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The Speaker: I will call on the Fourth Elected Member for West Bay to say prayers this morning.

PRAYERS

Capt. A. Eugene Ebanks: 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 Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Official Members and Ministers of Cabinet 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: Good morning everyone. Proceedings are resumed. Please be seated.

**READING BY THE HONOURABLE
SPEAKER OF MESSAGES
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Apologies

The Speaker: I have no announcements.

The only message I have is from the Honourable Deputy Premier, who is absent on parliamentary business today.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS
AND OF REPORTS**

**Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the
Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2011**

The Speaker: Honourable Premier, [Chairman of the Finance Committee].

The Premier, Hon. W. McKeever Bush: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I beg to lay on the Table of this honourable House the Report of the Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee on the Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2011.

The Speaker: So ordered.

Does the Premier wish to speak thereon?

The Premier, Hon. W. McKeever Bush: It is in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 64(7), that Finance Committee agreed that I submit to this honourable House the Report of the Committee on the Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2011.

The Committee first met on Monday, 20th June 2011, and it had daily meetings since then for the period of the 21–24 June 2011, and the Committee also met earlier today to review and approve its report.

The Committee met principally to consider the items contained on the Schedule to the Bill. The Committee considered the Schedule to the Bill and agreed to the Appropriations requested thereon. Some amendments were made to the items on the Bill's Schedule but these amendments did not include monetary value changes.

The most significant change made to the Schedule was to move Legal Aid Services to the appropriations for the Honourable Chief Justice.

Amendments are detailed on the Report that has just been laid on the Table. As the proceedings of the Committee were broadcasted publicly, there is no need for me to detail the other minor amendments to the Schedule of the Bill.

The Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Premier.

STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE MEMBERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CABINET

The Speaker: I have no notice of Statements by Honourable Members and Ministers of the Cabinet.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS

THIRD READING

Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2011

The Clerk: The Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2011.

The Speaker: Honourable Premier.

The Premier, Hon. W. McKeeva Bush: I beg to move that a Bill entitled the Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2011, be given a third reading and passed.

The Speaker: The question is that a Bill shortly entitled the Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2011, be given a third reading and passed.

All those in favour please say Aye. Those against, No.

Ayes.

The Speaker: The Ayes have it.

Agreed: a Bill entitled the Appropriation (July 2011 to June 2012) Bill, 2011, given a third reading and passed.

The Speaker: There being no further business on the Order Paper for today, I call for the motion for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

The Premier, Hon. W. McKeeva Bush: Thank you, very much, Madam Speaker.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Members of the House, but in particular, to thank the staff who stayed late at night, the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk and others, and, in fact, all of the civil servants who attended as witnesses in Finance Committee to help us through the Budget and through the Finance Committee process.

Madam Speaker, it took us some nights until ten o'clock, and certainly Members were taken away from their families at those hours. We certainly appre-

ciate, having started the Budget late, getting to where we are today. So, I want to say publicly, a vote of thanks to all of them, including the media who stuck with us most of the time.

Madam Speaker, it is not proposed to do any more business today and we propose to meet on Wednesday, but, out of an abundance of caution I had better adjourn the House for a date to be fixed. So I adjourn this honourable House, sine die.

The Speaker: The question is that this honourable House do adjourn sine die.

All those in favour please say Aye. Those against, No.

Ayes.

The Speaker: The Ayes have it.

At 12.52 pm the House stood adjourned sine die.