

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 11th day of July, 2017, pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour M. A. Carrington, Q.C., B.A., LL.B. (Speaker)

Her Honour Mrs. M-J. M. Thompson, B.A., M.Sc. (Ph.Ed.) (Deputy Speaker)

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C.

Mr. G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed.

Mr. R. St.C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.)

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman (Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (*Leader of the Opposition*)

Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.

Hon. R. D. Jones, J.P., B.A. (Hons.), M.A. Ed. (Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation)

Mr. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.) (Minister of Transport and Works)

Hon. R. L. Sealy, B.Sc., M.B.A. (Minister of Tourism and International Transport)

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart, Q.C., B.A., LL.M. (Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, The Public Service and Urban Development)

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce, M.Sc., C. Eng. (Minister of Health) (Leader of the House)

Mr. J. D. Paul, B.Sc. (Chairman of Committees)

Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe, Dip. Theology, B.A., M.Ed., Ed.D. (Minister of Environment and Drainage)

Hon. S. A. Lashley, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth)

Hon. D. O'N. Inniss, B.Sc., M.B.A. (Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce and Small Business Development)

Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs)

Mr. T. A. Prescod, B.A.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B.

Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.)

Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. and

Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.)

ABSENT

Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur, M.Sc. (Econ.), Dr. the Hon. D. C. Estwick, B.Sc., M.B., B.S. (Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management), Hon. S. D. Blackett (Minister of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Community Development), Hon. A. D. Brathwaite, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.) (Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs), Dr. M. M. Agard, J.P., B.Sc., M.Sc., D.D.S. and Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.).

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 13th June, 2017 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker announced that he was in receipt of the following:

- (1) Letter from Governor-General announcing his demitting of office on Friday, 30th June, 2017.
- (2) Message from Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur indicating his absence for the day's Sitting; and he
- (3) Acknowledged the presence of Law Students pursuing In-Service Training at the Office of the Attorney General.

PAPERS

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart by command laid the following:

- (1) Registration Department Reports on Vital Statistics and Registrations 2014 and 2015.
- (2) Police Complaints Authority Annual Report 2016.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler by command laid the following:

- (1) Loan Contract No. 3843/OC-BA between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank (Deployment of Cleaner Fuels and Renewable Energies in Barbados) June 14, 2017.
- (2) Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Accountant General for the Financial Year 2015 to 2016.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the following Bills were read a first time:

- (1) National Assistance Bill, 2017.
- (2) National Assistance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2017.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 17

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

On the Order being called for Hon. C. P. Sinckler to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Cap. 47 to provide for a waiver of interest incurred on arrears of contributions,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the Sitting was suspended to 2.00 p.m.

At 12.30 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

The Speaker demitted the Chair in favour of the Deputy Speaker.

ORDER NO. 17 (resumed)

Mr. D. G. Sutherland began to speak.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. D. G. Sutherland resumed his speech.

The Speaker spoke.

The Member withdrew certain remarks and continued.

Mr. D. G. Sutherland concluded his speech.

Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman spoke.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds began to speak.

Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke on a point of order.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech.

Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke on a point of order.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart spoke.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the House went into Committee, Mr. J. D. Paul in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart 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. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart moved the adjournment of the House to Tuesday, 18th July, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.30 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the House.

RICHARD P. BYER Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the 2017.

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Speaker.

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