



**MARINE BIOLOGIST** Monty Lopez starts work on a 500 pound Blue Marlin during a fishing tournament at Bimini recently. Dr. Lopez's research for the US National Marine Fisheries will provide guidelines for better international fisheries management.

## MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF FREEPORT

The creation of Freeport has had a profound impact not only on the economic life of this country, but on its political history as well.

Freeport has provided abundant job and business opportunities for thousands of Bahamians. And Freeport is the reason why Grand Bahama has been subdivided into 3 electoral dis-

tricts instead of being counted as a single constituency with Bimini.

I therefore salute the founders of Freeport for having had the vision and the courage to create this city; and I congratulate the people – both Bahamian and non-Bahamian—who have worked so hard to make a dream come true.

Today, 25 years after its

founding, Freeport is a leader in Caribbean commerce; and this fact is due in no small measure to the combined dynamic and progressive leadership of the men who now direct its affairs.

Happy Birthday, Freeport.

Henry J. Bowen, M.P.  
Deputy Speaker