



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 4th day of November, 2025, 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. (<i>Speaker</i>)	
Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.	Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology
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>)	(<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>)
Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.	Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, 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. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.)	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>)	Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.
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. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>)
Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>)	Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.
Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Training and Tertiary Education</i>)	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>)
	Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>)

ABSENT

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*), Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, National Security and the Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*), Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*), Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. and Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister of Educational Transformation*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker recognized the presence of and welcomed Class 2 students of the Reynold Weekes Primary School accompanied by their Teachers.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 28th October, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker read the following:



Ref. No. PB: 2/S.1 A

3rd November, 2025

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I wish to inform that I shall be away from the island today, Monday, 3rd November, 2025 on vacation leave.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, the Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson, will perform the functions of the Office of President during my absence.

As The Honourable the House of Assembly will not be meeting prior to my departure, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The House of Assembly when next it meets.

Yours faithfully,



PRESIDENT

***His Honour
The Speaker of The House of Assembly
Parliament Buildings
Bridgetown***

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean Bill, 2025, 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. K. D. Symmonds, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 8

DEVELOPMENT BANK OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for Barbados to become a member country of the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean and for recognition of the Agreement on Immunities, Exemptions and Privileges, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Sitting was suspended at 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 8 (resumed)

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

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands 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. Symmonds the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 8 and the First to the Third Schedules were called and passed on separate motions of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds 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. Symmonds the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 9

RESOLUTION TO VEST LAND AT RIVER BAY, ST LUCY IN THE NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION

On the Order being called Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs 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 the National Housing Corporation of a parcel of land the property of the State situate at River Bay in the parish of Saint Lucy in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* for sale to qualified tenants under the *Tenancies Freehold Purchase Act*, Cap. 239B, and for housing development.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at River Bay in the parish of Saint Lucy in this Island containing by admeasurement 12,266.6 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 21.6 square metres in road) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (Saint Lucy District Hospital) on lands now or late of sundry owners on lands now or late of Edward Toppin on lands now or formerly of Virginia Investments Inc. on lands now or late of Anthony Toppin on lands now or late of Seibert Johnson (Lots 3, 2 and 1) and on a public road known as River Bay Road leading to River Bay in one direction and to Hope Road in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 24th day of November, 2021 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 1st day of December, 2021 as Plan No. 1579/2021.

and moved seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde that the Resolution be passed.

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

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

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 18th November, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.35 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2025.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 4th November, 2025.

Government Printing Department.