BARBADOS

# 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 10th day of November, 2026, 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)*

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. *(Deputy Speaker)*

Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. *(Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage)*

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. *(Deputy Prime Minister) (Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries) (Leader of Government Business)(Acting Prime Minister wef 7th November, 2026)*

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C. *(Senior Minister)(Attorney General)*

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. *(Minister of Technological and Vocational Training)*

Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. *(Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs)*

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. *(Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment)*

Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. *(Chairman of Committees)*

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. *(Minister of Tourism and International Transport)*

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. *(Senior Minister) (Minister of Transport and Works)*

Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. *(Minister of Finance)*

Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. *(Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning)*

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney *(Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development)*

Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. *(Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works)*

Dr. the Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc., D.B.A. *(Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness)*

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs *(Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance)*

Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACIArb. *(Minister of Education Transformation)*

Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L. E. C. *(Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice)*

Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. *(Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security)*

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCIArb. *(Minister of Home Affairs and Information)*

Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc.

Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C.

**ABSENT**

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. *(Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security),* Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. *(Senior Minister) (Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce),* Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.), Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min., Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. *(Minister of Public and Private Investment),* Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) *(Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector)* and Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 27th October, 2026 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Special Loans (Amendment) Bill, 2026 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. W. A. Abrahams, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 3**

**SPECIAL LOANS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Special Loans Act, Cap. 105,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

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

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. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**COMMITTEE**

Clauses 1 to 3 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. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026 was read a first time.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 4**

**BARBADOS DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY HONOUR (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called for Hon. W. A. Abrahams to move the second reading of the Bill,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the House resumed itself into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

**COMMITTEE**

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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, 17th November, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 12.58 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the day of , 2026.

Speaker.

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