

## 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 23rd day of October, 2018, 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)
- Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development)
- Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (Minister of International Business and Industry)
- 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. 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)
- Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (Minister of Environment and National Beautification)
- Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (Minister of Health and Wellness)
- Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (Minister of Home Affairs)
- Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce)
- Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (Leader of the Opposition)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Minister of Energy and Water Resources)

- Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of 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 Youth and Community Empowerment)
- Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development)
- Hon. P. R. Phillips (Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance)
- Hon. J. A. King, BSS (Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports)
- Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill
- Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations)
- 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)
- Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of Finance)
- Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment)
- Mr. N. G. H. Rowe (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs)

### ABSENT

Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (Minister of Tourism and International Transport), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training), Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (Minister of Transport, Works and Maintenance).

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

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 19th October, 2018 were deferred on the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ORDER NO. 6

# NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL, 2018

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Cap. 47 to provide for the imposition of a health service contribution and validate the purported payment and collection of health service contributions from 1st October, 2018,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic rose on a point of elucidation.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic rose on a point of elucidation.

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

Mr. G. P. I Gooding-Edghill 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. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1-6 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

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

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by His Honour G. A. Clarke the Sitting was suspended until 2.45 p.m.

At 1.12 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was further suspended until  $4.00\ p.m.$ 

At 2.58 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **ORDER NO. 3**

Resumption of Debate on Resolution to take note of the Green Paper on Planning Law Reform.

On the 23rd October, 2018 on resumption of debate,

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. J. A. King spoke.

His Honour G. A. Clarke spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Dr. S. E. Browne began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Dr. S. E. Browne resumed and concluded her speech.

Mr. Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

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

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. E. G. Hinkson gave notice of the following Bills:

Dematerialisation of Government Securities Bill, 2018.

Savings Bonds (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

Treasury Bills and Tax Certificates (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

Local Loans (Amendment) (No. ) Bill, 2018.

### FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the following Bills were read a first time.

Dematerialisation of Government Securities Bill, 2018.

Savings Bonds (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

Treasury Bills and Tax Certificates (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

Local Loans (Amendment) (No. ) Bill, 2018.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed) SUSPENSION

On the motion of the Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill the Sitting was suspended until 8.40 p.m.

At 7.52 p.m. the Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### **ORDER NO. 8**

Hon. R. R. Straughn sought leave of the House to treat Orders 7 - 11 as a cognate debate. Leave was given.

### **DEMATERIALISATION OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the dematerialisation of Government securities and other matters related thereto, the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley 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. C. E. Jordan the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Part I Clauses 1-3, Part II Clauses 4-6, Part III Clauses 7-9, Part IV Clauses 10-12, 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 Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic and Hon. J. A. King respectively the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

### ORDER NO. 7

### LOCAL LOANS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Local Loans Act, Cap. 98,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the Bill be read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Mr. N. G. H. Rowe the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1-4 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.

### ORDER NO. 9

### **SAVINGS BONDS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Savings Bonds Act, Cap. 104A to make provision for the issuance of savings bonds in a dematerialised format,

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1-9 were called and passed on the separate 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.

### ORDER NO. 10

### TREASURY BILLS AND TAX CERTIFICATES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Treasury Bills and Tax Certificates Act, Cap. 106 to make provision for the issuance of treasury bills and treasury tax certificates in a dematerialised format,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1-7 were called and passed on the separate 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 agreed to.

### ORDER NO. 11 LOCAL LOANS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2018

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Local Loans Act, Cap. 98 to make provision for the issuance of securities in a dematerialised format,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 - 6 were called and passed on the separate 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 Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House was adjourned to Friday, 26th October, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

At 10.03 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

PEDRO EASTMOND Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2018.

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Speaker.

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