



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 29th day of July, 2025, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.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, National Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, 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>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</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>) | 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>) | 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, S.C., 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</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Training and Tertiary Education</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment</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>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |
| | Hon. C. J. Blackman J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Educational Transformation</i>) |

ABSENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*), Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A., Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. and Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P.

The Clerk announced the absence of Mr. Speaker, His Honour Mr. Deputy Speaker presided in the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 13th May, 2025, 27th May, 2025, 3rd June, 2025, 10th June, 2025 and 24th June, 2025 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 15th July, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr. Deputy Speaker recognised the presence of and welcomed Mr. Matthew Salik, Programme Manager and Ms. Avni Kondhia, Programme Officer, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's representatives who are at Parliament conducting a Benchmarks Assessment Exercise of Parliament.

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. 7

TOURISM LEVY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the *Tourism Levy Act, 2019*, (Act 2019-57) to make better provision for the regulation of online transactions,

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak and gave way.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke and ruled that the comments be struck from the record.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

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

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 12.52 p.m. to 2.12 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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. Symmonds the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Clauses 1 to 15 were called in parts and passed.

The First and Second Schedules were called and passed 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. W. A. Abrahams the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Deputy 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.

ORDER NO. 8

The following Resolution was called:

RESOLUTION that Parliament in accordance with section 28(c) of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the sale to The Pilgrim Holiness Church (The Wesleyan Holiness Church) of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Welch Village, Bath in the parish of Saint John in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* thereto.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Bath in the parish of Saint John in this Island containing by admeasurement 2467.7 square metres or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on lots 99, 98 and 94 on lands now or formerly of the Government of Barbados on Lot 91, on other lands of the Government of Barbados on two sides and on a public road leading to Coach Hill in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 24th day of May, 2024 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 24th day of May, 2024 as Plan No. 796/2024 together with the building situate thereon.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland sought and obtained leave to introduce the Resolution in a cognate debate with Order No. 9.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Resolution be passed.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak and gave way.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech and gave way.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on a point of elucidation.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 9

Hon. D. G. Sutherland moved seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith that the following Resolution be passed.

RESOLUTION that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to The Pilgrim Holiness Church (The Wesleyan Holiness Church) of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Bath in the parish of Saint John in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* hereto on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* hereto for the purpose to operate and undertake its church services. The motion was passed.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Bath in the parish of Saint John in this Island containing by admeasurement 311.9 square metres (including 6.8 square metres in road) or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on a public road on two sides which leads to Coach Hill in one direction, on lands now or late of Charles Haynes and on lands now or late of Thomas Haynes or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 23rd day of October, 2024 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 30th day of October, 2024 as Plan No. 1746/2024.

SECOND SCHEDULE

The terms and conditions for the lease of 311.9 square metres of State land situate at Welch Village, Bath in the parish of Saint John to The Pilgrim Holiness Church (The Wesleyan Holiness Church) are as follows:

- (a) the lease shall be for a term of one year with an option to renew for a further term of 12 months;
- (b) the rent shall be payment of \$1.00 plus value added tax, payable in advance;
- (c) the rent shall be subject to the payment of \$100 per month at the end of the first term;
- (d) the demised premises are to be used for the purpose of carrying out Church activities;
- (e) the lessee will liaise with the Ministry responsible for Youth, Sports and Community Development to have use of the demised premises for community activities;
- (f) the lessee shall indemnify the State from all actions arising from its use of the demised premises;
- (g) the lessee shall not assign, mortgage, demise, underlet or otherwise part with possession of any part of the demised premises without the landlord's consent;
- (h) the lessee reserves the right to surrender its lease with improvements thereon at any time by giving 3 months' written notice;
- (i) the demised premises shall revert to the State for nil consideration at the end of the lease or its sooner determination; and
- (j) the lessee shall not use, permit or suffer the demised premises or any part thereof to be used for any purpose other than a church except with the permission of the lessor first obtained in writing, such permission not to be unreasonably withheld.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

- Criminal Proceedings (Witness Anonymity) Bill, 2025.
- Police (Amendment) Bill, 2025.
- Interception of Communications Bill, 2025.
- Family Leave Bill, 2025.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the following Bills was read a first time:

- 1) Criminal Proceedings (Witness Anonymity) Bill, 2025.
- 2) Police (Amendment) Bill, 2025.
- 3) Interception of Communications Bill, 2025.
- 4) Family Leave Bill, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the House was adjourned until Tuesday, 12th August, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.13 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, J.P. (Ms.)
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2025.

day of

Speaker.

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