



State Opening and Inaugural Activities of the Parliament of the Cayman Islands

First Meeting at the House of Parliament, Cayman Islands

33 Fort Street, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands Friday, 4th December 2020

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn K. Roper, OBE

THE SPEAKER

Honourable Dr. William McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MP Elected Member for West Bay West

THE PREMIER

Honourable Alden M. McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP

Minister for Employment, Border Control, Community Affairs, International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs Elected Member for Red Bay

MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Honourable Moses I. Kirkconnell, JP, MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for District Administration, Tourism and Transport
Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman

Honourable Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP
Minister for Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands
Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Honourable Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP
Minister for Health, Environment, Culture and Housing
Elected Member for Bodden Town East

Honourable Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP
Minister for Finance and Economic Development
Elected Member for George Town East

Honourable Joseph X. Hew, MP
Minister for Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure
Elected Member for George Town North

Honourable Tara A. Rivers, JP, MP
Minister for Financial Services and Home Affairs
Elected Member for West Bay South

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Honourable Franz I. Manderson, MBE, Cert. Hon., JP
Deputy Governor
Head of the Civil Service

Honourable Samuel W. Bulgin, QC, JP
Attorney General
Principal Legal Adviser to the Government and Parliament

ELECTED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

Honourable Barbara E. Conolly, JP, MP
Deputy Speaker
Elected Member for George Town South

Capt. A. Eugene Ebanks, JP, MP
Elected Member for West Bay Central

Mr. Austin O. Harris, Jr., MP
Elected Member for Prospect

Mr. David C. Wight, JP, MP
Elected Member for George Town West

THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

Honourable V. Arden McLean, JP, MP
Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for East End

Mr. Alva H. Suckoo, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for Newlands

Mr. Anthony S. Eden, OBE, MP
Elected Member for Savannah

Mr. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Elected Member for West Bay North

Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Mr. D. Ezzard Miller, MP
Elected Member for North Side

Mr. Kenneth V. Bryan, MP
Elected Member for George Town Central

PROGRAMME

- 2:15 pm Members of the public arrive
- 2:30 pm Members of Parliament arrive
- 2:30 pm Guard of Honour in position
- 2:35 pm Pastor James Arch
Officiating Minister arrives
- 2:40 pm Arrival of the Chief Justice, the Honourable Anthony Smellie, QC, JP and Mrs. Smellie
- 2:45 pm Arrival of the Honourable Speaker
- 2:50 pm Arrival of the Honourable Premier
- 2:55 pm INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOUR
Arrival of His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Roper
(Met by the Honourable Speaker and the Honourable Premier)
His Excellency the Governor inspects the Guard of Honour
- 2:58 pm The Honourable Speaker, the Honourable Premier, the Honourable Premier's Aide-de-Camp,
and the Clerk escort His Excellency the Governor, the Governor's Aide-de-Camp and Mrs. Roper
to the antechamber.
- 3:00 pm SPEAKER'S PROCESSION *(All rise)*
The Serjeant-at-Arms *(bearing the Mace)*
The Honourable Speaker
The Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Parliament
The Page of the Parliament

PRAYERS

The Honourable Speaker requests the Pastor to say prayers.

The Honourable Speaker says "Please be seated" *(All sit)*.

PROCLAMATION SUMMONING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENT

Proclamation read by the Clerk

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS

READING BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF THE HOUSE FOR ADMISSION OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

To be moved by the Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP, Minister for Employment, Border Control, Community Affairs, International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs moves;

“That this Honourable House do suspend to invite His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Keith Roper, OBE, to deliver an address on the occasion of the State Opening and first Meeting of the Parliament.”

The Question is proposed and put.

The Serjeant-at-Arms places the Mace in the Lower Cradle.

All rise as the Honourable Speaker, the Honourable Premier, the Honourable Premier’s Aide-de-Camp, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms proceed to the antechamber to meet His Excellency the Governor.

PROCESSION INTO THE CHAMBER

Procession will enter the Chamber in the following order:

- The Serjeant-at-Arms
- The Honourable Speaker
- His Excellency the Governor
- The Governor’s Aide-de-Camp
- Mrs. Elisabeth Roper
- The Honourable Premier
- The Honourable Premier’s Aide-de-Camp
- The Honourable Leader of the Opposition

The Governor’s Aide-de-Camp gives three knocks on the door.

As the doors open, the Serjeant-at-Arms heads the Procession and announces: “His Excellency the Governor”. As the Procession enters the Chamber, **ALL STAND**.

His Excellency the Governor proceeds to the left and upon reaching the Speaker’s Dais, takes the Speaker’s Chair. The Honourable Speaker takes a seat to the right of His Excellency and the Aide-de-Camp and Mrs Roper to the left.

His Excellency the Governor bows to the right and to the left and says *“Please be seated”*. His Excellency takes his seat.

The Honourable Speaker invites His Excellency the Governor to address the House.

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

His Excellency the Governor Mr. Martyn Roper, OBE, delivers an Address to the Parliament of the Cayman Islands. At the conclusion, his Aide-de-Camp approaches His Excellency the Governor, bows and receives a copy of the Address, bows again and gives the copy to the Deputy Clerk to be laid on the Table.

His Excellency the Governor invites the Honourable Premier to the Dias and presents to him the Cayman Islands Constitution (Amendment) Order 2020.

The Honourable Premier takes his seat.

His Excellency the Governor (*All rise*), bows to the right and to the left.

The Serjeant-at-Arms approaches the Table.

DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Procession departs in the following order:

The Serjeant-at-Arms
The Honourable Speaker
His Excellency the Governor
The Governor's Aide-de-Camp
Mrs. Elisabeth Roper
The Honourable Chief Justice and Mrs. Smellie
Pastor James Arch

THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER RE-ENTERS

The Serjeant-at-Arms announces: "Mister Speaker" (*All stand*).

The Honourable Speaker re-enters the Chamber preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms who lays the Mace in the Upper Cradle.

RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING OF THE HOUSE

The Honourable Speaker bows to the right and to the left and takes the Chair.
The Honourable Speaker calls the House to order.

MOTION OF THANKS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The Honourable Speaker invites the Leader of the Opposition, Honourable Arden McLean, JP, MP, to move the vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor.

"BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Parliament records its grateful thanks to His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn K. Roper, OBE, for the gracious Address delivered at this state opening and first sitting of the Parliament of the Cayman Islands."

ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE PREMIER

The Honourable Speaker invites the Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP, to address the Parliament.

The Honourable Premier gives his Address.

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

To be moved by the Premier, Honourable Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP, Minister of Employment, Border Control, Community Affairs, International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs moves;

"That this Honourable House do stand adjourned."

The Question is proposed and put.

All rise as the Honourable Speaker, Honourable Premier, and Members preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms exit the Chamber.

Official Party moves to the Reception area for the unveiling of the plaque.

OFFICERS OF THE PARLIAMENT

Honourable Dr. William McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MP
The Speaker

Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin
Clerk of the Parliament

Mrs. Sharon Smith, JP
Deputy Clerk of the Parliament

Mr. Garfield Ellison
Chief Parliamentary Adviser

Ms. Debra Broderick
Assistant Clerk of the Parliament

Mrs. Patricia Priestley
Assistant Clerk of the Parliament

Mr. John Kim Evans, Jr.
Serjeant-at-Arms

Mr. Christopher Clarke
Page of the Parliament

UNVEILINGS & PRESENTATIONS

Arrivals & Seating	Official Party
Welcome	Mr. Samuel Rose, JP, Cabinet Secretary
Presentations to Members of Parliament	Hon. Dr. William McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MP Speaker of the Parliament
Presentations of Instruments of Appointment to the Parliamentary Secretaries	His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn K. Roper, OBE
Presentations to Members of Parliament	Hon. Alden M. McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP, Premier
Unveiling of building signage	Honourable Dr. William McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MP, Speaker of the Parliament Hon. Alden M. McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP, Premier
Unveiling of building dedication plaque	Honourable Dr. William McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP, MP, Speaker of the Parliament Hon. Alden M. McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP, Premier
Vote of Thanks	Mr. Samuel Rose, JP, Cabinet Secretary
National Anthem (<i>All Stand</i>)	
National Song (<i>All Stand</i>)	

After the proceedings, please join us for refreshments, live entertainment, and visit Constitution Hall for the 'Constitutional History of Our Islands' exhibit, curated by the Cayman Islands National Museum.

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM | GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

God save our gracious Queen! Long live our noble Queen! God save the Queen! Send her victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us, God save the Queen.

OUR NATIONAL SONG | BELOVED ISLE CAYMAN

Composed by Leila Ross-Shier, June 1930

O land of soft, fresh breezes, Of verdant trees so fair, with the Creator's glory reflected ev'rywhere.
O sea of palest em'rald, Merging to darkest blue, when 'ere my thoughts fly Godward, I always think of you.

Chorus

Dear, verdant island, set in blue Caribbean sea, I'm coming, coming very soon, O beauteous isle, to thee.
Although I've wandered far, my heart enshrines thee yet. Homeland! Fair Cayman Isle I cannot thee forget.

Away from noise of cities, their fret and carking care, with moonbeams' soft caresses, unchecked by garish glare,
Thy fruit and rarest juices, abundant, rich and free, when sweet church bells are chiming, my fond heart yearns for thee.

Chorus

When tired of all excitement, and glam'rous worldly care, how sweet thy shores to reach, and find a welcome there,
And when comes on the season, of peace, good will to man, 'Tis then I love thee best of all, Beloved Isle, Cayman!

Chorus

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