



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 9th day of June, 2020, 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*)
- Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B. A., LL.B. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*)
- 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*)
- 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 Transport, Works and Maintenance*)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Energy and Water Resources*)
- 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*)
- 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. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*) and Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill.

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 Tuesday 2nd June, 2020 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

PAPERS

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

1. Audited Financial Statements of the Caves of Barbados Limited (CBL) for the Financial Years ended March 31, 2017, March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2019.
2. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Fair Trading Commission for the period April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Police (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

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. 15****INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Income Tax Act, Cap. 73 to make provision for changes in the taxation of life insurance companies,

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

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. R. St. C. Toppin 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 to 4 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m.

At 12.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 8**PUBLIC TRANSPORT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called for Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend certain enactments consequent upon the commencement of the Transport Authority Regulations, 2019,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill in a cognate debate with Transport Authority (Validation) Bill, 2020.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker interjected.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

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

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of elucidation.

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

His Honour G. A. Clarke spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 and the Schedule were called and on the separate motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips were passed.

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid 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 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 12

TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (VALIDATION) BILL, 2020

On the Order being called for Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to validate the collection of the increased rates of bus fares pursuant to the 2019 Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals from the 15th day of April, 2019 to the date of commencement of this Act,

the Hon. Member moved, seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and on the separate motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips were passed.

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid 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 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 14

RESOLUTION TO BORROW BDS \$2,493,271 FROM SCOTIABANK (BARBADOS) LTD TO REPAY AN EXISTING OVERDRAFT FACILITY HELD BY BARBADOS BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2 of the *Special Loans Act*, Cap. 105 the Government is authorised from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company or other institution sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate BBD 2,500,000,000 on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the lender of any such sum of money;

AND WHEREAS by section 3 of the said Act it is provided that any money borrowed under the authority of the Act shall be appropriated and applied to such purposes as Parliament may approve by resolution and that such money and any interest payable thereon is charged upon the general revenues and assets of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it necessary to borrow the sum of BBD 2,493,271 from Scotiabank (Barbados) Limited to repay an existing overdraft facility held by the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of BBD 2,493,271 is borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in the Commitment Letter, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of BBD 2,493,271 is within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the said Act;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the said sum of BBD 2,493,271 from Scotiabank (Barbados) Limited to repay an existing overdraft facility held by the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation on the terms and conditions contained in the Commitment Letter, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*.

SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Borrower:	Government of Barbados
Lender:	Scotiabank (Barbados) Limited
Amount:	BBD 2,493,271
Type:	Non revolving term loan
Purpose:	To fully repay and close the operating facility availed to the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation
Currency:	Barbados dollars (BBD)
Term and repayment:	The term of the loan is 18 months. The loan shall be repaid by 18 monthly blended principal and interest payments of BBD 144,062.08 each. The balance of the loan together with all accrued interest and amounts outstanding shall be paid on or before the date which is 18 months from the date of the initial advance.
Interest Rate:	Fixed at 5 per cent per annum. Interest payable monthly. Interest is calculated on the basis of a calendar year for the actual number of days elapsed, divided by 365. Interest on overdue interest shall be calculated at the same rate as interest on the loan in respect of which interest is overdue plus 2 per cent. Interest shall be compounded monthly and be payable on demand.

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

- Drawdown: Provided all terms and conditions are met, the loan may be drawn down upon presentation of a drawdown notice at least 2 days prior to the requested drawdown date.
- General Security: Unsecured
- Conditions precedent: The right of the Borrower to obtain any advance under the loan is subject to:
- (1) performance by the Borrower of all its obligations set out in the Commitment Letter which are to be performed prior to any disbursement; and
 - (2) the following documents have been provided and the following conditions have been complied with, each in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender:
 - (a) execution of the Commitment Letter by authorised parties of the Borrower and delivery to the Lender;
 - (b) a certificate of an authorised signatory of the Borrower to the effect that the requisite legislative approvals have been obtained to authorise
 - (i) the execution, delivery and performance of the Commitment Letter and any ancillary documents to which the Borrower is a party;
 - (ii) a named person or persons specified therein and whose specimen signatures appear thereon to sign on behalf of the Borrower, the Commitment Letter and any ancillary documents to which the Borrower is a party, and to give any notices or certificates required in connection therewith and confirming that (such resolutions) are still in effect and have not been varied or rescinded.
- Governing Law: The Commitment Letter and the loan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of Barbados.

and moved seconded by Hon. I. A. Weir that the Resolution be passed.

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke on a point of order.

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

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw began to speak.

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw concluded her speech.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn began his reply.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley interjected.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak on a point of order.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his point of order.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley withdrew certain remarks and resumed his point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled no point of order.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn concluded his speech.

The Resolution was passed.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the Barbados Optional Savings Scheme Bill, 2020.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Barbados Optional Savings Scheme Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 16th June, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.45 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 _____, 2020.

Speaker.

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