



# 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 Friday the 7th day of June, 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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| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.  | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy</i> ) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )   | 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> ) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</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> ) ( <i>Acting Attorney General with effect from 25th May, 2024 to 7th June, 2024</i> )                          | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )             |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )   | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )                                     |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )  | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> )             |
|  | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.  |
|  | 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. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*), Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*) and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 28th March, 2024, Tuesday, 23rd April, 2024 and Tuesday, 7th May, 2024 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**PAPERS**

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

- The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Student Revolving Loan Fund for the year ended March 31, 2023.
- Report on the Barbados General Election 2022.

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid:

- The 2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Barbados.

**REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES**

Mr. Speaker spoke concerning a vacancy in the membership of the Public Accounts Committee and in consequence on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands was appointed to fill the vacancy.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Barbados Blue Green Bank Bill, 2024 was read a first time.

**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****SHIPPING (DOMESTIC VESSELS) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called for, the Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the regulation of maritime activities of domestic vessels, water sports devices and small vessels operating in Barbados' waters and related matters, the Hon. Member began to speak and gave way.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. I. A. Weir, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 11.30 a.m. to 11.35 a.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)**

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill resumed and concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 1.13 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)**

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 310 were called in Parts and passed with amendments to Clauses 302 and 310 on separate motions of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The First, Second and Third Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill 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. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**PAPERS (recommitted)**

Hon. W. A. Abrahams by command laid:

- Barbados Population Policy 2023.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. W. A. Abrahams gave notice of:

- Resolution that Parliament of Barbados take note of the Barbados Population Policy 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 11th June, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 3.42 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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Speaker.

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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**MINUTES**

Friday, 7th June, 2024.

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