



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 2nd day of April, 2019, pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)
His Honour G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) | Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</i>) |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i>) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade</i>) |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i>) |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs</i>) | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</i>) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M.Min. (<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i>) |
| | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |

ABSENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*).

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Michael Squires.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 12th March, 2019 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 20th March, 2019 were deferred on the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

PAPERS

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic by command laid the following:

Financial Statements of the Board of Management of the St. George Secondary School for the years ended March 31, 2007 to March 31, 2012.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic gave notice of the following:

1. Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019;
2. Constitution (Amendment) (No.) Bill, 2019; and
3. Bail (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019;
2. Constitution (Amendment) (No.) Bill, 2019; and
3. Bail (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43, 44 and 56 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall Orders Nos. 5 and 9 on the Order Paper were withdrawn.

ORDER NO. 17**BAIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Bail Act, Cap. 122A, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley who spoke that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Sitting was suspended until 2.30 p.m.

At 1.10 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 17 (resumed)

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. J. A. King spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Sitting was suspended until 4.45 p.m.

At 4.38 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 17 (resumed)

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to, 27 Members present voting aye. Absent for vote Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

ORDER NO. 15**CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to alter the Constitution of Barbados, the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to, 26 Members voting aye. Absent for vote Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid and Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

ORDER NO. 16**CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (NO.) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Constitution, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended until 8.10 p.m.

At 7.21 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 16 (resumed)

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

Clause 3 (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

Clauses 4 to 22 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to, 27 Members for aye. Absent for vote Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. R. St. C. Toppin by command laid –

Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (CAIPO) Business Plan 2019-2020.

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid –

Quarterly Report on State-owned Enterprises for the quarter October to December 2018.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS (recommitted)

Hon. R. St. C. Toppin made a Statement concerning the development of initiatives to strengthen the Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (CAIPO).

Hon. R. R. Straughn made a Statement on the Reform of State-owned Enterprises (SOEs).

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 2

FINAL APPROPRIATION (2017-2018) BILL, 2018

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to grant an additional sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the services of the Island for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2018,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

Clause 1 was recommitted and amended and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. G. W. Payne the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 9th April, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

At 9.56 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2019.

Speaker.

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