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at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's***

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***Attendance***

**PRESENT**

Mr. Speaker

Honourable Leo Cato, MP  
*in the Chair*

Honourable Dickon Mitchell, MP  
(*St. David*)

- Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation and Transportation

Honourable Philip A. Telesford, MP  
(*St. George South-East*)

- Minister for Health

Honourable Joseph Andall, MP  
(*St. Patrick West*)

- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade & Export Development

Honourable Lennox John Andrews, MP  
(*St. Andrew South West*)

- Minister for Economic Development, Planning and Co-operatives, Agriculture & Lands, Forestry and Marine Resources

Honourable Dennis Cornwall, MP  
(*St. Patrick East*)

- Minister for Finance

Honourable Kerryne Z. James, MP  
(*St. John*)

- Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy

Honourable Ron Livingston Redhead, MP  
(*St. George North-East*)

- Member

Honourable Delma Thomas, MP  
(*St. Andrew North-West*)

- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health, Wellness, and Religious Affairs, with a special focus on the Mt. Gay Psychiatric Hospital

Honourable. Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP  
(*St. Mark*)

- Deputy Speaker

Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters, MP  
(*St. Andrew North-East*)

- Member

Honourable Emmalin Pierre, MP  
(*St. Andrew South-East*)

- Member

Honourable Peter David, MP  
(*Town of St. George*)

- Member

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**ABSENT**

Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP  
(*Carriacou & Petite Martinique*)

- Ministry of Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs  
and Local Government  
(*Excuse tendered*)

Honourable Andy Williams, MP  
(*St. George South*)

- Minister for Mobilisation, Implementation and  
Transformation  
(*Excuse tendered*)

Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith C. Mitchell, PC, MP, JP (*St.  
George North-West*)

- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition

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***The Special Sitting of the House of Representatives began at 9:03 a.m.***

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** His Honour, the Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let's pray.

**(House Prayer was said)**

**Mr. Speaker:** Please join me in saying the Lord's Prayer.

**(The Lord's Prayer was said)**

**Mr. Speaker:** Pray be seated.

**(Sound of gavel)**

**Mr. Speaker:** This Honourable House now commences.

**Deputy Clerk:** Item 3 – Announcements by Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Good morning, Honourable Members; just a few announcements. I am informed that Honourable Tevin Andrews and Honourable Andy Williams will not be here with us today in this Sitting; they are away on state business.

I wish to inform this Honourable House as well that the Clerk of Parliament will not be here with us. He is at a conference in Trinidad. A conference for Clerks of Parliaments in the Caribbean, and so he is attending that session. And those are my announcements.

**Deputy Clerk:** Item 4 – Motions.

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**Mr. Speaker:** Leader of Government Business.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** Good morning to this Honourable House, and Happy 51st Anniversary to all of Grenada. Mr. Speaker, I wish to propose the following Resolution for the Water Resources Management and Regulation Bill of 2025, reads as follows:

**WHEREAS** the Senate, at its meeting on 4th February 2025, made amendments to the Water Resources Management and Regulation Bill, 2025;

**WHEREAS** the Senate is desirous of the concurrence of the House of Representatives;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the amendments be accepted by this Honourable House.  
Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Leader of Government's Business.

**Question proposed.**

**Mr. Speaker:** I hope that Members had a chance to absorb or notice the amendments that they have put forward from the "Other House". So this is the Motion before us. Leader of Government's Business.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** Mr. Speaker, on speaking on this Resolution, I intended to just refer the House to the respective changes. So I was going to go through the changes, so at least...

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, this would be in order.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** Yes?

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**Mr. Speaker:** Yes.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** So...

**Mr. Speaker:** Proceed, please.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** ... may I proceed?

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, proceed, please.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as per the said Resolution, these are the following amendments:

On page 10, Mr. Speaker, in the Enacting Formula (preamble), the word "**Queen's**" where it appears must be now substituted with the word "**King's**".

On page 13, Mr. Speaker, in the definition, the term "**Government**", delete the words "**Carriacou and Petite Martinique**" where it appears in the definition. So the definition should now read, Mr. Speaker, – "**Government**" would mean "**the Government of Grenada**".

And finally, Mr. Speaker, reference to this particular Resolution on page 14. The definition of the term "**State**" delete the words "**Carriacou and Petite Martinique**", and the new definition would now read, Mr. Speaker – "**State**" means "**the State of Grenada**".

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Honourable Leader of Government's Business. All right. I take it to mean that we have no other comments. I'm going to put the question before the floor so we can take the vote.

**Question put and agreed to.**

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**Motion approved.**

**Mr. Speaker:** Leader of Government Business.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This particular amendment, Mr. Speaker, being the second amendment, is in direct reference to the National Water and Sewerage Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2025. And it reads as follows:

**WHEREAS** the Senate, at its meeting held on 4th February 2025, made amendments to the National Water and Sewerage Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2025;

**WHEREAS** the Senate is desirous of the concurrence of the House of Representatives;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the amendments be accepted.

Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Leader of Government's Business.

**Question proposed.**

**Mr. Speaker:** Leader of Government's Business.

**Hon Philip Telesford:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in reference to the said amendment, the following is recommended by the Senate:

In clause 2, Mr. Speaker, of the Bill, it is requested that paragraph (a) be deleted and substituted as follows – “by deleting the definition of “**watercourse**” and “**water supply service**.”

In clause 7, which amends **section 11** of the principal Act in subsection (1), delete the words “**section 11**” and replace with “**section 12**”.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



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**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Leader of Government's Business. All right, I now call the question so we can vote.

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Motion approved.**

**Mr. Speaker:** Leader of Government's Business.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The final Resolution, Mr. Speaker, treats with the Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2025, reads as follows:

**WHEREAS** the Senate, at its meeting held on 4th February 2025, made amendments to the Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2025;

**WHEREAS** the Senate is desirous of the concurrence of the House of Representatives;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the amendments be accepted.

Thank you.

**Question proposed.**

**Mr. Speaker:** Leader of Government's Business.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in reference to the said Resolution, the following amendment is proposed. It is proposed that Clause 4, subsection (b), sub subsection (a), sub subsection (i) to include the word "**law**," after the word "**trade**". That would be the amendment for this particular Resolution, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you.

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**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Leader of Government's Business. I now pose the question.

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Motion approved.**

**Deputy Clerk:** Item 5 – Request for leave to move the adjournment of the House on matters of urgent public importance.

**Mr. Speaker:** Leader of Government's Business. Sorry. I'm seeing her light. I'm seeing her light. MP for St. Andrew North East.

**Hon. Kate Lewis:** Morning, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Morning, Honourable.

**Hon. Kate Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I rise today, not only as a Member of Parliament but as a citizen who has experienced a grave violation, and this is the first time I'm speaking publicly on this matter; the unauthorised recording of my personal, not Government, my personal cell phone screen by a stranger in this House. Every time I open my phone now, I have to turn back to look at the strangers, and I'm aware of who the strangers were in the House at the time.

Mr. Speaker, this is more than just a personal concern. It is a matter of principle, integrity and security. If a sitting Member of this House can have their privacy breached in this manner, Mr. Speaker, what does it say about the safety and confidentiality of others, not just me, our fellow citizens, journalists, even government officials, Mr. Speaker? The seriousness of this matter must not be overlooked.

The use of covert surveillance tactics against any individual, let alone a legislator, is deeply troubling, and it raises pressing questions.

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1. Who is responsible for this act;
2. What was their intention; and
3. How was this allowed to happen in this House of Parliament, an institution that should uphold the highest standards of security and ethics?

Mr. Speaker, as I said, this is not just about me; it is a dangerous precedent that it sets, and if such action goes unchecked, we risk normalising a culture where privacy is disregarded and intimidation is tolerated. It erodes trust in our democratic institutions.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am calling on you. I am demanding a thorough investigation of this breach. Those who are responsible must be held accountable, and immediate measures should be taken to strengthen the security and privacy protocols in this House.

We cannot allow technology to be weaponised against individuals from malicious practices. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, the Electronic Crimes Act must be enforced in this matter, and further laws must be put in place to protect against such unauthorised surveillance and digital espionage.

Mr. Speaker, as I conclude, let it be known that privacy is not a privilege. It is a right. Today, it is my privacy that was invaded; tomorrow, it could be yours. I urge this Parliament to take a stand to protect not just the dignity of the Members but the fundamental rights of every citizen we serve. I will not rest, Mr. Speaker, until justice is served. I thank you. **(Applause)**.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let me just say at this point that when you have a Special Sitting, the House deals with the matter only for which the Special Sitting is called. If the House has a deviate from the Special Sitting, the individual or individuals need to obtain leave from the Speaker to so do.

I understand the Honourable MP's situation, but this is the procedure. It's down in the Standing Orders. Right? So, when a Special Sitting is called, this is exactly what we come here to do. Deal with the matter. If you have other matters to be dealt with, then you seek the leave for such. Right. That is down in our Standing Orders, so let's not

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forget this. Right. It's okay to discuss other matters, but we need to seek leave to do so according to our Standing Orders.

I see MP... Your light was up, so let me... I see yours as well, but hers was before. MP for St. Andrew North West.

**Hon. Delma Thomas:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe that it would be remiss of me not to provide this Honourable House, though it's a Special Sitting, to some ongoing efforts to strengthen Mental Health services in Grenada. Just yesterday, Mr. Speaker, we proudly delivered 10 specialised beds at Mt. Gay Mental Hospital **(applause)** marking a decisive step towards elevating patient care and support.

These beds are tailored to the unique needs of mental health patients, ensuring they receive the highest standard of care, the first of its type for the institution. The initiative, Mr. Speaker, reflects our unwavering commitment to mental health, a commitment that will continue to grow as 20 additional beds are on their way. Through this investment, we are not only enhancing healthcare infrastructure but also reinforcing our dedication to the well-being of every citizen of this country.

Mr. Speaker, I am also very pleased to announce that we have recorded a significant decline in admittance. **(Applause)** In 2023, our mental health facility admitted 411 patients. Last year, we saw a decline in admissions, with 190 patients admitted. **(Applause)** Mr. Speaker, this encouraging development is a testament to our Government, my Government's steadfast commitment to improving the systems.

These figures reflect the impact of our proactive approach, particularly in early detection and relapses and the launching of the community or intensifying the community outreach programme. Last year, we provided a brand new vehicle to our staff, and we intensified staff in every parish. So now, our mental health staff are in every parish taking care and educating families and that's why we are seeing the decline.

I also like to place on record, our commendation to our people in the diaspora who gave us 12 first aid bags that we can distribute to our staff. As a Government, also we provided incentive packages to motivate our staff in the field, and so we are reaping the

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benefit, but, Mr. Speaker, we have just started. We'll continue, Mr. Speaker, to end stigma, to end discrimination. We'll continue with our education process at the level of the community and intensify that this year and also at the level of the school. I thank you.

**(Applause)**

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Honourable MP for St. Andrew North West. All right. Honourable MP for St. Andrew South East.

**Hon. Emmalin Pierre:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning, and I crave your indulgence, the fact that you've just allowed an additional speaker to speak on the adjournment on a matter that is not on the Order Paper this morning.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, it's a Special Sitting, as I explained.

**Hon. Emmalin Pierre:** Right, and I trust that you allow me to have the same privilege this morning. Can I proceed?

**Mr. Speaker:** Go ahead, you'll be the last.

**Hon. Emmalin Pierre:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I thought about not addressing this issue when you said that it's a Special Sitting. And I thought, ok, we'll soon have another Sitting and I'll use the opportunity to make my comments on the matter that I wish to raise. But, Mr. Speaker, when I listen to the previous presentation and while I applaud and I recognise the value of decreasing the number of people at the mental health hospital, although I say, Mr. Speaker, I'm happy for that, but let's take a note of the increase of such persons on the streets in Grenville, for example. But when I noted that this was given preference and priority, I felt there was an urge. I cannot leave this House today without addressing this particular issue.

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Mr. Speaker, what happened in this Honourable House at the last Sitting that was referenced by the Member for St. Andrew North East, Mr. Speaker, I don't believe it's just deeply troubling, but Mr. Speaker, I think it really hits to the core of our democracy and our integrity. Mr. Speaker, I want to say this. I've had the opportunity to serve in this House on previous occasions, and I want to say with certainty that there has never been what I described as such a vile and disrespectful act committed in this House against a Member, and I say against our democracy. Mr. Speaker, it is not simple, and it must never be simplified to just an act against an individual. And for us to be dismissive about this, this morning would be simply saying that we do not respect the very democracy that this House is supposed to protect.

Mr. Speaker, Parliament is supposed to be a safe place. As a matter of fact, it's supposed to be one of the safest places, not by mere virtue of the rights that it gives to the protection of individuals in this place, but, Mr. Speaker, the world, the nation, expect that Members of this House and Members in general, people, in general, ought to be respected and ought to be protected. And that is why, Mr. Speaker, when we come here, it ought to be without any fear or any intimidation. And what happened in this House, Mr. Speaker, at the last Sitting, I am convinced that the ulterior motive must be intimidation, fear, disrespect, Mr. Speaker, among others.

And that is why, Mr. Speaker, when my colleague from St. Andrew North East made reference to an investigation, I want to add to that, Mr. Speaker. It ought to be an investigation in which every Member of this House feels confident in the investigator. It must not just be an ordinary investigation. As a matter of fact, there's been a lot of speculations and name-calling as to who it is and who it isn't and all of that. Mr. Speaker, after the Sitting, a young lady gave her experience of what she saw. Mr. Speaker, speaking to another person and that person was sitting on "This Side" of the House, speaking to another person who was sitting on that side of the House is very interesting what that person had to say.

And so I'm saying this morning, Mr. Speaker, that I would like that you would take the right, the liberty and the responsibility to ensure that this matter be thoroughly

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investigated. The findings of the investigation be brought to this House, and the consequences, Mr. Speaker, must send a very strong message that in the history of this House that such an act must never be committed again.

Mr. Speaker, I stress what I said before: it must not be a basic investigation. It must not be just done for being done sake. Right? It must be done, Mr. Speaker, with the highest level of confidence among the Members of this House.

Mr. Speaker, every single one of us in this House, every single one of us, I am sure, when we open our computers, when we open our phones, there are confidential information, notices, information that you want to access. You're in here in some cases for an entire day. So it is very obvious, Mr. Speaker, that on our phones, on our devices will be very confidential information. Mr. Speaker, do I have to be turning around to look at who is behind me? I don't know if I trust this person, I don't know if I trust... Mr. Speaker, what are we bringing to this Institution?

Are we going to say, as of today, no one should be sitting in the first row on the balcony, Mr. Speaker? What are we going to say? How do we feel, Mr. Speaker? I am afraid, Mr. Speaker, to open my laptop this morning because when I come here, I use the laptop that you provide, but I use it sparingly, Mr. Speaker, and I don't need to say why. So anything that I have to look at except that of the Order Paper, I use my personal computer. Now, I will not open it this morning because I don't have the time to be looking around to see who is behind me.

Mr Speaker, I'm saying this to say this is me here; this is another Member here; who will be here tomorrow? And so this must not be trivialised. It must not be watered down in a way that we are sending the message because it's Members of the New National Party Opposition it must not be given the same attention as if it was a Member on the "Other Side".

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I wish to strongly recommend that not just the investigation be conducted but that you circulate, you invite responses from "Both Sides" as it relates to who leads this investigation. We want to feel comfortable that we can trust the results of the investigation, and I appeal to you, Mr. Speaker, you are in charge of this

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House, and you have an opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to ensure that democracy and the respect of this House be maintained. We ought not to go under the established levels that we have had in the past, and Mr. Speaker, I trust that good sense will prevail **(time bell rings)** in that regard.

Mr. Speaker, this must not be accepted as normal, and so this morning, I believe that every Member of this House must stand in the affirmative, that some investigation must be made, action must be taken, and this must never happen in our lifetime and beyond and so I thank you, Mr. Speaker. **(Applause)**

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, MP for St. Andrew South East.

**Hon. Dickon Mitchell:** Well, Mr. Speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Prime Minister.

**Hon. Dickon Mitchell:** Well, I want to make sure that I've been recognised before I say...

**(Laughter)**

**Mr. Speaker:** Prime Minister.

**Hon. Dickon Mitchell:** Well, Mr Speaker, I think you've allowed, frankly, the process to act in such a manner that we may be opening a can of worms in a sense that process-wise, you've allowed two persons to speak on matters which you shared ought not to speak.

**Mr. Speaker:** Say it again.



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**Hon. Dickon Mitchell:** I said, you've allowed two Honourable Members, or three, to speak on matters which you said ought not to be addressed at a Special Sitting.

**Mr. Speaker:** Of course.

**Hon. Dickon Mitchell:** The problem, Mr. Speaker, is then you'd have on record 15 minutes of matters going on record, which I feel in the way in which it's presented, always directed to you, and I'm hearing about both Members of the House, having trust and confidence in an investigation and so on. I mean, frankly, in my view, if there isn't a response from "This Side", conveys the wrong impression about what is being said and about what happened.

**Mr. Speaker:** All right. So, I'll create balance: two on "This Side" and two on "This Side".

**Hon. Dickon Mitchell:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, Mr. Speaker, I will go first by saying a couple of things. First, as I understand it, somebody took a photograph of the Honourable Member for St. Andrew North East phone and either themselves published it publicly on social media or some other platform or sent it to someone who published it. Let me state for the record, and I can say so confidently, that myself and Members of the House do not, in any way, shape or form, support this particular deed that was done. And if the Speaker and the House have the capacity to find out who did the act, in my view, they should be held to account.

I want to go on record and say further that I'm aware that Mr. Dwayne Thomas, who's the official photographer for the Office of the Prime Minister, was accused of doing so, and Mr. Thomas is right here, and I don't expect him to do so, he's right here. He's under your jurisdiction, and you could ask him and put the question to him right now whether he did such a thing. And I will go further and say, he's prepared to make his phone and other devices available that he takes his work with and subject it to you or

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anybody else to verify the data captured on that date and time in relation to his phone. So I want to state that clearly.

Thirdly, and I want to make it clear. The people who sit here on "This Side" of the House are not responsible for the actions of individuals, and I would go on record as well and say that if it is a supporter, sympathiser, etcetera, of the National Democratic Congress, that in no way, shape or form should take away from the fact that I certainly don't think that that behaviour is appropriate and should be accepted.

Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I also want us not to embellish and exaggerate and engage in hyperbole and conspiracy theories about what happened. What happened is that someone's phone, a photograph was taken and it was published. This is not a private place. This is the House of Representatives, and members of the public are entitled to come.

If this computer is on, someone sitting there can, in fact, possibly, if their eyesight is good enough, read what's on it. And the idea that we could somehow prevent or stop them from reading it or even taking notes of it is frankly foolish, impractical, and makes absolutely no sense.

Third, we also have to deal with the realities of the time. The reality is that we, collectively, post all kinds of things about all kinds of things that we do on social media **(inaudible comment by a Member)** all kinds of stuff. So this notion about privacy when you are a public official is one that we have to be careful about because the reality is, on any given day we're on our phones all of the time, all over the place, people take pictures of it and do whatever they want.

The fact is, Mr. Speaker, you may be entitled to privacy in the confines of your home or in the confines of private property, but the reality is, as public figures, what privacy are you entitled to in a public space, carrying out public duties. Certainly, someone is not entitled to breach your personal space or attempt to intimidate or assault you or any of those kinds of things, but as public officials, in the public carrying out public functions, you must be subjected to scrutiny. Someone may take a photo of you that you

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may not like, but the fact is, they're not doing anything wrong, they're not breaching your privacy.

So, we need to understand that we can, on one hand, want to show the public everything we doing, even in private spaces and not realise the inevitable snowball effect of some of that permissive and exhibitionist culture that we, as part of the social media era, are a part of. So I just want to make sure that there is balance in this.

As far as we're concerned, Mr. Speaker, you are free to investigate this matter as you so wish. You don't have to consult with us about no investigator. You don't have to consult about the terms of the investigation. You are the Speaker, and you have absolute free will in conducting any inquiry or investigation that you may so wish to.

And as I said, at least for those who are under your charge, in terms of the persons from either the Government office itself or from the Prime Minister's Office who are responsible for content creation, data collection, photographs, etcetera, I am putting it on record that they are available to be questioned on the data pertaining to the matter, the data is available.

So we, on our side here, have no issues whatsoever with any inquiry. I repeat it is not something I support. It is distasteful. But we have to be careful about "distaste" because the taste is subjective, and some suggestions of some wide and grand, conspiracy theory. So I just wanted to state on record, Mr. Speaker, our position on this matter. Thank you. **(Applause)**.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. Thank you, Honourable Prime Minister. Leader of Government's Business.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, Mr. Speaker, I heard you clearly. You gave two on the "Opposition Side" and two on the "Government Side", speaking on a particular subject matter. So I believe I would like to add my voice on the particular subject to balance the equation on the particular subject matter. **(Inaudible comment by Members)** Two on the "Opposition Side" and two on the Government side.

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May I proceed, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

**(Inaudible comment by Mr. Speaker)**

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** No, you said, Mr. Speaker, that you're giving two on each side on the particular subject matter...

**Mr. Speaker:** No, no, no, no, no.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** The person on the "Government Side..."

**Mr. Speaker:** No, no, no. Honourable...

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** Hold on, Mr. Speaker, let me just explain.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes. Yes.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** The first person on the "Government Side" spoke on matters in relation to her Ministry, her Government portfolio as a Minister. This particular subject is an incident that happened in the Parliament of Grenada, and you said, Mr. Speaker, that you've given two on each side. You gave two on the "Opposition Side"...

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** ... then I expect you to give two on of the "Government Side" because you said, Mr. Speaker, you're giving two on each side.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes. Yes.

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**Adjournment**

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** So, I ask for your permission to add my voice for one minute to... **(Inaudible comment by a Member)**

**Mr. Speaker:** Let me... Hold. Just hold, please. Let me say exactly what I meant. It's a Special Sitting, as I said before, that we simply have to deal with matters before us, and that's it. Those are my words. It so happened that other MPs wanted to speak even without getting leave from the Speaker. So I said just now that I allowed two persons from "This Side" and two persons from "This Side" to speak, right, to speak, not on a particular matter, to speak. So, that is done. It's now for the adjournment. It's a Special Sitting, so let's stick to it, please.

**Hon. Philip Telesford:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a bit unfortunate that's the situation, but, Mr. Speaker, I rise to move the adjournment. I now move that the House be adjourned sine die. Thank you.

**Question put and agreed to.**

**The Special Sitting of the House of Representatives adjourned sine die at 9:46 a.m.**

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