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**Welcoming of Dwayne Seymour to Government
Remarks by Premier Hon. G. Wayne Panton, MP, JP
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Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to welcome the Hon Member from Bodden Town East, Mr. Dwayne Seymour to the right side of the House this morning; to the Government bench.

This morning, in accordance with Section 54A (1) of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order, His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Seymour, or John-John as he is affectionately known, as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister with responsibility for Labour, as well as the Minister with responsibility for Housing, and the Minister with responsibility for Transport.

And Mr. Speaker, I am sure that more will be put on his plate as the PACT Government continues to chart our recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, creates opportunities for shared prosperity and prepares our people to avail themselves of all the opportunities my Government has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, this is a proud moment for the PACT Government and indeed for the Cayman Islands.

The Minister for Planning called the Hon Member for Bodden Town East and our newest Parliamentary Secretary the missing link to the PACT Government. I say this is an example of placing the country and our people first as his return to Government helps to make a difference in the lives of not only his constituents in Bodden Town East, but to Caymanians and residents of the country as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, we warmly welcome him to the fold.

He no longer has to be concerned about being like John the Baptist, a voice crying out in the wilderness. His voice, and more importantly the voice of the people of Bodden Town East, whom he proudly represents will be heard loudly and clearly. I am especially grateful that we have united the Bodden Town, and indeed the Eastern Districts for we have so many interconnected needs and issues that go beyond electoral boundaries.

Welcome Parliamentary Secretary Seymour. I and my team look forward to the accomplishments we will make with your help, input and experience as a former Minister.

Mr. Speaker I thank your good self for joining me and my colleagues as we gathered with Mr. Seymour and his constituents last night to show our support of and respect for our newest member of the PACT Government.

I reiterate what I said Friday in my Budget Policy Statement: We are here today because the people made a choice in April to elect a government that cares about people; that cares about community; that cares about country.

The move by Mr. Seymour to Government strengthens us in our commitment to our people and our country.

Mr. Speaker his inclusion in Government will help us as we continue to offer the people leadership to create a more sustainable future for the Cayman Islands that balances the needs of society, the economy and the environment.

And, Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Education said last night at Mr.

Seymour's meeting with his constituents, the Cayman Islands needs all hands on deck, so I am reiterating her call for anyone else on the

Opposition bench to join us as we continue to make a real difference in the lives of our people.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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