South. Any  
8 other contributions? If there are none the mover may  
9 reply.

10 MEMBER FOR VALLEY NORTH: Thank you very  
11 much, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.  
12 Mr. Speaker, nothing in this world is new and of course  
13 there will be challenges and there would be a teething  
14 process. I say that to say that of course the medical  
15 school, the St. James Medical School had to go through  
16 its teething process as well, as well as the Anguilla  
17 Community College has had to go through that. And  
18 Mr. Speaker, just to say to the member from Island  
19 Harbour thank you for your support for this Bill and  
20 just to highlight that it's not only one scholarship.  
21 I mentioned Dr. Hodge because Dr. Hodge is the first  
22 Anguillian. So it's not one, it's the first  
23 Anguillian. And you can't have two unless you have a  
24 first.

25 And Mr. Speaker, mitigating the risks,



1 absolutely important and we have to be cognizant of the  
2 fact that we have to mitigate the risk. And I can  
3 assure the member that that has been taken into full  
4 consideration as we move forward with respect not only  
5 to St. James but to higher education in general. And  
6 Mr. Speaker, in a few weeks again I will be in the  
7 Attorney General Chambers with another Bill which is  
8 called the Health Professionals Bill, Mr. Speaker, and  
9 that would tie into this Higher Education Bill. It  
10 would tie into the entire notion that you spoke about  
11 in terms of nursing schools, veterinary schools, our  
12 own physicians and pharmacists and so on and nursing  
13 and so on and so forth. So Mr. Speaker, your humble  
14 servant is quietly working on those things so that at  
15 the end of the day we will be able to say they were  
16 trained in Anguilla. Anguillian trained. So I thank  
17 the entire house, Mr. Speaker. Those who didn't  
18 comment, I am sure by their acquiescence they have  
19 supported this Bill and I thank them and thank you,  
20 Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity.

21 THE SPEAKER: Thank you. It  
22 has been moved and seconded that the Bill entitled the  
23 Higher Education Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2016 be  
24 now read a second time. Those in favour?

25 (All said "aye".)



1 THE SPEAKER: Those against?

2 (No response.)

3 THE SPEAKER: The ayes have  
4 it. I call upon the clerk to read the Bill a second  
5 time.

6 THE CLERK: Higher Education  
7 Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2016, second reading. A  
8 Bill to amend the Higher Education Licensing Act,  
9 Revised Statutes of Anguilla, Chapter H4.

10 THE SPEAKER: Under Rule 54 of  
11 the House of Assembly Procedures, this Bill now stands  
12 referred to a committee of the whole assembly to  
13 consider it clause by clause. Assembly in committee.

14 THE CLERK: Clause 1.

15 THE SPEAKER: Okay, the  
16 question is that clause 1 be approved as circulated.  
17 Those in favour?

18 (Government members said "aye".)

19 THE SPEAKER: Those against?

20 (No response.)

21 THE SPEAKER: The ayes have  
22 it.

23 THE CLERK: Clause 2.

24 THE SPEAKER: No amendments,  
25 the question is that clause 2 be approved as



1 circulated. Those in favour?

2 (Government members said "aye".)

3 THE SPEAKER: Those against?

4 (No response.)

5 THE SPEAKER: The ayes have  
6 it.

7 THE CLERK: Clause 3.

8 THE SPEAKER: The question is  
9 that clause 3 be approved as circulated. Those in  
10 favour?

11 (Government members said "aye".)

12 THE SPEAKER: Those against?

13 (No response.)

14 THE SPEAKER: The ayes have  
15 it.

16 THE CLERK: Clause 6.

17 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: Mr. Speaker, I  
18 move an amendment that clause 6 simply be retitled  
19 clause 4 with numeral 4 rather than numeral 6.

20 THE SPEAKER: Okay, we got it.  
21 The 6 should be changed to 4. We got it. Okay. Then  
22 the question is that Clause 6 be amended to read Clause  
23 4. Those in favour?

24 (Government members said "aye".)

25 THE SPEAKER: Those against?





1 (No response.)

2 THE SPEAKER: The ayes have  
3 it.

4 THE CLERK: The preamble.

5 THE SPEAKER: The question is  
6 that the preamble should be approved as circulated.  
7 Those in favour?

8 (Government members said "aye".)

9 THE SPEAKER: Those against?

10 (No response.)

11 THE SPEAKER: The ayes have  
12 it.

13 THE CLERK: The title.

14 THE SPEAKER. The question is  
15 that the title be approved as circulated.. Those in  
16 favour?

17 (Government members said "aye".)

18 THE SPEAKER: Those against?

19 (No response.)

20 THE SPEAKER: The ayes have  
21 it.

22 THE CLERK: The enacting  
23 clause.

24 THE SPEAKER: The question is  
25 that the enacting clause be approved as circulated.



1 Those in favour?

2 (Government members said "aye".)

3 THE SPEAKER: Those against?

4 (No response.)

5 THE SPEAKER: The ayes have  
6 it. The house will now resuming its sitting.

7 MEMBER FOR VALLEY NORTH: Mr. Speaker, I  
8 beg to report that the Bill entitled the Higher  
9 Education Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2016, has passed  
10 through committee with amendments and is ready for its  
11 third reading.

12 THE CLERK: Higher Education  
13 Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2016, third reading.

14 MEMBER FOR VALLEY NORTH: Mr. Speaker, I  
15 move that the Bill entitled the Higher Education  
16 Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2016, be read a third time  
17 and passed.

18 THE SPEAKER: Yes. Do we have  
19 a seconder on that?

20 MEMBER FOR SANDY HILL: Mr. Speaker, I  
21 second the motion.

22 THE SPEAKER: Seconded by the  
23 Member for East End. It has been moved and seconded  
24 that a Bill shortly entitled the Higher Education  
25 Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2016, be now read a third



1 time and passed. Those in favour?

2 (Members of Government said "aye".)

3 THE SPEAKER: Those against?

4 (No response.)

5 THE SPEAKER: The ayes have  
6 it. I call upon the clerk to read the Bill a third  
7 time.

8 THE CLERK: Higher Education  
9 Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2016, third reading.

10 A Bill to amend the Higher Education  
11 Licensing Act, Revised Statutes of Anguilla, Chapter  
12 H4.

13 THE SPEAKER: Bill read a  
14 third time and passed.

15 THE CLERK: Other business -  
16 Government business. Legal Professions Bill, 2016,  
17 first reading.

18 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: Mr. Speaker,  
19 with the leave of the house, I beg to move a motion to  
20 introduce and seek first reading of the Legal  
21 Professions Bill. This is further to Tuesday's  
22 meeting, as I'm sure you will remember, where we sought  
23 to withdraw the second and third reading of the 2015  
24 draft of the Bill on the basis that there had been some  
25 considerable and substantive amendments further to



1 consultations with the Bar Association. So I now seek  
2 to move the 2016 Bill for its first reading in the  
3 house.

4 THE SPEAKER: Thank you.

5 THE CLERK: Legal Profession  
6 Bill 2016, first reading. A Bill to provide for the  
7 regulation of the legal profession; for the  
8 qualification, enrollment and discipline of its members  
9 and for related matters.

10 Other business - Government business.  
11 Electricity (Validation and Amendment) Bill, 2016,  
12 first reading.

13 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: Mr. Speaker, I  
14 beg to move that a Bill entitled -- I beg leave of this  
15 Honourable House for the clerk to read the Electricity  
16 (Validation and Amendment) Bill, 2016, for the first  
17 time.

18 THE CLERK: Electricity  
19 (Validation and Amendment) Bill, 2016, first reading.

20 A Bill to provide for the validation of the  
21 payment of licence fees paid for the issuance of the  
22 Public Suppliers Licence to the Anguilla Electricity  
23 Company and to regularise the legal framework for the  
24 payment of such fees and to provide for other related  
25 matters.





1 THE SPEAKER: Thank you.

2 THE CLERK: Adjournment.

3 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: Mr. Speaker, I  
4 move that this house stands adjourned until Tuesday,  
5 February 23rd at 10 o'clock in the morning.

6 THE SPEAKER: Okay. Do we  
7 have a seconder?

8 MEMBER FOR VALLEY NORTH: I beg to second  
9 that, Mr. Speaker.

10 THE SPEAKER: It has been  
11 moved and seconded that this house be adjourned until  
12 Tuesday 20?

13 MEMBER FOR VALLEY SOUTH: 23rd.

14 THE SPEAKER: 23rd of  
15 February, 2016. Those in favour?

16 (Government members said "aye".)

17 THE SPEAKER: Those against?

18 (No response.)

19 THE SPEAKER: The ayes have  
20 it. This house now stands adjourned.

21 **(Sitting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.)**

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I, HEATHER R. RODNEY, Certified Court Reporter, do hereby certify:

That on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, the foregoing proceedings were taken down by me in machine shorthand consisting of 52 pages herein;

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That I am not an attorney, relative, or employee of any party hereto or otherwise interested in the events of this cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature at The Valley, Anguilla, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.



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Certified Court Reporter

