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**THIRD MEETING OF THE 2025-2026 SESSION**

*Fourth Sitting*

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**Hon. D. Ezzard Miller**  
Speaker

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## **PRESENT WERE:**

Hon. D. Ezzard Miller  
*Speaker*

## **MINISTERS OF THE CABINET**

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP	<i>Premier</i> , Minister of Financial Services & Commerce
Hon. Gary B. Ruddy, MP	<i>Deputy Premier</i> , Minister of Tourism & Trade Development
Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, JP, MP	Minister of Finance & Economic Development <i>and</i> Education & Training
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, MP	Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP	Minister of Social Development & Innovation <i>and</i> Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage
Hon. Nickolas T. A. DaCosta, JP, MP	Minister of District Administration & Home Affairs
Hon. Michael S. Myles, MP	Minister of Caymanian Employment & Immigration

## **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

Hon. Samuel W. Bulgin, KC, JP	<i>Attorney General</i> , ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs
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## **ELECTED MEMBERS**

### **GOVERNMENT BACKBENCHERS**

Mrs. Julie J. T. Hunter, JP, MP	Elected Member for West Bay West
Ms. Heather D. Boddén, OCI, Cert. Hon., JP, MP	Elected Member for Savannah
Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP	Elected Member for Newlands

### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS**

Hon. Joseph X. Hew, MP	<i>Leader of the Opposition</i> , Elected Member for George Town North
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP	<i>Deputy Leader of the Opposition</i> , Elected Member for George Town Central
Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden, MP	<i>Deputy Speaker</i> , Elected Member for George Town West
Mr. A. Roy Tatum, Cert. Hon., MP	Elected Member for Red Bay

### **INDEPENDENT MEMBERS**

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

Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP	Minister of Health, Environment & Sustainability
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP	Elected Member for Cayman Brac East
Mr. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP	Elected Member for George Town East
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, CCI, JP, MP	Elected Member for Bodden Town East
Hon. Franz I. Manderson, MBE, Cert. Hon., JP	<i>Deputy Governor</i> , ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service

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*[Hon. D. Ezzard Miller, Speaker, presiding]*

**The Speaker:** I call on the Leader of the Opposition to read prayers.

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Joseph X. Hew, Leader of the Opposition, Elected Member for George Town North:** 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 Parliament 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, King Charles, III; William, 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 Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition, Ministers of the Cabinet, ex officio Members, Members of the Parliament, the Chief Justice and Members of the Judiciary, 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:** This Parliament is now called to order. Please be seated.

I have apologies from the Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks – Minister of Health, Environment & Sustainability and Member for West Bay Central; and Mr. Roy McTaggart, Member for George Town East.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS  
OR AFFIRMATIONS**

**The Speaker:** Mrs. Gloria McField-Nixon is not present, so there will be no Administration of Oaths or Affirmations.

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

**The Speaker:** None.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS**

**The Speaker:** None.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS  
AND REPORTS**

**Report of the Standing Finance Committee on the  
Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill,  
2025**

**The Speaker:** Honourable Minister of Finance & Economic Development and Education & Training.

**Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, Minister of Finance & Economic Development and Education & Training, Elected Member for West Bay North:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay on the Table of this honourable House, a Report of the Standing Finance Committee on Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025.

**The Speaker:** So ordered.

Does the Honourable Minister wish to speak to the Report?

**Hon. Rolston M. Anglin:** No, Mr. Speaker. The Report was considered by the Finance Committee, which consists of myself as chair and all Honourable Members, and passed.

**Report of the Standing Business Committee –  
First Meeting of the 2025-2026 Session of the  
Cayman Islands Parliament**

**The Speaker:** Honourable Premier.

**The Premier, Hon. André M. Ebanks, Minister of Financial Services & Commerce, Elected Member for West Bay South:** Thank you and good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

I beg to lay on the Table of this honourable House, the Report of the Standing Business Committee for the First Meeting of the 2025-2026 Session.

**The Speaker:** So ordered.

Does the Honourable Premier wish to speak to the Report?

**The Premier, Hon. André M. Ebanks:** No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Report of the Standing Business Committee –  
Second Meeting of the 2025-2026 Session of the  
Cayman Islands Parliament**

**The Speaker:** Honourable Premier.

**The Premier, Hon. André M. Ebanks:** Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

I beg to lay on the Table of this honourable House, the Report of the Standing Business Committee – Second Meeting of the 2025-2026 Session.

**The Speaker:** Does the Honourable Premier wish to speak to the Report?

**The Premier, Hon. André M. Ebanks:** No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**URGENT QUESTIONS**

**The Speaker:** None.

**QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS  
OF THE GOVERNMENT**

**The Speaker:** None.

**STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS  
OF THE GOVERNMENT**

**The Speaker:** None.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

**The Speaker:** None.

**OBITUARY AND OTHER  
CEREMONIAL SPEECHES**

**The Speaker:** None.

**RAISING OF MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE**

**The Speaker:** None.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**BILLS**

**REPORT ON BILL**

**APPROPRIATION (FINANCIAL YEARS 2026 AND  
2027) BILL, 2025**

**The Speaker:** Honourable Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Rolston M. Anglin:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to report to the House that the Finance Committee considered the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025— sat for five days, took testimony from all Ministers and a wide range of public servants and officers— and after considering the Bill, it was passed by the Committee with amendment.

**The Speaker:** The Bill has been duly reported and is set down for a third reading.

**THIRD READING**

**APPROPRIATION (FINANCIAL YEARS 2026 AND  
2027) BILL, 2025**

**The Speaker:** Honourable Minister.

**Hon. Rolston M. Anglin:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me abundance of joy to move the Third Reading of the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025.

**The Speaker:** The question is that a Bill shortly entitled the Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 be given a third reading and passed.

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

**AYES.**

**The Speaker:** The Ayes have it.

**Hon. Joseph X. Hew, Leader of the Opposition:** Mr. Speaker, can we get a division, please?

**The Speaker:** Madam Clerk, would you do a division, please?

**Division No. 2 of 2025-2026**

**AYES: 11**

Hon. André M. Ebanks  
Hon. Gary B. Ruddy  
Hon. Rolston M. Anglin  
Hon. Johany S. Ebanks  
Hon. Isaac D. Rankine  
Hon. Nickolas T. A. DaCosta  
Hon. G. Wayne Panton  
Ms. Heather D. Bodden  
Mrs. Julie J. T. Hunter  
Hon. Michael S. Myles  
Mr. Christopher S. Saunders

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTENTIONS: 4**

Hon. Joseph X. Hew  
Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan  
Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden  
Mr. A. Roy Tatum

**ABSENT: 4**

Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks  
Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly  
Mr. Roy M. McTaggart  
Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour

**The Speaker:** The results of the division are as follows:  
11 Ayes, 4 Abstentions and 4 Members being absent.

**Agreed: The Appropriation (Financial Years 2026 and 2027) Bill, 2025 was given a third reading and passed.**

*[Desk thumping]*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The Speaker:** The business on the Order Paper having been completed, I therefore call on the Premier to move the adjournment of this honourable House.

**The Premier, Hon. André M. Ebanks:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank all Members for their participation.

The country now has a budget and it gives me an abundance of joy to know that my Finance Minister is smiling.

Thank you Honourable Members.

I therefore move that this House do stand adjourned until 2pm, Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**The Speaker:** The question is that this honourable House do stand adjourned until 2pm, Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.

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

**AYES.**

**The Speaker:** The Ayes have it.

The House has been adjourned until 2pm, Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.

**At 2:12pm the House stood adjourned until 2pm Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.**