



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 21st day of September, 2021, at 10.00 a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C.

Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (*Minister of International Business and Industry*)

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*)

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*)

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

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (*Leader of the Opposition*)

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs*) (**Online**)

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)

Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology
Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture and Food Security*)

Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification*) (**Online**)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources*)

Hon. P. R. Phillips (*Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)

Hon. J. A. King, BSS (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*)

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources*)

Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector*)

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*)

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*)

and

Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*)

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship*), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*) and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 24th August, 2021 and Tuesday, 31st August, 2021 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker recognised the presence of Miss Nariah Reid, a Class 3 student of Hindsbury Primary School and Tashawn Yearwood, a Class 2 student of Lawrence T. Gay Primary School and extended a warm welcome to them.

Mr. Speaker read the following message from the Honourable the Senate:

MESSAGE

From

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

To

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to extend its compliments to the Honourable the House of Assembly and to reply to the Message from the House inviting the Senate to appoint six Members to a Joint Select Committee on the

National Vending Bill, 2021.

The Honourable the Senate is pleased to appoint:

Senator the Hon. Ms. Lisa R. Cummins, BSc., MSc.

Senator Dr. Lynette P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., D.Th.

Senator Damien R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.)

Senator Caswell A. Franklyn, J.P.

Senator Julian A. Hunte, BSc., B.A.

Senator Miss Alpheia M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

to constitute the Joint Select Committee with the Honourable the House, and to offer every good wish for the deliberations of the Committee.

Dated the 8th day of September, 2021.

**R. R. FARLEY
PRESIDENT**

Mr. Speaker spoke concerning the Public Expenditure Scrutiny for Members of Parliament Project – Webinars to be held during September and October 2021, the first of which to be held on 29th September, 2021 entitled “Financial Oversight – What is it for?” The Webinars are a collaboration by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the Parliament of Barbados, the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago, Dods Group Ltd. (UK) and the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) specially tailored and intended for Members of Parliament in CDB’s 19 Borrowing Member Countries.

Mr. Speaker also reminded Members of the meeting of the Standing Finance Committee with the IMF team, later in the day.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of privilege.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

PAPERS

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid the following:

1. Amendments to the Defence (Officers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 and the Defence (Barbados Defence Force Reserve) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
2. Civil Aviation (Aerodrome Certification) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
3. Annual Report of the Barbados Prison Service for Financial Year ended 2019.
4. Annual Report of the Barbados Investment and Development Corporation for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.
5. Instruments Adopted by the International Labour Organization (ILO):
 - (a) P029 – Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930;
 - (b) R203 – Forced Labour (Supplementary Measures) Recommendation, 2014;
 - (c) R204 – Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015;
 - (d) R205 – Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience Recommendation, 2017.
6. Financial Statements of the Transport Authority for the Year 2019-2020.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was read a first time.

On the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Prevention of Corruption Bill, 2021;
2. Remediation Agreements (Deferred Prosecutions) Bill, 2021; and
3. Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 4

FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC BILL, 2021

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the implementation of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic to make provision for the electronic transmission and exchange of information in order to facilitate and expedite the clearance of international maritime traffic and to provide for related purposes, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended to 3.15 p.m.

At 12.13 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of a Bill to amend the Constitution.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was read a first time.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke when Bishop J. J. S. Atherley gave way.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.

Further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 28th September, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2021.

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Speaker.

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