



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 14th day of January, 2020, 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 G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs</i>) | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i>) | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</i>) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M.Min. (<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |

ABSENT

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*), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Energy and Water Resources*) and Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 17th December, 2019 and Friday, 20th December, 2019 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

PAPERS

Hon. T. A. Prescod by command laid the following:

Sanitation Service Authority (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

Resolution to grant the sum of FIFTEEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019-2020 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 10, 2019-2020.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and to substitute a corrected Bill dated 4th December, 2019.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Mr. R. A. Thorne was appointed Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 9**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee Mr. R. A. Thorne in the Chair.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of FIFTEEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019-2020 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 10, 2019-2020 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE
Supplementary Estimates 2019 – 2020 No. 10

| HEAD | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2019 – 2020 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–9 | Supplementary Provision Required |
|--|-------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| | | Other Expenditure | Other Expenditure | Other Expenditure |
| HEAD 32 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Program 330: Direction Formulation and Implementation of Foreign Policy | | | | |
| Subprogram 7080: General Management, Coordination and Missions | 323307080 | | | |
| <i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i> | | 3,828,753 | | 794,900 |
| <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i> | | 84,000 | | 82,300 |
| Subprogram 0078: Overseas Missions – Ghana | 323300078 | | | |
| <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i> | | 0 | | 36,840 |
| <i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contribution</i> | | 0 | | 1,444 |
| <i>Account Code: 206 – Travel</i> | | 0 | | 2,800 |
| <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i> | | 0 | | 25,300 |
| <i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i> | | 0 | | 385,900 |
| <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i> | | 0 | | 62,800 |
| <i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance and Equipment</i> | | 0 | | 36,200 |
| <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i> | | 0 | | 10,000 |
| <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i> | | 0 | | 160,000 |
| <i>Account Code: 753 – Furniture and Fittings</i> | | 0 | | 78,500 |
| Subprogram 0091: United Nations Conferences on Trade and Development XV | 323300091 | | | |
| <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i> | | 0 | | 224,190 |
| <i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contribution</i> | | 0 | | 21,563 |
| <i>Account Code: 206 – Travel</i> | | 0 | | 2,500 |
| <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i> | | 0 | | 26,419 |
| <i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i> | | 0 | | 15,000 |

SCHEDULE – Cont'd
Supplementary Estimates 2019 – 2020 No. 10

| HEAD | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2019 – 2020 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–9 | Supplementary Provision Required |
|--|-------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| | | Other Expenditure | Other Expenditure | Other Expenditure |
| HEAD 32 – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE – <i>Cont'd</i> | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| <i>Account Code: 209 – Library Books and Publications</i> | | 0 | | 600 |
| <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i> | | 0 | | 26,508 |
| <i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance and Equipment</i> | | 0 | | 37,091 |
| <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i> | | 0 | | 58,100 |
| <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i> | | 0 | | 645,902 |
| <i>Account Code: 317 – Subscriptions and Contributions</i> | | 0 | | 578,550 |
| <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i> | | 0 | | 20,000 |
| <i>Account Code: 753 – Furniture and Fittings</i> | | 0 | | 40,000 |
| Subprogram 7081: Foreign Trade <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i> | 323307081 | 92,978 | | 29,974 |
| HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT | | | | |
| Program 040: Direction & Policy Formulation Services | | | | |
| Subprogram 7010: General Management & Coordination Services | 340407010 | | | |
| <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i> | | 411,257 | | 70,020 |
| <i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i> | | 134,294 | | 29,504 |
| <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i> | | 318,750 | | 100,000 |
| <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i> | | 14,327,487 | | 11,311,929 |
| Program 119: Lending | | | | |
| Subprogram 0141: Loans and Advances | 341190141 | | | |
| <i>Account Code: 628 – Advances to Public Officers</i> | | 550,000 | | 500,000 |

and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that Head 32 stand part.

Hon. J. A. King spoke.

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

The motion was passed.

HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT – \$12,011,453

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips that Head 34 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Resolution was read a First and Second time and agreed to.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

Resolution to grant the sum of FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019–2020 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 11, 2019–2020.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was suspended until 2.00 p.m.

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

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE
GOVERNOR-GENERAL (committed)**

Mr. Speaker read the following:



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
BARBADOS

Ref. No. GG: 2/S.1A Vol. II

23rd December, 2019

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I have the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that I shall be away from the island during the period 23rd December, 2019 to 3rd January, 2020 on vacation leave.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 29(1)(a) of the Constitution, Sir Kenneth Hewitt, KA, CBE, BJH, will perform the functions of the Office of Governor-General during my absence.

As The Honourable The House of Assembly will not be meeting prior to my departure, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, formally bring my absence to the attention of The Honourable The House of Assembly when next it meets.

I have the honour to be,
Yours faithfully,

S. Mason
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

His Honour
The Speaker of The House of Assembly
Parliament Buildings
BRIDGETOWN

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 7**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the passing of a Resolution to adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2018.

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan that the Resolution be passed.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson concluded his speech.

His Honour G. A. Clarke spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King further consideration of the Resolution was postponed.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the Constitution (Amendment) 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 Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill was appointed Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 10**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY -FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019-2020 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 11, 2019-2020 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE**Supplementary Estimates 2019 – 2020 No. 11**

| HEAD | Code Number | Provision in Approved Estimates 2019 – 2020 | Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 - 10 | Supplementary Provision Required |
|---|-------------|---|--|---|
| | | Other Expenditure | Other Expenditure | Other Expenditure |
| HEAD 46 – MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS AND THE BLUE ECONOMY Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 0388: Market Development <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i> | 460400388 | \$ 0 | \$ | \$ 544,000 |

and moved seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan that Head 46 stand part.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution in Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was suspended to 5.30 p.m.

At 5.22 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 11

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke and on his motion seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the House resolved itself into Committee on the Bill Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

On the separate motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson 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 motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was passed the House voting as follows:

Ayes: Honourables Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, D. D. Marshall, G. W. Payne, R. St. C. Toppin, Miss C. Y. Forde, K. D. Symmonds, T. A. Prescod, E. G. Hinkson, D. G. Sutherland, Dr. W. F. Duguid, Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, I. A. Weir, A. R. Forde, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, His Honour G. A. Clarke, Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, Honourables C. McD. Griffith, J. A. King, C. E. Jordan, K. D. M. Humphrey, R. R. Straughn, Miss M. K-A. Caddle and N. G. H. Rowe.

Abstentions: Nil.

Noes: Nil.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 28th January, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.55 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.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023

MINUTES

Tuesday, 14th January, 2020.

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