



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Friday the 24th day of April, 2020, at 11.00 o'clock 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. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</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. 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>) |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</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. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</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>) |
| | and |
| | 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*), Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B. A., LL.B. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce*), Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture and Food Security*), Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations*) and Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 1st April, 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 Barbados International Business Promotion Corporation Inc. (Invest Barbados) – Annual Report for the Financial Year April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of a Resolution to extend the Public Health Emergency.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the following Bills were read a first time.

1. Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2020; and
2. The Control of Disposable Plastics Bill, 2020.

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 18****RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 28A(1) of the *Emergency Management Act*, Cap. 160A the Governor-General is satisfied that an emergency has arisen as a result of a person or an animal having a communicable or a notifiable disease, the Governor-General may by Proclamation, on the advice of the Prime Minister after the Prime Minister has consulted, or has been advised by, the Chief Medical Officer, declare that a public health emergency exists;

AND WHEREAS by section 28A(2) of the said Act a Proclamation is issued under section 28(1) and shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for one month or for such longer period, not exceeding 6 months, as the House of Assembly may determine by a resolution supported by the votes of a majority of all the members of that House;

AND WHEREAS a Proclamation was issued on the 28th day of March, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the said Proclamation has not been revoked and is due to expire on the 27th day of April, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly has by a vote of the majority of all the members thereof, determined by resolution to extend the said Proclamation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Proclamation aforesaid is hereby extended until the 30th day of June, 2020.

and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution be approved.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

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

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke in reply.

The Resolution was approved.

ORDER NO. 16

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2020

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2020,

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. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall 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. D. D. Marshall 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. 17

CONTROL OF DISPOSABLE PLASTICS BILL, 2020

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to revise the law relating to the prohibition on the importation, manufacture, distribution and sale of certain single-use plastic items, authorise the use of certain types of disposable plastic items and to provide for related matters,

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

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 2 was called.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams an amendment thereto.

Clause 2 (as amended) was passed.

Clause 3 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clauses 4 to 8 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

Clause 9 was called.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke and moved an amendment thereto.

Clause 9 (as amended) was passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

Clauses 10 to 13 and the First to Fifth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

Resolution to grant the sum of TWO MILLION DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020-2021 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 2, 2020-2021.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 19**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee Dr. S. E Browne in the Chair.

(a) Supplementary Estimates No. 2 2020 – 2021

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of TWO MILLION DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020-2021 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 2, 2020-2021 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE**Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 2**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS Program 360: Primary Health Care Services Subprogram 0363: Laboratory Services <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i>	863600363	\$ 2,996,900	\$ 	\$ 2,000,000

and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 86 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed.

ORDER NO. 11**INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) 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 implement the relevant proposals contained in the Budgetary Proposals and Financial Statement 2019,

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, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 14 and the First and Second Schedules 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. 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. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

At 2.10 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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