



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Monday the 11th day of June, 2018, pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, LL.B. (*Speaker*)
His Honour G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) | Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M.Min. (<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i>) | Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</i>) |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service</i>) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade</i>) |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs</i>) | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i>) | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</i>) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i>) |
| | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs</i>) |
| | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 11.00 a.m.
Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 5th June, 2018 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker announced that he was in receipt of and read a Message from the Honourable the Senate to the Honourable the House concerning amendments to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of the Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by the Hon. D. D. Marshall Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGETARY PROPOSALS, 2018

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley presented the Annual Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals, 2018 and moved, seconded by the Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, who reserved her right to speak on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Budgetary Proposals and Financial Statement, 2018 delivered by the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment are made against the background of high fiscal deficit, low levels of foreign reserves, continuously low levels of real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, high and increasing unsustainable debt to GDP ratio and loss of investor confidence compounded by a measure of global uncertainty and economic weaknesses in key markets;

AND WHEREAS the overall objective is to achieve a surplus of 2% of GDP;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados is fully committed to measures and policies that are designed towards achieving a surplus which is necessary to arrest the decline in foreign reserves and restoring a more comfortable level of above fifteen weeks of imports reserve cover, reversing the increasing trend of debt to GDP ratio, restoring investor confidence and spurring economic growth;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House notes the Budgetary Proposals and Financial Statement, 2018 delivered by the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House approves the measures and policies outlined in the Budgetary Proposals and Financial Statement, 2018.

Further consideration was postponed.

ORDER NO. 2

MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Honourable the House of Assembly concurred in the amendments made to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018 by the Honourable the Senate.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (recommitted)

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. D. D. Marshall gave notice of the Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2018.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2018 was read a first time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Sitting was suspended to 11.00 a.m. Tuesday, 12th June, 2018.

At 1.42 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION (Tuesday, 12th June, 2018)

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley the Sitting was suspended until 2.25 p.m.

At 1.10 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

His Honour G. A. Clarke began to speak.

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

Mr. Speaker ruled no point of order.

His Honour G. A. Clarke concluded his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. R. St. C. Toppin the Sitting was suspended until 5.20 p.m.

At 4.55 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds began to speak.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled no point of order.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was suspended at 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Further consideration was postponed.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

1. Barbados Revenue Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2018; and
2. National Social Responsibility Levy (Repeal) Bill, 2018.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of the Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. R. St. C. Toppin the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Barbados Revenue Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2018; and
2. National Social Responsibility Levy (Repeal) Bill, 2018.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of the Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. R. St. C. Toppin the Sitting was suspended to Wednesday, 13th June, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

At 9.10 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION (Wednesday, 13th June, 2018)

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)**

Hon. J. A. King spoke.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

Mr. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland concluded his speech.

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. T. A. Prescod began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. T. A. Prescod concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Sitting was suspended until 2.25 p.m.

At 1.12 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

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

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Hon. G. W. Payne spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed after a division was called for and Members present voting Aye. Absent Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by the Hon. D. D. Marshall the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 19th June, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.
At 6.28 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2018.

Speaker.

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