



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 17th day of May, 2022, at 10 o'clock 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*)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*)

Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.

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.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Energy and Business Development*)

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 Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources*)

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*)

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

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology

Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*)

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*)

Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*)

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Health and Wellness*)

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

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

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources*)

Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*)

Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs

Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

ABSENT

Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*).
Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 19th April, 2022 and Tuesday, 26th April, 2022 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

PAPERS

Hon. K. D. Symmonds by command laid the following:

- Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of the National Petroleum Corporation (NPC) for the years ending as follows:
 - (i) March 31, 2015;
 - (ii) March 31, 2016;
 - (iii) March 31, 2017;
 - (iv) March 31, 2018;
 - (v) March 31, 2019.

Hon. D. D. Marshall by command laid:

- Police Complaints Authority Annual Report 2020.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of:

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 the lease to the Barbados National Oil Company Ltd. of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Fairy Valley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island for the purpose of a solar photovoltaic power plant and a battery storage system.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Airport Service Charge Bill, 2022 was read a first time.

On the motion of Hon. I. A. Weir seconded by Hon. D. G. Sutherland the Animals (Diseases and Importation) (Amendment) Bill, 2022 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. D. I. Ishmael, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 4

CAVES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. Symmonds to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Caves Act, Cap. 389,

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

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

On the separate motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams Clauses 1 and 2 were passed.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds 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. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Sitting was suspended at 12.30 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the lease to the Barbados National Oil Company Limited of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Fairy Valley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island more particularly described in the *First Schedule* to this Resolution on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* hereto for the purpose of a solar photovoltaic power plant and a battery storage system.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Fairy Valley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 55 937.7 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 1406.0 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of Barbados National Terminal Co. Ltd. on a public road known as Highway 7 which leads to Pilgrim Road in one direction and to Grantley Adams International Airport in the other direction on a public road and another public road which leads to a cul-de-sac in one direction and a cul-de-sac in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 8th day of March, 2022 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 18th day of March, 2022 as Plan No. 442 of 2022.

SECOND SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions of the lease to the Barbados National Oil Company Limited of lands owned by the State, situate at Fairy Valley, Christ Church and described in the *First Schedule* to this Resolution are set out as follows:

- (a) the lease shall be for a period of 25 years at an initial rate of 32 cents per square foot, per annum with an option to renew for a further term;
- (b) rent reviews shall take place at every 5 years;
- (c) the lessee shall bear and discharge all existing and future rates and taxes and assessments whatsoever imposed upon the land including the payment of land taxes, insurance premiums and other outgoings arising out of the use of the land;
- (d) the lessee shall bear the cost of developing the land as a photovoltaic power plant and at all times during the continuance of the term, comply with the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5) or subsequent planning and development enactments relating to any matter or things affecting the

SECOND SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*TERMS AND CONDITIONS – *Cont'd*

land demised and indemnify the lessor against all actions and proceedings, damages and penalties, costs, charges, claims and demands in respect of a breach of the provisions of the said Act and statutory instruments made thereunder;

- (e) the lessee shall not use and occupy the land or permit the same to be used or occupied otherwise than approved by the Director of the Planning and Development Department;
- (f) the lessee shall maintain and keep the land to be demised in a clean and tidy condition;
- (g) the lessee shall not assign or underlet or part possession of the land or any part thereof without the previous consent in writing of the lessor;
- (h) the lessee shall not do or suffer to be done on the land to be demised or any part thereof any act, matter or thing whatsoever which may be or tend to the annoyance, nuisance, damage or disturbance of the occupiers of any adjoining or neighbouring property of the land to be demised;
- (i) the lessee shall indemnify and protect the lessor and its duly authorized agents and each and any of them from all loss, damages, claims, suits and demands whatsoever from all persons whomsoever which may be in any wise sustained or be made for or by any reason of or in consequence of the use of the said lands for matters or things by these presents authorized or in consequence of any act or omission of the lessee or its agents in reference to this agreement or any loss or damage or liability in respect of or arising out of the use of the said lands for the purpose stated herein;
- (j) the lessee shall permit the lessor and its authorized agents, after giving the lessee 48 hours' notice in writing, to enter upon the land to be demised and inspect and view the conditions thereof;
- (k) the lessee shall, at the expiration or sooner determination of the said term proposed to be granted, quietly yield up the land to be demised for nil consideration; and
- (l) the premises shall to revert to the State for nil consideration at the end of the lease or its sooner determination,

and moved seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the Resolution be approved.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 24th May, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.33 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 _____, 2022.

Speaker.

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