



Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 5 OF 09/10

RETURNING TURTLE MEAT TO AFFORDABLE PRICES

WHEREAS the Board of Directors and the new Managing Director of Boatswain's Beach/Cayman Turtle Farm announced on 5th February , 2010 that they had decided to triple the price of turtle meat to the general public with effect from the 8th February 2010;

AND WHEREAS the effect of the said decision of the Board of Directors and the new Managing Director of Boatswain's Beach/Cayman Turtle Farm has been to increase the price of turtle meat per pound as follows: stew from CI\$5.40 to CI\$16.00; steak from CI\$9.00 to CI\$27.00; menavalin from CI\$4.00 to CI\$12.00 AND bone from CI\$2.00 to CI\$6.00;

AND WHEREAS turtle meat is the national dish of the Cayman Islands and the steep increase in its price now makes it unaffordable for many people and restaurants;

AND WHEREAS the Managing Director of Boatswain's Beach/Cayman Turtle Farm has indicated that the annual loss of producing and selling turtle meat at the previous prices resulted in an annual loss to the Farm of approximately CI\$175,000;

AND WHEREAS the present annual subsidy provided to Boatswain's Beach/Cayman Turtle Farm by the Cayman Islands Government exceeds \$8M.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Cayman Islands Government considers requesting the Board of Directors and the new Managing Director of Boatswain's Beach/Cayman Turtle Farm to apply such portion of the annual Government subsidy as is necessary to cover the losses incurred in the production and sale of turtle meat at the prices in effect immediately prior to 8th February, 2010;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the prices of turtle meat sold by Boatswain's Beach/Cayman Turtle Farm be reduced to the prices in effect immediately prior to 8th February, 2010.

Moved by: D. Kurt Tibbetts, J.P., MLA
Leader of the Opposition
First Elected Member for George Town

Seconded by: Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MLA
First Elected Member for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman

Tabled in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly this 16th day of February, 2010.

Passed/Rejected by the Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands this day of 2010.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly