



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 17th day of December, 2024, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

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| 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. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| 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>) |
| 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. 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 State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| | and |
| | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i>) |

ABSENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*), 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. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister (Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade)*), Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S., Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*), Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*) and Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs.

On the announcement of the absence of His Honour Mr. Speaker, Madam Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 26th November, 2024 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 10th December, 2024 were deferred 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 following:

- (1) Government of Barbados/European Investment Bank Counter-Guarantee Agreement and Stand-by Finance Contract Barbados Global Gateway Nature Guarantee.
- (2) Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of Needham's Point Development Inc. and Needham's Point Holdings Limited for the year ended March 31, 2023.

FIRST READING OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. Humphrey the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was read a first time.

RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL, 2024

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2024 be withdrawn and substituted with the 16th December, 2024 version of the new Bill.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 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 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 3

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Public Finance Management Act requires the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment to prepare a Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028.

AND WHEREAS the Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028: review the performance of the previous financial year against the fiscal objectives; present a macro-economic outlook and; sets out the fiscal objectives and policies for the medium term;

AND WHEREAS the Fiscal framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 includes the information and statements set out in the Third Schedule of the Public Finance Management Act;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Barbados Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 be debated in Parliament.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any recommendations made in respect of the Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 be considered by the Cabinet.

and moved seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the Resolution be approved.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland 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.

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 began to resume his speech and gave way.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

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

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Sitting was suspended until 2.45 p.m.

At 1.30 p.m. Madam Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS (recommitted)

Hon. D. D. Marshall made a Ministerial Statement on the status of the Amendment of the Road traffic Act to regulate the use of tint on motor vehicles.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

- Resolution to grant the sum of TWO MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2024-2025 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 1 2024-2025.

PAPERS

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid the following:

- Medium Term Dept Management Strategy for the Fiscal year 2024-2025 to 2026-2027.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (recommitted)

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

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

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.
Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.
The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on the adjournment and expressed condolences on the death of the fallen Junior Minister in Trinidad and Tobago, Hon. Lisa Morris-Julian.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Members of the Honourable House of Assembly observed a moment of silence on the passing of the said Hon. Lisa Morris-Julian.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned until Tuesday, 7th January, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.30 p.m. Madam Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

Beverley Gibbons, J.P.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Speaker.

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FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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