



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 24th day of January, 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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| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</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. |
| 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>) | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</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>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*) and Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 17th January, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

PAPERS

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

1. Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report on the Activities of the Board of Management, Harrison College for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2018.
2. Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2019 of the Ellerslie Secondary School.

Hon. C. E. Jordan by command laid the following:

1. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the Year ended December 31, 2016.
2. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the Year ended December 31, 2017.
3. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the Year ended December 31, 2018.
4. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the Year ended December 31, 2019.
5. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the Year ended December 31, 2020.

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

1. Value Added Tax (Waiver) (Barbados Defence Force) (No.) Order, 2022 *Combat Boots.
2. Value Added Tax (Waiver) (Barbados Defence Force) (No.) Order, 2022 *Disaster Preparedness.
3. Value Added Tax (Waiver) (Barbados Defence Force) (No.) Order, 2022 *Robotic Equipment.
4. Value Added Tax (Waiver) (Barbados Defence Force) (No.) Order, 2022 *Avante Neoglider Transport Incubator.
5. Value Added Tax (Refund) (China Shanxi Construction Engineering Group Corp.) Order, 2022.
6. Value Added Tax (Waiver) (Hanshell Inniss Limited) Order, 2022.
7. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (12 Knights Templar LLC) Order, 2022.
8. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Alfundi Investments Ltd.) Order, 2022.
9. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Brent E. V. A. Phillips) Order, 2022.
10. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Caves of Barbados Ltd.) Order, 2022.
11. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Discovery Bay Beach Hotel Limited) Order, 2022.
12. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Julia Cadogan) Order, 2022.
13. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (National Sports Council) Order, 2022.
14. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Estate of Robert Hatfield Ellsworth) Order, 2022.
15. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Rolando Garcia) Order, 2022.
16. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Stephen Tempro) Order, 2022.
17. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (The Tabor Foundation (Barbados)) Order, 2022.
18. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (TVX (Barbados) Inc.) Order, 2022.
19. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Tyrone Davis) Order, 2022.
20. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Vinkar Limited) Order, 2022.
21. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Sovereign Counter-Guarantee Contract) Order, 2022.

22. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (China National Complete Plant Import & Export Corporation Limited) Order, 2022.
23. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Conservation Funding Agreement) Order, 2022.
24. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Conservation and Sustainability Commitments Agreement) Order, 2022.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands seconded by Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, the Companies (Economic Substance) (Amendment) Bill, 2023 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 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 5

PLANT PROTECTION BILL, 2022

On the Order being called for Hon. I. A. Weir to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the protection of plant resources by preventing the introduction plant pests and controlling the spread of plant pests in order to facilitate the trade in plants and plant products in accordance with the obligations under the World Trade Organization Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, the International Plant Protection Convention and the International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures; and for related matters,

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

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. I. A. Weir seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 and 2) was called.

On the motion of Hon. I. A. Weir seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams Clause 1 was amended.

On the motion of Hon. I. A. Weir seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams Part 1 was passed.

On the separate motion of Hon. I. A. Weir seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 16); Part 3 (Clauses 17 to 27); Part 4 (Clauses 28 to 31); Part 5 (Clauses 32 to 44); Part 6 (Clauses 45 to 49); Part 7 (Clauses 50 to 62) and Part 8 (Clauses 63 to 68) were called and passed.

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

ORDER NO. 7

COMPANIES (ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Companies (Economic Substance) Act, 2019 (Act 2019-43),

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands 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. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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 seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 7th February, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 12.35 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.

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FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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