STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY SENATOR C.G.P. LAKEMAN ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2004

The Bailiff, in accordance with Article 13 of the States of Jersey Law 1966, as amended, informed the Assembly that he had received a letter from Senator Christopher Gerard Pellow Lakeman tendering his resignation as a member of the States, who subsequently made a statement in the following terms -

"With your permission, I would like to make a personal statement.

I have to hand to you a letter pursuant to Article 13 of the States of Jersey Law and tender my resignation from the States.

I shall confine my brief comments now, Sir, to thank all of those people with whom I have worked closely. There will be other occasions when those thanks can be stated more fully.

The unavoidable fact, Sir, is that I am not able to do any job half-heartedly. It is impossible to combine the demands of a legal practice with those of active and effective representation as a member of the States of Jersey.

I consider I have been enormously fortunate to represent the Island for those last four years and this decision has been extremely painful to reach. I wish all members of the Assembly, but in particular, the person who will succeed me as President of the Privileges and Procedures Committee, every success."