



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Friday the 28th day of July, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock 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*)

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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. ( <i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i> ) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development</i> ) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.  | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )  |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.)<br>L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )  | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</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. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )  | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )   |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.   | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i> )                                   |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )   | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</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, Works and Water Resources</i> )        | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</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 in the Prime Minister's Office</i> )  | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i> )                                  |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> )  | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.  |
|   | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.   |
|   | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )                                       |
|   | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> )             |
|   | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> )                                  |
|   | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. ( <i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i> )   |

**ABSENT**

Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*) and Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 25th July, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

**PAPERS**

Hon. D. D. Marshall by command laid:

- Barbados' Arms Trade Treaty Initial Report.

Hon. C. E. Jordan by command laid:

- The National Insurance Board's Principal Recommendations on the Revitalisation of the National Insurance Scheme.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

Hon. C. E. Jordan gave notice of:

- The National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. C. E. Jordan made a Statement on the Revitalisation of the National Insurance Scheme.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 6**

On the Order being called, Hon. C. E. Jordan sought and obtained leave to introduce the Order together with Order No. 5 in a cognate debate.

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

The Order being in the name of Hon. C. E. Jordan to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Cap. 47, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by the Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended to 2.15 p.m.

At 12.45 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid Standing Order 30(1) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)**

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.  
 Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore began to speak.  
 Mr. Speaker spoke.  
 Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.  
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.  
 Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. A. Lane the Sitting was suspended at 7.40 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.  
 The Bill was read a second time.

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore was appointed temporary Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the House went into Committee, Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2; 3 (as amended); 4 to 6; 7 (as amended) 8 to 14 and the First and Second Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands.

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands 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. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 5****PENSIONS (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend certain enactments relating to pensions in order to provide for a contributory pension scheme for certain public officers,

the Hon. Member moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the House went into Committee, Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands 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. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands 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 who spoke seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the House was adjourned to Friday, 11th August, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 8.27 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
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**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

**MINUTES**

Friday, 28th July, 2023.

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