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**Hon Juliana Y O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA,
Speaker**

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PRESENT WERE:

SPEAKER

Hon Juliana Y O'Connor- Connolly, JP, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

MINISTERS OF THE CABINET

Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA *Premier, Minister of Home Affairs, Health and Culture*

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Hon Franz I Manderson, Cert. Hon. JP *Deputy Governor, ex officio Member responsible for the Civil Service*

Hon Samuel Bulgin, QC, JP *Attorney General, ex officio Member responsible for Legal Affairs*

ELECTED MEMBERS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MLA *Leader of the Opposition, First Elected Member for West Bay*

Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA *Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Third Elected Member for West Bay*

Capt A Eugene Ebanks, JP, MLA *Fourth Elected Member for West Bay*

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Mr Anthony S Eden, OBE, MLA *Deputy Speaker, First Elected Member for Bodden Town*
Mr Winston C Connolly, Jr, MLA *Fifth Elected Member for George Town*
Mr Alva H Suckoo, MLA *Fourth Elected Member for Bodden Town*
Mr D Ezzard Miller, MLA *Elected Member for North Side*
Mr V Arden McLean, JP, MLA *Elected Member for East End*

APOLOGIES

Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA *Deputy Premier, Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport*

Hon D Kurt Tibbetts, OBE, JP, MLA *Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure*

Hon G Wayne Panton, JP, MLA *Financial Services, Commerce and Environment*

Hon Osbourne V Bodden, JP, MLA *Minister of Community Affairs, Youth and Sports*

Hon Marco S Archer, JP, MLA *Minister of Finance and Economic Development*

Hon Tara A Rivers, JP, MLA *Minister of Education, Employment and Gender Affairs*

Mr Joseph X Hew, MLA *Sixth Elected Member for George Town*

ABSENT

Mr Roy McTaggart, MLA *Second Elected Member for George Town*

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[Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, Speaker, presiding]

The Speaker: Good afternoon. I will invite the Honourable Member from the District of East End to say prayers.

PRAYERS

Mr. V. Arden McLean: Let us pray:

Almighty God, from whom all wisdom and power are derived: We beseech Thee so to direct and prosper the deliberations of the Legislative Assembly now assembled, that all things may be ordered upon the best and surest foundations for the glory of Thy Name and for the safety, honour and welfare of the people of these Islands.

Bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II; Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; Charles, Prince of Wales; and all the Royal Family. Give grace to all who exercise authority in our Commonwealth, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us. Especially we pray for the Governor of our Islands, the Premier, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Ministers of the Cabinet, Ex-officio Members, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, that we may be enabled faithfully to perform the responsible duties of our high office. All this we ask for Thy great Name's sake.

Let us say The Lord's Prayer together: *Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, now and always. Amen.

The Speaker: Please be seated.

READING BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

APOLOGIES

The Speaker: I have received, via the Clerk, as in accordance with Standing Order 6, apologies from the following Members of this honourable House: Honourable Marco S. Archer, unable to attend; Honourable Osbourne V. Bodden, unable to attend; Honourable Tara A. Rivers, unable to attend; Honourable D. Kurt Tibbetts, unable to attend. Apologies from Honourable Councillor Joseph X. Hew, who is off Island and will not be back in the jurisdiction until tomorrow; and Honourable Moses I. Kirkconnell.

I recognise the Honourable Premier.

The Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin: Madam Speaker, I should also point out, and that ought to be with the Clerk, but perhaps it has not been sent down, that the Honourable Wayne Panton is off Island on Government business, and has been since Sunday.

And, Madam Speaker, given—

The Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Premier, for the notification. Yes, it has not been received yet by the House, but we are grateful for the notification.

Honourable Premier.

The Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin: Madam Speaker, in light of that, I wish to draw respectfully to your attention that there is not a quorum in the Chamber in accordance with Standing Order 13(1), as amended by section 74(1) of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009.

The Speaker: Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, Leader of the Opposition: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Are we placing the notification by the Premier at this point, or is it coming when we try to start business, or are we considering that the business of the House has started with your notation of who stayed away?

The Speaker: Out of an abundance of caution, I am going to ask the Clerk to read item 3 and invite the Honourable Premier to make whatever interventions he wishes to make.

OTHER BUSINESS

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Private Member's Motion No. 19/2015-2016 Enquiry into the Search and Rescue Operations on Sunday 6th March, 2016

The Speaker: Honourable Premier.

HOUSE QUORUM [Standing Order 13(2)]

The Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin: Madam Speaker, I repeat my earlier observation, that there is not a quorum present in the Chamber as required in accordance with Standing Order 13(1) as amended by section 74(1) of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009.

The Speaker: Honourable Leader of the Opposition, do you have a point of order?

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, Leader of the Opposition: Madam Speaker, I don't have a point of order, but I have an inquiry to make, if you allow it, and that is: What happened to these Members that they are absent at this time, particularly so that you didn't get a notification of their absence, and particularly so that this House, following a very serious process, a matter of procedure that the Speaker of this honourable House summoned? I don't know of any time that has ever been done in this legislature or had cause to be done. It could always be done because it's a process of parliamentary democracy and one that we adhere to. What happened to them since that, especially the one from West Bay that came in here and raised an objection and now gone?

I am concerned, in other words, Madam Speaker, in regard that these Members did not notify the Speaker, and after a process, as announced by the Speaker, they come now saying that they can't come here.

The Speaker: I have noted your expressions, and I would ask the Serjeant at this time, unfortunately or fortunately, we have to follow the same mundane procedure of giving five minutes to summon the Members who are not in the Chamber. And if after five minutes, we will have to move on to the next stage of this process. So, Serjeant, starting now, you have five minutes. We have received letters but there is nothing in the Standing Orders to say that if letters were received that I still can't summon. I have to . . . I am endeavouring to follow the Standing Orders to a T, so please summon the Members once again.

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, Leader of the Opposition: It is an insult to the Speaker.

The Speaker: Members, please remain in your seats.

[Pause while Serjeant-at-Arms summon absent Members to attend the Legislative Assembly]

The Speaker: The Serjeant has indicated that those Members have not changed their minds. Hence, I find that the House is not quorate, and the House now stands adjourned.

Mr. V. Arden McLean, Elected Member for East End: Madam Speaker—

The Speaker: Member for East End.

Mr. V. Arden McLean: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

It's a requirement that a date and a time be set. Can you indicate as to when a date and a time will be, to resume this meeting?

The Speaker: Members, please sit.

This House now stands adjourned until 9:00 am on the 25th day of this month.

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, Leader of the Opposition: Madam Speaker, I know you have adjourned the House, which I thought you would have heard us out before you did.

[Inaudible interjection]

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, Leader of the Opposition: Sorry?

[Inaudible interjection]

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, Leader of the Opposition: But I thought that you would have taken it into your own consideration to do so because you know what the argument is all about and what we are doing. I would appreciate that you had stayed there until I had addressed you, Madam Speaker, but that's up to you. All I am saying is that I don't know how we can do that if we look at the Standing Orders, because this Meeting continues.

[Inaudible interjections]

At 2.28 pm the House stood adjourned, pursuant to Standing Order 13(1), until 9:00 am, 25 April 2016.