



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 13th day of September, 2022, 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. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional 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 Environment and National Beautification</i> )                           |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )                     |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Energy and Business Development</i> )   | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )  |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.  | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</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 and Social Security and the Third Sector</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> ) | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</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. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )        |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> )   | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i> )           |
| 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. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.   |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology   | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.  |
|  | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )                |
|  | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> )           |
|  | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs  |
|  | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. ( <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, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*) and Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker welcomed members of the Barbados National Youth Parliament to the Sitting.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 12th August, 2022 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. R. R. Straughn by command laid:

- Response to the Auditor General's Report.

**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER (recommitted)****OBITUARY**

Mr. Speaker spoke.

The Chamber rose and observed a moment of silence on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, late Queen of the United Kingdom and Colonies and Head of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 7**

On the Order being called, Hon. R. R. Straughn sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders Nos. 7 and 8 in a cognate debate.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 4 of *Debt Conversion (Counter-Guarantee) Act, 2022-12*, the Government may with the approval of Parliament, enter into counter-guarantee agreements to allow the Government to buy back Eurobonds due 2029 and prepay Series E debt.

AND WHEREAS the Government may by resolution of both Houses of Parliament, enter into counter-guarantee agreements in respect of guaranteed payments of principal and interest due in respect of loans to be used to buy back Eurobonds due 2029 and prepay Series E debt, on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, but such guaranteed amounts shall not exceed the sum of BBD 300 million dollars, exclusive of the interest payable thereon;

AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking a guarantee of approximately BBD 200 million from the Inter-American Development Bank and to enter into a corresponding counter-guarantee on the terms and conditions of an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *First Schedule* to this Resolution;

AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking a guarantee of up to approximately BBD 100 million from The Nature Conservancy and to enter into corresponding counter-guarantee on the terms and conditions of an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Second Schedule* to this Resolution;

AND WHEREAS the Government commits to use low cost guaranteed funding to buyback or prepay more expensive existing debt and pay the net savings over 15 years to a local trust which will manage conservation work on the terms and conditions of the Conservation Funding Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Third Schedule* of this Resolution;

AND WHEREAS the Government commits that the local trust will use the proceeds under the Conservation Fund Agreement to pursue environmental milestones as outlined in the Conservation and Sustainability Commitments Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Fourth Schedule* of this Resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament approve the counter-guarantee agreements with the Inter-American Development Bank and The Nature Conservancy of up to approximately BBD 300 million, to enable the Government to buyback or prepay more expensive existing debt on the terms and conditions of the Agreements, the main provisions of which are set out in the *First Schedule* and *Second Schedule* respectively;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament approve the Conservation Funding Agreement for the purpose of paying the net savings over 15 years to a local trust which will manage conservation work, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Third Schedule*;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament approve the environmental and conservation commitments under the Conservation and Sustainability Commitments Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Fourth Schedule*;

## FIRST SCHEDULE

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Facility:	Counter-guarantee
Counter-Guarantor:	Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
Borrower:	Government of Barbados
Counter-Guarantee Amount:	up to BBD 200 000 000.
Purpose:	To buyback or prepay more expensive existing debt and pay the net savings over 15 years to a local trust which will manage conservation work
Terms:	20 years with a Weight Average Life of up to 12.75 years
Drawn amounts:	Any amounts drawn under the Guarantee will not be reinstated. Any reimbursement made will not be available for new Guaranteed Payments.
Conditions Precedent:	(a) the contract has entered the force; (b) legal opinion;

FIRST SCHEDULE – *Cont'd***TERMS AND CONDITIONS** – *Cont'd*

Conditions Precedent: – <i>Cont'd</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) satisfaction of the bank of the structuring of the guaranteed instrument;</li> <li>(d) designation of officials with authentic copies of the signatures of said representatives;</li> <li>(e) complied Policy conditions;</li> <li>(f) The Counter-Guarantor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) shall be in compliance with all the obligations provided under this Contract; and</li> <li>(ii) shall not be in default for a period longer than thirty (30) days of any payment obligation set forth in this Contract or under any other contract entered into with the Bank.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Guarantee fee:	The Guarantee fee shall be paid semi-annually, calculated using the variable lending ending spread applicable to sovereign guaranteed loans granted by the Bank and financed with resources from the Bank's ordinary capital. First payment due on the expiration date of the 6-month period following the date of entry into force of the Guarantee Contract.
Standby fee:	The Standby fee shall not exceed 0.75% per annum and will begin to accrue from the date of signature until the date in which the Guaranteed Amount is one hundred percent (100%) callable.
Payments under the Guarantee:	The payments under the guarantee to be made upon receipt of a payment demand. IADB will not be required to make any investigation as to whether the information contained in it is correct.
Reimbursement:	To be reimbursed within a period of not more than 180 days. An amortization schedule may be agreed to through written agreement with the counter guarantor established under the Bank's guarantee policy, the Flexible Financing Facility and Chapter III and V of the General Conditions.
Interest rate:	Semi-annually due on the 15th day of the month. SOFR-Based Interest Rate plus the applicable lending spread for the Bank's ordinary capital loans.
Early Disbursement Event:	(a) The Bank may make an early disbursement of the Guarantee through a deposit in an escrow account nominated by and for the benefit of the Guaranteed Creditors, if any default events.

## FIRST SCHEDULE – (Concl'd)

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS – (Concl'd)**

Early Disbursement Event: – <i>Cont'd</i>	(b) In the event that the Bank makes an Escrow Payment equivalent to the Maximum Guaranteed Amount, the Bank's Guarantee will be canceled once the Guaranteed Creditors have been notified. Upon the occurrence of an Early Disbursement Event of the Guarantee, it is the right of the Bank to declare that the Outstanding Balance or a portion thereof is immediately due and payable.
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## SECOND SCHEDULE

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Facility:	Counter-guarantee
Counter-Guarantor:	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
Borrower:	Government of Barbados
Counter Guarantee Amount:	up to BBD 100 000 000.
Purpose:	To buyback or prepay more expensive existing debt and pay the net savings over 15 years to a local trust which will manage conservation work
Terms:	20 years from date of entry into force
Amounts drawn:	Any amounts drawn under the Guarantee will not be reinstated.
Conditions Precedent:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) duly executed agreements;</li> <li>(b) legal opinions;</li> <li>(c) each of the representations and warranties made be true and correct in all material respects;</li> <li>(d) satisfaction of the bank of the structuring of the blue loan agreement;</li> <li>(e) designation of officials with authentic copies of the signatures of said representatives;</li> <li>(f) The Counter-Guarantor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) shall be in compliance with all the obligations provided under this Contract and each other Transaction Document; and</li> <li>(ii) shall not be in default for a period longer than thirty (30) days of any payment obligation under any other contract entered into with TNC or IADB.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

SECOND SCHEDULE – *Cont'd***TERMS AND CONDITIONS – *Cont'd***

Guarantee fee:	0.90% per annum on maximum guaranteed amount payable semi-annually beginning 6 months following date of entry into force on the 20th of the month
Conservation Advisory Payment:	BBD 180,000 for 1-5 years BBD 140,000 until maturity (aggregate payments shall not exceed BBD 2.30M)
Reimbursement:	Within 180 days from guaranteed payment made by TNC. TNC, in its sole discretion, and through written agreement with the Counter-Guarantor, may agree to a payment schedule that is different than the one specified.
Interest rate:	Highest coupon on the blue loan agreement
Default Interest rate:	Interest rate plus 1%
Prepayment	(a) TNC may make an early disbursement through a deposit in an escrow account nominated by and for the benefit of the Guaranteed Creditors, if any default of the events.  (b) In the event that TNC makes an Escrow Payment equivalent to the Maximum Guaranteed Amount, the Guarantee will be canceled once the Guaranteed Creditors have been notified. Upon the occurrence of an Early Disbursement Event of the Guarantee, the right of the TNC to declare that the Outstanding Balance or a portion thereof is immediately due and payable will be exercisable by TNC.

## THIRD SCHEDULE

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The main financial terms and conditions of the Conservation Funding Agreement are as follows:

Payment Schedule:	Net savings achieved through guaranteed funding and debt conversion to be paid over 15 years in semiannual installments at 0% interest
Late Payment Charge:	Rate per annum equal to the sum of (a) the highest annual [coupon] on the blue loan agreement plus (b) one percent (1%).
Expenses:	50% of all cost and expense
Natural Disaster Clause:	Yes
Pari Passu Clause:	Yes
Termination Events:	Yes

THIRD SCHEDULE – *Cont'd***TERMS AND CONDITIONS – *Cont'd***

Payments under the Fund: Following receipt of any payment made pursuant to the Conservation Funding Agreement on each Payment Date, BESF shall apply all such amounts in the following order of priority:

- (a) first, BESF shall set aside an amount necessary to fund fifty percent (50%) of the general, administrative and operation expenses of BESF for that year, subject to the annual limit set.
- (b) second, for each Payment Date that occurs in the first seven (7) years from the Effective Date, BESF shall retain an amount that is 50% of the amount to be applied by BESF towards grants for Barbados in the context of the development of the MSP; and
- (c) third, after setting aside the amounts set forth in clauses (a) and (b) above received by BESF as of such Payment Date, commit any remaining amounts of such payment as grants to third parties in accordance with the requirement under Exhibit A (Conservation Fund Terms) of the Agreement.

## FOURTH SCHEDULE

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The following milestones are agreed under the Conservation and Sustainability Commitments Agreement, which include the value of having a Marine Spatial Plan (MSP) i.e. what Barbados is willing to commit to achieving over the next 5 to 7 years; the supporting frameworks/tools/systems for MSP preparation and long term sustainability.

**Milestone 1: Initiation of the MSP**

No later than three (3) months after the signing of the Counter Guarantee Agreements (“CGA” or the “Agreement”), Barbados shall initiate the process of developing a MSP for its Ocean by the

- (a) designation of a Government of Barbados ministry or agency to lead and manage MSP process; and
- (b) establish a MSP project-steering committee (“MSP Steering Committee”) comprised of both
  - (A) senior level officers or employees from governmental agencies; and
  - (B) qualified representatives from non-governmental organizations.



FOURTH SCHEDULE – *Cont'd***TERMS AND CONDITIONS – *Cont'd*****Milestone 2: Completion of First Draft of Zoning Design**

No later than thirty-six (36) months after the date of signing of the Conservation and Sustainability Commitments Agreement, the government shall complete a first draft of the marine zoning design for the complete area of affected Ocean showing at least three (3) spatial scenarios that could achieve up to an aspirational goal of 30% biodiversity protection, including at least one option evaluating the potential for 15% in High Protection Biodiversity Zones and 15% in Medium Protection Biodiversity Zones that would allow for long-term, sustainable, effective management of Barbados' Ocean resources. The draft zoning design will include spatial maps in sufficient detail to allow visual assessment of each proposed area of protected space in each scenario, the rationale for each Zone area including estimates of km<sup>2</sup>, percentage of Ocean, biodiversity significance, existing uses and activities, existing maritime zones, threats or pressures, and proposed categorization as High or Medium Protection Biodiversity Zones. The zoning design spatial scenarios will be evidence-based, using all relevant data and information, including participatory mapping and other sources of information collected for appropriate marine spatial models and planning tools. Evidence of stakeholder engagement and participation shall be included in the Milestone Report.

**Milestone 3: Government Approval of**

- (a) Legislation and Regulations to Declare Marine Biodiversity Protection Zones/MPAs; and**
- (b) MSP Institutional Frameworks**

No later than four (4) years and six (6) months after the date of signing of the Conservation and Sustainability Commitments Agreement, the Government shall:

- (a) approve the legislation and regulations that allows for the legal declaration, Gazetting, and management of feasible marine Biodiversity Protection Zones/MPAs (identified as part of the MSP process), including bestowing of authority to an appropriate government agency / agencies for monitoring and enforcement;
- (b) approve and effect the institutional framework required for MSP implementation; and
- (c) legally declare and Gazette 10% of Ocean under biodiversity protection, if deemed feasible within the scientific analysis provided by the MSP.

**Milestone 4: Completion of the MSP, Gazetting of Biodiversity Protection Zones/MPAs and MSP implementation**

No later than five (5) years after signing the Agreement Barbados shall,

- (a) have completed the MSP;
- (b) legally declared and Gazetted as MPAs whichever is the lower of either
  - (i) an aspirational goal of 30% of Ocean, with at least 15% in High Protection Biodiversity Zones and at least 15% in Medium Protection Biodiversity Zones; or



FOURTH SCHEDULE – *Concl'd***TERMS AND CONDITIONS** – *Concl'd*

- (ii) the percentage of Ocean declared as MPAs, with percentages of High Protection Biodiversity Zones and Medium Protection Biodiversity Zones deemed achievable in the MSP; and
- (c) Implement the MSP.

**Milestone 5: Government Approval and Adoption of Management Plans**

No later than seven (7) years and six (6) months after the date of signing of Conservation and Sustainability Commitments Agreement, Barbados shall have

- (a) approved Management Plans for each Gazetted Biodiversity Protection Zone MPA; and
- (b) the agency(s) with authority over such plans shall have adopted a Management plans support of Barbados's goals for longterm, sustainable, effective management of their Ocean using, but not limited to, strategies for protected area management, aligned with recognized standards,

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

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Further consideration of the Resolution was postponed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

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

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 the vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of a parcel of land, the property of the State, together with the building thereon known as the Treasury Building, situate at Bridge Street in the parish of St. Michael in this Island for the purpose of residential development.

Resolution to extend the public health emergency.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 1.05 p.m. to 2.20 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn concluded his speech in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

**ORDER NO. 8**

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the following Resolution be approved:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2 of the *Special Loans Act*, Cap. 105 the Government is authorised from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company or other institution sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate BBD 2 500 000 000 on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the lender of any such sum of money;

AND WHEREAS by section 3 of the said Act it is provided that any money borrowed under the authority of the Act shall be appropriated and applied to such purposes as Parliament may approve by resolution and that such money and any interest payable thereon is charged upon the general revenues and assets of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it necessary to borrow the sums of approximately

- (a) BBD 150 million from First Caribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited;
- and
- (b) BBD 150 million from Credit Suisse International

in order to buyback and prepay existing higher cost Government of Barbados debt and utilize the savings to finance marine conservation in Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the said sums of approximately

- (a) BBD 150 million from First Caribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited; and
- (b) BBD 150 million from Credit Suisse International

are borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

AND WHEREAS the said sums of approximately

- (a) BBD 150 million from First Caribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited; and
- (b) BBD 150 million from Credit Suisse International

are within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the said Act;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the sum of approximately

- (a) BBD 150 million from First Caribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited; and
- (b) BBD 150 million from Credit Suisse International

to buyback and prepay existing higher cost Government of Barbados debt and utilize the savings to finance marine conservation in Barbados on the terms and conditions contained in an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*.

#### SCHEDULE

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Facility A:	Term Loan
Lender:	Credit Suisse International
Amount:	USD75.0 million

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd***TERMS AND CONDITIONS** – *Cont'd*

Currency:	USD
Term:	Fifteen (15) years
Grace period:	Forty-two (42) months
Maturity:	September 2037
Repayment:	Twenty-four (24) semiannual payment of USD3,125,000.
Interest rate:	A margin of 0.95% per annum plus Facility A Base Rate (interpolated United States Treasury yield curve). To be fixed at disbursement. Current indicative rate approximately 4.15% per annum.
Fees:	Arrangement Fees, Agency Fees and Blue Bonds running costs in accordance with the Fee Letter.
Natural Disaster Clause:	Yes
Facility B:	Term Loan
Lender:	First Caribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited
Amount:	BBD150.0 million
Currency:	BBD
Term:	Fifteen (15) years
Grace period:	Forty-two (42) months
Maturity:	September 2037
Repayment:	Twenty-four (24) semiannual payment of BBD6,250,000.
Interest rate:	3.25% per annum (Fixed)
Fees:	Arrangement Fees, Agency Fees and Blue Bonds running costs in accordance with the Fee Letter.
Natural Disaster Clause:	Yes

The Resolution was approved.

**ORDER NO. 9**

On the Order being called Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State, with the building thereon, known as the Treasury Building, situate at Bridge Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island, more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for residential development.

## SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Bridge Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 2106.5 square metres (inclusive of 355.4 square metres in a road called Drax Street) abutting and bounding on other lands of the Barbados Government on the public road known as Trafalgar Street on the public road known as Bridge Street and on a public road known as Wharf Road or however else the same may abut and bound, together with the building thereon known as the Treasury Building as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 2nd day of May, 2019 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 27th day of May, 2019 as Plan No. 656/2019,

and moved seconded by Mr. C. A. Lane that the Resolution be approved.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke in reply.

The Resolution was approved.

**ORDER NO. 10**

On the Order being called Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 28A(1) of the *Emergency Management Act*, Cap. 160A the President is satisfied that an emergency has arisen as a result of a person or an animal having a communicable or a notifiable disease, the President 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 23rd day of March, 2022 and expired on the 22nd day of April, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Proclamation was extended until the 22nd day of September, 2022 and has not been revoked;

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 21st day of December, 2022,

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

The Resolution was accordingly approved, twenty-two Honourable Members voting Ayes. There were

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 27th September, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.35 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.







**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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**MINUTES**

Tuesday, 13th September, 2022.

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