



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 8th day of October, 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. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.<br>( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> ) ( <i>Senior Minister</i> )  | Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip.<br>Theology ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )               |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.   | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )               |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.   | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</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 and Works</i> ) ( <i>Leader of Government Business</i> ) ( <i>Acting Prime Minister wef 6th October, 2024</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. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</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> )  | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.   |
|   | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.  |
|   | 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. 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*), Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*), Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*) and Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*).

### PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

### MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Monday, 30th September, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

### PAPERS

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

- The Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of Hotel and Resorts Limited for the year ended March 31, 2023.
- 2023-2030 National Policy for Improving the Lives of Persons with Disabilities.
- 2023 Report of the National Advisory Committee to Guide the Establishment of a Commission for Improving the Lives of Persons with Disabilities.
- ILO Convention 160 – Labour Statistics, 1985 (No. 160) and associated Recommendation R170 – Labour, Statistics, 1985 (No. 170).
- ILO Convention 149 – Nursing Personnel, 1977 (No. 149) and respective Recommendation R157 – Nursing Personnel, 1977 (No. 157).

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024 which notice was given on 27th September 2024, Order No.12, and to substitute a revised/amended Bill.

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

- Resolution that the Parliament of Barbados approve the National Policy for Improving the Lives of Persons with Disabilities.

### FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss. S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Bills following were read a first time:

1. Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024.
2. Merchant Shipping (Liability and Compensation) Bill, 2024.
3. Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) Bill, 2024.
4. Merchant Shipping (Multimodal Transport) Bill, 2024.
5. Merchant Shipping (Maritime Marriage) Bill, 2024.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### ORDER NO. 10

#### SEXUAL OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Cap. 154 in order to create new sexual offences, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Speaker spoke and made a ruling.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
Mr. Speaker spoke.  
Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and concluded his speech.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 1.55 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.  
Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.  
Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.  
Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.  
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.  
Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.  
The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 23 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall 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. D. D. Marshall 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 Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.13 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.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
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**MINUTES**

Monday, 8th October, 2024.

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