



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 27th day of May, 2025, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Speaker)
Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (Deputy Speaker)
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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, National Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> Agwef 24th May, 2025 to 31st May, 2025) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Training and Tertiary Education</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. |
| | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |
| | Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Educational Transformation</i>) |

ABSENT

Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy*), Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment*) and Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 10.57 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker read the following letter from the Cabinet Office informing of the election of Mr. Chad Jason Blackman as a Member of the House of Assembly:



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May 26, 2025

Mr. Pedro Eastmond
Clerk of Parliament
Parliament Building
Bridgetown

Dear Mr. Eastmond

**Taking of the Oath of Allegiance by Mr. Chad Jason Blackman, M.P.
Consequent on his Election as Member of The House of Assembly
for the Constituency of St. James North**

I write to inform that on Thursday, May 22, 2025, Her Excellency The President received from the Returning Officer for the constituency of St. James North, the Writ which has been issued for a by-election in that constituency certifying the election, in the poll held on May 21, 2025 of Mr. Chad Jason Blackman to serve as a member of the Honourable The House of Assembly for the said constituency of St. James North.

The Oath of Allegiance required by Section 59 of the Constitution and Section 62 of the *Representation of the People Act*, CAP.12 was taken by Mr. Blackman on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at State House before Her Excellency The President.

Yours sincerely

Selma Green (Ms.)
Cabinet Secretary

Mr. Speaker invited the Honourable Member to take his seat in the Chamber.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 13th May, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Mr. Speaker recognized the presence of and welcomed students from the Gordon Greenidge Primary School, St. Albans Primary School, Shirley Chisholm Primary School and Foundation Secondary School,

Mr. Speaker also recognized the presence of and welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Blackman, the parents of Hon. C. J. Blackman and members of his entourage.

PAPERS

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

- Public Officers Loan and Travelling Allowances (Amendment) Regulations, 2025;
- Report of the Parliamentary Reform Commission, 2024;
- 2024 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement of the Central Bank of Barbados.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2025 was read a first time.

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. 14

INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Insurance Act, Cap. 310 to enhance statutory fund enhancements and to make provision for a risk-based capital and insolvency regime, the Hon. Member began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed and concluded his speech and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 1.10 p.m. to 2.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 14 (resumed)

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak and gave way.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed and concluded his speech.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle began to speak.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point order.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle concluded her speech.

Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 12 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss. S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 3rd June, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.58 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 _____, 2025.

Speaker.

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