



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 30th day of January, 2024, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)
Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</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, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</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</i>) (<i>Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i>) |
| | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</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. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B.(Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*) (*Leader of Government Business*), 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*), Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker acknowledged the presence of and welcomed students from the Combermere Secondary School, accompanied by their teacher Ms. Danielle Forde and Taija Goring Brewster, a pupil of St. George Primary School accompanied by parent Stacia Goring.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 23rd January, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

PAPERS

Hon. D. D. Marshall by command laid the following :

- Barbados Water Authority (Water Protection Zones) Order, 2023.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, delivered a Ministerial Statement on the Barbados National Identity Programme.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 7****CYBERCRIME BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the combatting of cybercrime, protection of legitimate interests in the use and development of information technologies, the facilitation of international co-operation in computer related crimes and related matters; Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill in a cognate debate with Order No. 7.

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall who spoke seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m.

At 1.03 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Further consideration of the Bill was postponed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

ORDER NO. 11
AFRICAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK BILL, 2024

On the Order been called, Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for implementation of the

- (a) Agreement for the Establishment of a Partnership between Member States of the Community and the African Export-Import Bank; and
- (b) Agreement between the Government of Barbados and the African Export-Import Bank concerning the location of the Caribbean Community Office of the African Export-Import Bank,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan who spoke that the Bill be read a second time.

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, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 2); Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 6); Part 3 (Clauses 7 to 11), the First and Second Schedules were called and passed without amendment 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.

ORDER NO. 10
BARBADOS REVENUE AUTHORITY (APPEALS TRIBUNAL)
(VALIDATION) BILL, 2024

On the Order being called, Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to validate the hearing and determination of appeals by the Barbados Revenue Appeals Tribunal presided over by a member other than the Chairman,

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

The motion was passed.

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

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed without amendment on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 13th February, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.05 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 _____, 2024.

Speaker.

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