

## REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE OF KEYS

Douglas, Monday 26th November 2001  
at 11.30 a.m.

### SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

The procession into the chamber consisted of a messenger of the House, the acting Chief Registrar, the Secretary of the House of Keys, His Honour the Second Deemster, and His Honour the First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls.

**The First Deemster (Mr T W Cain):** Hon. members of the House of Keys, ladies and gentlemen, we are assembled here this morning to enable you to be sworn in as members. I am accompanied by His Honour the Deemster Kerruish, the Secretary of the House of Keys, Mr Cornwell-Kelly, and the acting Chief Registrar, Mr McDonald.

It is provided by Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1995 that no member of the Keys shall be permitted to sit and to vote in the Keys until he or she has taken and subscribed the oaths required by law. Those oaths are the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty The Queen and the Oath of a Member of the House of Keys, which has been in substantially the same form for many centuries. Members may, if they prefer, take an affirmation rather than the oath.

The procedure which will be followed is that the member or members for each constituency will be called in turn, commencing by custom with Glenfaba. When the Secretary of the House of Keys has verified that the certificate of election presented by each member has been checked with the certificate issued by the returning officer, the two oaths will be administered either in Manx or English, dependent on the member's choice. If there is more than one member for the constituency, then the members will be called in the order in which their names appear in the certificate on the writ. Deemster Kerruish will assist me in the administration of the oaths. Each member will take the Testament in his or her right hand and will hold it until the completion of the administration of the oaths; for those members who are taking an affirmation, of course, the Testament will not be used. I, or Deemster Kerruish, will then read the first oath - that is the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty - to each member individually phrase by phrase and the member will then repeat the oath or the affirmation phrase by phrase. After the member or members have taken the Oath of Allegiance the second oath, the Oath of a Member of the House of Keys, will be administered; that is read to the member or members but will not be repeated by each member. When both oaths or affirmations have been taken each member will then sign the Liber Juramentorum, which is the permanent record of the swearing in. The acting Chief Registrar will indicate where you should sign. When all the members have signed the book, Deemster Kerruish and I will then attest the signatures of the members. That is the procedure then for this morning.

I now ask the Secretary of the House of Keys to call forward the members by constituency.

*The order of members being sworn in was as follows: Mr D M Anderson (Glenfaba); Hon A R Bell and Mr L I Singer (Ramsey); Mr R E Quine OBE (Ayre); Mr J D Q Cannan (Michael); Mrs H Hannan (Peel); Hon S C Rodan (Garff); Mr P Karran, Hon R K Corkill and Mr A J Earnshaw (Onchan); Mr G M Quayle (Middle); Messrs J R Houghton and R W Henderson (Douglas North); Hon D C Cretney and Mr A C Duggan (Douglas South); Mr R P Braidwood and Mrs B J Cannell (Douglas East); Hon A F Downie and Mr J P Shimmin (Douglas West); Hon J A Brown (Castletown); Hon D J Gelling (Malew and Santon); and Messrs J Rimington, Q B Gill and Mrs P M Crowe (Rushen).*

*The text of each oath was as follows:*

### **Oath of Allegiance**

I, . . . , do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.

So help me God.

### **Oath administered to Members of the House of Keys**

Her Majesty's Counsel, Your Fellows' and your own you shall not reveal; you shall use your best endeavours to maintain the Ancient Laws and Customs of this Isle.

You shall justly and truly deliver your opinion and do right in all matters which shall be put unto you without favour or affection, affinity or consanguinity, love or fear, reward or gain, or for any hope thereof, but in all things you shall deal uprightly and justly and do wrong to no man.

So help you God and by the contents of this Book.

*The texts of the oaths in Manx, as taken by and administered to Mrs Hannan and Mr Henderson, were as follows:*

### **Oath of Allegiance**

Ta mish, . . . , loo liorish Jee Ooilley-niartal dy bee'm firrinagh as dy feer ammyssagh da e Hooashley Reeoil y Nah Ven-rein Elizabeth.

As ayns shoh dy gooin Jee lhiam.

### **Oath administered to Members of the House of Keys**

Coyrle y Ven-rein, Coyrle nyn Go-olteynyn, as nyn goyrle hene cha jean oo y hoilshaghey; gys rere nyn booar nee shiu cummal seose Shenn Leighyn as Cliaghtaghyn yn Ellan shoh.

Nee shiu dy cairagh as dy firrinagh nyn mriwnys y livrey as cairys y yannoo ayns dy chooilley nhee hed er soiaghey kiongoyrt riu gyn foayr ny kenjallys, gyn cleunys ny moonjerys, gyn graih ny aggle, gyn leagh ny cosney ny jerkal erbee rish lheid y red shen, agh ayns dy chooilley nhee nee shiu dellal dy ynrick as dy cairagh gyn aggair y yannoo da fer erbee.

Ayns shoh dy gooin Jee lhiu as ny ta scruit ayns y Lioar shoh.

*The text of the affirmations in Manx, as taken by and administered to Mr Gill, was as follows:*

### **Affirmation of Allegiance**

Ta mish, . . . , dy ynrick, dy creeoil as dy firrinagh gra as fockley magh dy bee'm firrinagh as dy feer ammyssagh da e Hooashley Reeoil y Nah Ven-rein Elizabeth.

*Affirmation administered to Members of the House of Keys*

Ta shiu dy ynrick, dy creeoil as dy firrinagh gra as fockley magh nagh jean shiu coyrlle y Ven-rein, coyrlle nyn Go-olteynyn, as nyn goyrle hene y hoilshaghey; gys rere nyn booar nee shiu cummal seose Shenn Leighyn as Cliaghtaghyn yn Ellan shoh.

Nee shiu dy cairagh as dy firrinagh nyn mriwnys y livrey, as cairys y yannoo ayns dy chooilley nhee hed er soiaghey kiongoyrt riu, gyn foayr ny kenjallys, gyn cleunys ny moonjerys, gyn graih ny aggle, gyn leagh ny cosney ny jerkal erbee rish lheid y red shen, agh ayns dy chooilley nhee nee shiu dellal dy ynrick as dy cairagh, gyn aggair y yannoo da dooinney erbee.

**The First Deemster:** Hon. members, we have now completed the formal swearing in. May I just say on behalf of Deemster Kerruish and myself that we would like to congratulate you all on

your election to the House of Keys and to wish you a very successful term of office. The Secretary of the House of Keys will now make an announcement.

**The Secretary:** Hon. members, I announce that in accordance with the precept of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the first sitting of the House of Keys following the general election will take place at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on the 27th November 2001.

**The First Deemster:** Thank you, hon. members, that now concludes the proceedings. I thank you all for your attendance. The deemsters and the other officials will now retire. Thank you.