

Carmichael ready for the task



SWORN in as one of Barbados' newest independent senators yesterday afternoon, Dr. Trevor Carmichael says he is humbled by the honour and ready to serve.

The swearing in ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at Government House in the presence of Governor General Sir Elliott Belgrave and the friends and family of the senators.

Speaking to the media, Senator Carmichael said that he is humbled by his new position in the Upper House.

"It is a very great honour to have been asked by his Excellency to assume this important position in our national life and I am obviously humbled and flattered," he said.

The new senator added that he will be drawing on his background in international business as well as a long career in cultural heritage when he sits in the Senate.

"My interests are eclectic. I am interested in [the] cultural heritage of Barbados.... I also have an interest in international business, in innovation, and I call on my early knowledge as a failed economist because I did pursue that as a first degree. So I have a few ideas about how I see things playing out in the national landscape," Carmichael said.

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Governor General Sir Elliott Belgrave (centre) with the independent Senators, (from left) Keith Marshall, John Watson, Dr. Trevor Carmichael, Sir Roy Trotman, Alwin Adams, Professor Emeritus Henry Fraser and Dean Emeritus Harold Crichlow. INSET: Governor General Sir Elliott Belgrave congratulates Senator John Watson as other Senators look on.

Four new independent Senators

AT a ceremony held at Government House yesterday afternoon, four new independent senators and three returning independent senators were sworn in by Governor General Sir Elliott Belgrave.

The new senators are Dr. Trevor Carmichael, Alwin Adams, Keith 'Tony' Marshall and John Watson. They join returning independent senators Sir Roy Trotman, Dean Emeritus Harold Crichlow and

Professor Emeritus Henry Fraser.

The four new independent senators were drawn from different sectors and have ranging backgrounds that should make for interesting additions to the Upper House.

Dr. Trevor Carmichael is a well known attorney at law who works in the international business sector, and has also been the President of the Barbados Museum for over 25 years, and is a former presi-

dent of the Barbados National Trust.

Alwin Adams is most recognised as an educator, serving as principal of Coleridge and Parry School for a number of years.

Keith 'Tony' Marshall has devoted his life to the banking sector. He is also noted for his passion for cricket, and is a past Director of the West Indies Cricket Board. Marshall is also a self-proclaimed 'community man'.

John Watson is known throughout Barbados for his contribution to manufacturing in this country, and is interested in representing that sector as well as small business.

Upon entering the room, Sir Elliott announced that each of the independent senators were chosen by himself with no prompting from anyone.

The senators took their oath in a brief ceremony followed by a reception hosted by the Governor General. (AN)

Estwick sworn in yesterday

Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management and St. Philip West M.P. Dr. David Estwick was sworn into office early yesterday morning at Government House.

He was accompanied by his wife, as well as Senator Dr. David Durant and Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce and Small Business Development, Donville Inniss.