



# Golding resigns from Senate

GOLDING... gets ready for by-election

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**JAMAICA Labour Party (JLP) Leader Bruce Golding yesterday resigned from the Senate, as he prepares to contest the West Kingston seat, left vacant in January by the party's former leader Edward Seaga.**

Nominations for the April 13 by-election for the West Kingston seat will be held next Wednesday.

Senate President Syringa Marshall-Burnett told yesterday's sitting of the Upper House that Golding had submitted his resignation to the governor-general, as is required by law.

She also noted that an apology for absence at yesterday's sitting had been submitted by Golding due

to illness.

Golding, who was appointed a senator in 2002, is expected to easily win the West Kingston seat, which was held by Seaga for 43 years. The winning of the seat will allow Golding to take over as Opposition Leader from Dr Ken Baugh, who has held the post since Seaga's resignation in January.

Joseph "Bunny" Witter is the representative of the ruling People's National Party (PNP) in West Kingston.

Formerly the MP for Central St Catherine, Golding lost the seat in the 1997 general election, two years after he left the JLP to form the National Democratic Movement (NDM).

He returned to the JLP on the eve of the 2002 general election and was credited with helping to re-energise the party and bringing it close to victory.

The ruling PNP holds 34 seats and the JLP's 25 in the 60-seat legislature. The West Kingston seat is vacant.

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