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The Speaker's Message

The Office of the House of Assembly is pleased to present the first issue of its quarterly electronic publication - *House of Assembly IN MOTION*. These newsletters are designed to give a summary of the work of the Parliament for the previous quarter and to update on community initiatives which were embarked upon; all presented in an environmentally friendly form which simultaneously serves as a record available to all members of the public.

It is our fervent hope, that these issues would be informative and ignite an even greater interest in the work of the House of Assembly. We look forward to the support of the citizens of our nation, as we build together for the benefit of our beloved Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. I implore you to continue to be safe and may God continue to bless us all.

Rochelle H. Forde

Speaker of the House of Assembly
St Vincent and the Grenadines

Temporary Parliament Building, Calliaqua

The construction of the temporary parliament building at Calliaqua, which started August 18, 2021 is well underway, with steady progress being made.



Relocation of the House of Assembly Department



The office of the House of Assembly was relocated to its new temporary home in Ratho Mill on 29th November 2021. Needless to say, the staff was elated and extremely grateful to be in their new, comfortable and spacious accommodation. The contact details are 4561111 ext. 4745 and 4746. Opening hours are 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Email address svghoa@gmail.com.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

The House of Assembly continues to advance the work of the Parliament for public awareness. Through this awareness we have launched our Facebook Page, which can be found under the name - **House of Assembly-Parliament of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** or via the link <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079704404491>.

We wish to convey our sincere gratitude to the Agency for Public Information (API) and Information Technology Service Division (ITSD) for their dedication in making this possible.

Sergeant-At-Arms



Augustus Joseph
1998 - 2021

After 23 years of service in the position of Sergeant - At - Arms, Augustus "Gussy" Joseph retired from the post in 2021.

We thank Gussy for his years of service and wish him a happy retirement.



Glenroy Layne, 469

Corporal of Police Glenroy Layne 469, is currently a serving member of the Royal St Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force. Corporal Layne has commenced official duties as the new Sergeant-At-Arms in January, 2022.



SECOND SESSION OF THE 11TH PARLIAMENT

Budget 2022 was passed on 14th January 2022, but not without logistical and other challenges.

New and even more stringent protocols were issued by the Health Services Sub-Committee of the National Emergency Management Organisation for the extended sitting which included: COVID tests for all Members and ancillary persons for the sitting; temperature checks, and regular sanitization of the chamber multiple times per day. However, in never before seen circumstances, several Members fell ill due to COVID in rapid succession. Thankfully, all Members have recovered.

This sitting will also be remembered as it saw the appointment and return to Parliament of Honourable Rene Baptiste, this time as a Senator for a short 1-month stint.



Acts

The following Bills were passed in the House during the period 1st January 2022 to March 31st, 2022.

January 14th, 2022

- ✚ Appropriation Act, 2022
- ✚ Public Sector Investment Loan Act, 2022

March 31st, 2022

- ✚ Leroy Jackson Pension (Declaration) Act, 2022
- ✚ Antoinette Jardin Pension (Declaration) Act, 2022
- ✚ Elvis Daniel Pension (Declaration) Act, 2022
- ✚ Janice May-Mac Donald Pension (Declaration) Act, 2022
- ✚ Teachers' Pension (Declaration) Act, 2022

Windsor Primary School visits the Parliament



Windsor Primary School Students and Teachers and the Speaker and Clerk of the House

On Tuesday 23rd November, 2021 the Parliament opened its doors and welcomed the students of the grade 6 class of the Windsor Primary School. The students were exposed to the inner workings of the House of Assembly and even participated in a mini impromptu parliamentary exercise in which they performed exceptionally well.

Below is a snippet of the Windsor Primary School in Parliament.



Windsor Primary.mp4



Parliament visits Troumaca Ontario Secondary and the Petit Bordel Secondary School

As part of the new thrust to demystify the work of Parliament, the House of Assembly commenced its first of a series of visits to secondary schools with a visit to the Troumaca Ontario Secondary School and the Petit Bordel Secondary School on Monday 21st March 2022. The 4th form Social Studies students of these schools had the opportunity to hear from and interact with the Speaker of the House who, along with her support contingent, was also herself treated to the experiences of the Petit Bordel Secondary school students during the April, 2021 La Soufriere volcanic eruption and a question and answer session at the Troumaca Ontario Secondary School. We encourage all students to continue to strive for excellence!

Troumaca Ontario Secondary School



Petit Bordel Secondary School



Obituary >>>



The Right Honourable Sir James Fitz Allen Mitchell died on November 23rd, 2021. Sir James was:
Premier of St Vincent and the Grenadines: April 1972- December, 1974
Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines: 30 July 1984- 27 October 2000



Mr Calder Williams died on March 29th, 2022. Mr Williams served as the Leader of the Opposition from 27 December 1979 to 7 May 1981.



Evans B. Morgan died on 4 March, 2022. Mr Morgan was elected to the first Legislative Council in St Vincent and the Grenadines. He was the last surviving Member of the 8th Army of Liberation Political Party.

ROCK YOUR SOCKS World Down Syndrome Day



The Speaker and the Parliamentary Staff of the House of Assembly joined with the School for Special Needs to commemorate World Down Syndrome Day on Monday March 21st, 2022.



Fact Corner...

Fact: Did you know that it is the first time in the parliamentary history of St. Vincent and the Grenadines that the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the House of Assembly are all women? How fitting as we celebrate International Women's Day in the month of March!!!



Honourable Rochelle Forde
Speaker of the House



Honourable Ashelle Morgan
Deputy Speaker of the House



Nicole Herbert
Clerk of the House



Sharon Nash
Deputy Clerk of the House