

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF KEYS (LEGISLATION AND OTHER MATTERS)

**Douglas, Tuesday, 19th November 2002
at 9.45 a.m.**

Present:

The Speaker (the Hon. J A Brown) (Castletown); 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); Mr J R Houghton and Mr R W Henderson (Douglas North); Hon. D C Cretney (Douglas South); Hon. R P Braidwood and Mrs B J Cannell (Douglas East); Hon. A F Downie and Hon. J P Shimmin (Douglas West); Capt. A C Douglas (Malew and Santon); Hon. J Rimington, Mr Q B Gill and Hon. P M Crowe (Rushen); with Mr M Cornwell-Kelly, Secretary of the House.

The Chaplain took the prayers.

Items Considered

Leave of Absence Granted

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Swearing In of the New Member for Malew and Santon, Capt. A C Douglas

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The Speaker: Hon. members, I have granted leave of absence to the hon. member for Douglas South, Mr Duggan, who, you may be pleased to know, is recovering well and hopes to be back with us soon.

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The Speaker: Hon. members, the business before the House is the swearing in of the new member for Malew and Santon. I now call on the Secretary of the House to bring forward His Honour the First Deemster and the Chief Registrar.

The Secretary conducted the First Deemster and the Chief Registrar into the chamber.

The Speaker: I now call upon the Secretary of the House to accompany the sponsors, the hon. member for Middle, Mr Quayle, and the hon. member for Rushen, Mr Gill, to bring forward the new member for Malew and Santon.

Capt. Douglas was conducted to the Chief Registrar's desk.

The First Deemster (His Honour T W Cain): Mr Douglas, I now propose to put to you two oaths. Please repeat after me:

I, Andrew Cowin Douglas, do swear by almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. So help me God.

Capt. Douglas took the first oath phrase by phrase as administered to him.

The First Deemster: I will now put to you the Oath administered to elected Members of the House of Keys:

Her Majesty's Council, 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.

Mr Quayle: Mr Speaker, I have the honour to present Mr Andrew Cowin Douglas, the new member for Malew and Santon.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. member, Mr Douglas, may I welcome you to the House of Keys and congratulate you on your election to the House. I am confident that you will carry out your duties and responsibilities to the House and to your constituents to a high standard and in a forthright and honest manner. The people of the constituency of Malew and Santon have placed considerable trust in you to represent them and the Island fairly and honourably. I am confident that that trust is well placed.

One of our most fundamental tasks and one that you will have to carry is that to legislate for the people of the Isle of Man, and the importance of this rôle cannot be understated. There will be much for you to learn as a new member of the House, although I am sure that your experience and knowledge of people and of life generally will be of considerable benefit to you, to your constituents and to the Island. There will be times of joy, excitement, frustration and disappointment when undertaking your new rôle as a member of the House, and there will be occasions when being an elected representative of the people brings pressures unlike any other; and there will be times when brave decisions will also be needed. I am sure that you will take all matters in your stride and will do all that you believe to be right, and no-one can ask for more.

I wish you well in your future as an hon. Member of the House of Keys and, Mr Douglas, on behalf of all members of the House, I have great pleasure in welcoming you to this ancient institution, the House of Keys. (**Several Members:** Hear, hear.)

May I have your certificate of election, sir? Thank you. The certificate is in order and I have pleasure now in presenting you with a copy of the standing orders of the House and would ask you to sign the record of standing orders which is on the Secretary's desk. Congratulations.

I now call on the sponsors to escort the new member for Malew and Santon to his seat within the House. (*Capt. Douglas was conducted to his seat.*) I thank His Honour the First Deemster and the Chief Registrar for their attendance this morning and I call on the Secretary to the House to escort His Honour the First Deemster and the Chief Registrar from the House.

The Secretary conducted the First Deemster and the Chief Registrar from the chamber.

The Speaker: Hon. members, that concludes the business of the House. The House will now stand adjourned until the sitting of Tynwald Court at 10.30 a.m. this morning.

The House adjourned at 10.00 a.m.