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**Hon. Derrick V. Burgess, Sr., JP MP**  
**Speaker**

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*[Hon. Derrick V. Burgess, Sr., Deputy Speaker, in the Chair]*

**The Deputy Speaker:** Good morning.

We will have the prayers by the Acting Clerk, Mr. Somner.

**PRAYERS**

*[Prayers read by Mr. Clark Somner, Acting Clerk]*

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Somner.

*[Gavel]*

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION  
OF NEW MEMBER**

**The Deputy Speaker:** Good morning, Members.

As the result of a bye-election, we have another fellow who wants to join us.

*[Laughter]*

**The Deputy Speaker:** So, I would ask that he come forward, Mr. Ben Smith.

*[Pause]*

**OATH OF ASSEMBLYMAN  
MR. BEN SMITH**

**Mr. Ben Smith:** I, being a Member of this present Assembly, do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will use and employ my best endeavour therein for the general good without respect to private interest, gain or advantage, and will strive to discharge a good conscience in all equity and integrity during my continuance therein.

**AFFIRMATION  
MR. BEN SMITH**

**Mr. Ben Smith:** I do solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, His Heirs and Successors, according to law.

**The Deputy Speaker:** MP Smith, Honourable Member, I am sure that the vigour you left us with you will return with. And we want to welcome you back to this Honourable House.

Thank you. Take your seat.

*[Desk thumping]*

**The Acting Clerk:** If anybody wants to take a picture, if you want to join in.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Yes. If a family member wants to take a picture, you can come.

*[Inaudible interjection]*

**The Deputy Speaker:** Yes. We do not mind that. We have got time.

*[Pause, crosstalk and laughter]*

**The Deputy Speaker:** Again, welcome back, MP Ben Smith.

We have a motion from the floor by the Government Whip, Mr. Tyrrell.  
Mr. Tyrrell.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS 14 AND 21**

**Mr. Neville. S. Tyrrell:** Good morning, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that Standing Orders 14 and 21 be suspended to enable me to move that a message be sent to Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Rena Lalgie.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Any objections to that?

There appear to be none.

*[Motion carried: Standing Orders 14 and 21 suspended.]*

**MESSAGE TO HER EXCELLENCY  
THE GOVERNOR**

**Mr. Neville. S. Tyrrell:** Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that the following message be sent to Her Excellency the Governor:

May it please Your Excellency,

We are directed by the House of Assembly to inform Your Excellency that the House has met.

Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Thank you, Honourable Member, Mr. Tyrrell.

At about 10:30, Honourable Member Susan Jackson and Honourable Member Chris Famous will leave this House and deliver the message to Her Excellency the Governor.

*[Crosstalk]*

**The Deputy Speaker:** In the meantime, we will adjourn for about six minutes.

*[Inaudible interjection]*

**The Deputy Speaker:** Or, no . . . until they get back, really; until Black Rod gets back. (I am sorry.)

**Proceedings suspended at 10:46 am**

**Proceedings resumed at 11:57 pm**

*[Hon. Derrick V. Burgess, Sr., Deputy Speaker, in the Chair]*

#### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS 14 AND 21**

**Hon. E. David Burt:** Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that Standing Orders 14 and 21 be suspended to enable me to move a motion relating to the Governor's Speech from the Throne.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Are there any objections?  
No objections.

*[Motion carried: Standing Orders 14 and 21 suspended.]*

**The Deputy Speaker:** Continue.

#### **MOTION**

##### **THAT GOVERNOR'S SPEECH BE TAKEN AS READ AND SET DOWN FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT DAY OF MEETING**

**Hon. E. David Burt:** Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that the speech with which Her Excellency the Governor was pleased to open the present session of Parliament be taken as read and that the said speech be set down for consideration as the first Order of the Day for the next day of meeting.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Is there any objection to that?  
No objection.

Done.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*[Minutes of 29 September 2023]*

**The Deputy Speaker:** The Minutes from the 29<sup>th</sup> of [September] are to be confirmed. Are there any objections to confirming the Minutes?

There appear to be none.  
Confirmed.

*[Minutes of 29 September 2023 confirmed.]*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OR MEMBER PRESIDING**

##### **APOLOGIES**

**The Deputy Speaker:** The Honourable Crystal Caesar, MP Lawrence Scott, and Honourable Michael Dunkley are absent today.

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

**The Deputy Speaker:** There are none.

#### **PAPERS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HOUSE**

**The Deputy Speaker:** There are none.

##### **PETITIONS**

**The Deputy Speaker:** There are none.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND JUNIOR MINISTERS**

**The Deputy Speaker:** There are none.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**The Deputy Speaker:** There are none.

#### **QUESTION PERIOD**

**The Deputy Speaker:** The Question Period is suspended today.

#### **CONGRATULATORY AND/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES**

**The Deputy Speaker:** [These are] suspended for today.

## MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

**The Deputy Speaker:** There are none.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

**The Deputy Speaker:** There are none.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

**The Deputy Speaker:** There are none.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

### GOVERNMENT BILLS

**The Deputy Speaker:** There is one Government Bill by the Honourable Member Kim Swan.

Mr. Swan, you have the floor.

## FIRST READING

### ANTI-DOPING IN SPORT ACT 2023

**Mr. Hubert (Kim) E. Swan:** Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am introducing the following Bill for its first reading so that it may be placed on the Order Paper for the next day of meeting: The Anti-Doping in Sport Act 2023.

Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Thank you.  
Are there any objections to that?  
There are none.

## OPPOSITION BILLS

**The Deputy Speaker:** Any Opposition Bills?  
There are none.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

**The Deputy Speaker:** There are none.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

**The Deputy Speaker:** [There are none.]

*[Crosstalk]*

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

**The Deputy Speaker:** Orders of the Day.  
Yes, sorry.

**Hon. E. David Burt:** No problem.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. E. David Burt:** Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.  
Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that this Honourable House do now adjourn until Friday, November 10.

**The Deputy Speaker:** The House will adjourn to Friday, November 10 at ten o'clock.  
Have a great day.

*[Gavel]*

*[At 12:15 pm, the House stood adjourned until 10:00 am, Friday, 10 November 2023.]*

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