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**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Extract from the Minutes of the meeting of the Honourable House of Representatives held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018:

The Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Honourable Audley Shaw, moved:

**THE PENSIONS (PUBLIC SERVICE) ACT**

**THE PENSIONS (PUBLIC SERVICE) (SPECIAL EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAMME)  
ORDER, 2018, RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS section 44(1) of the Pensions (Public Service) Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") provides that the Minister may, by order, establish a programme to be known as the Special Early Retirement Programme;

AND WHEREAS section 44(2) of the Act provides that the terms and conditions of the Special Early Retirement Programme are to be specified in the Order;

AND WHEREAS section 45(4) of the Act provides that a group or category of existing officers, as may be specified in the order, shall be excluded from the provisions of the Order;

AND WHEREAS section 46(2) of the Act provides that additional benefits to be granted to an existing public officer who opts for special early retirement under the Special Early Retirement Programme shall be specified in the Order;

AND WHEREAS, by virtue of sections 44(2), 45(4) and 46(2) of the Act, the Order shall be subject to affirmative resolution;

AND WHEREAS on the 15th day of February, 2018, the Minister made the Pensions (Public Service) (Special Early Retirement Programme) Order, 2018;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Pensions (Public Service) (Special Early Retirement Programme) Order, 2018, be affirmed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives as follows:—

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Pensions (Public Service) (Special Early Retirement Programme) Order, 2018, Resolution;
- (ii) The Pensions (Public Service) (Special Early Retirement Programme) Order, 2018, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 15th day of February, 2018, is hereby affirmed.

Mr. Mark Golding; Mr. Horace Dalley; Reverend Ronald Thwaites; Mr. George Anthony Hylton; and Mr. Phillip Paulwell also spoke on the motion.

Seconded by: Mr. Dave Brown.

Agreed to.

I certify that the above is a true extract from the Minutes.

HEATHER E. COOKE, CD, JP, (MRS.)  
Clerk to the Houses

No. 28C<sup>3</sup>

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

Extract from the Minutes of the meeting of the Honourable Senate held on Friday, March 23, 2018:

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and Leader of Government Business, having obtained suspension of the Standing Orders, moved:

#### THE PENSIONS (PUBLIC SERVICE) ACT

##### THE PENSIONS (PUBLIC SERVICE) (SPECIAL EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAMME) ORDER, 2018, RESOLUTION

WHEREAS section 44(1) of the Pensions (Public Service) Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) provides that the Minister may, by order, establish a programme to be known as the Special Early Retirement Programme;

AND WHEREAS section 44(2) of the Act provides that the terms and conditions of the Special Early Retirement Programme are to be specified in the Order;

AND WHEREAS section 45(4) of the Act provides that a group or category of existing officers, as may be specified in the order, shall be excluded from the provisions of the Order;

AND WHEREAS section 46(2) of the Act provides that additional benefits to be granted to an existing public officer who opts for special early retirement under the Special Early Retirement Programme shall be specified in the Order;

AND WHEREAS, by virtue of sections 44(2), 45(4) and 46(2) of the Act, the Order shall be subject to affirmative resolution;

AND WHEREAS on the 15th day of February, 2018, the Minister made the Pensions (Public Service) (Special Early Retirement Programme) Order, 2018;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Pensions (Public Service) (Special Early Retirement Programme) Order, 2018, be affirmed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Senate as follows:

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Pensions (Public Service) (Special Early Retirement Programme) Order, 2018, Resolution;
- (ii) The Pensions (Public Service) (Special Early Retirement Programme) Order, 2018, which was laid on the Table of the Senate on the 23rd day of February, 2018, is hereby affirmed.

Senator Lambert Brown also spoke on the motion.

Seconded by: Senator Sapphire Longmore.

Agreed to.

I certify that the above is a true extract from the Minutes.

HEATHER E. COOKE, CD, JP, (MRS.)  
Clerk to the Houses.

**THE PENSIONS (PUBLIC SERVICE) ACT****THE PENSIONS (PUBLIC SERVICE) (SPECIAL EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAMME)  
ORDER, 2018**

In exercise of the power conferred upon the Minister by sections 44, 45(4) and 46(2) of the Pensions (Public Service) Act, the following Order is hereby made:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Pensions (Public Service) (Special Early Retirement Programme) Order, 2018.

2. Pursuant to section 44(1) of the Act, there is hereby established, the Special Early Retirement Programme, which shall commence on April 1, 2018 and expire on April 30, 2019, unless its duration is extended by a resolution of each Houses of Parliament.

3. Pursuant to section 45(3) of the Act, where the Governor-General grants approval in relation to an application made by an existing public officer for special early retirement, under the Special Early Retirement Programme, the approval that is granted shall be irrevocable.

4.—(1) Pursuant to section 45(4) of the Act, the Special Early Retirement Programme shall not apply to the following categories of existing public officers—

- (a) Members of the Security Forces;
- (b) Health Professionals;
- (c) Correctional Officers;
- (d) Firemen; and
- (e) Teachers.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), “Security Forces” means—

- (a) the Jamaica Constabulary Force;
- (b) the Jamaica Defence Force.

5. Pursuant to section 46(2) of the Act, an existing public officer who is granted special early retirement, under the Special Early Retirement Programme, shall be paid, in addition to his pension, the following additional benefits—

- (a) a monetary incentive equivalent to two weeks salary for each year of qualifying service up to a maximum of one year salary;
- (b) pay in lieu of any vacation leave due, in keeping with the Staff Orders of the Public Service, 2004; and
- (c) restoration to full pension after twelve and one-half years, where the existing public officer had elected to receive a reduced pension and gratuity.

6. This Order shall be subject to affirmative resolution.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2018.

AUDLEY SHAW  
Minister of Finance and the Public Service.

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