



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 3rd day of December, 2019, at 10.00 a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service*), Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (*Minister of Home Affairs*), Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill and Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Friday 22nd November, 2019 and Tuesday 26th November, 2019 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker read the following:

MESSAGE

From

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

To

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly that at its sitting on **Wednesday 27th November, 2019** the **Companies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2019** was amended in the terms as cited below.

In Clause 4 (2) (a) after the word “*shareholder*” the following words were inserted “**and whether the person holds or has held a prominent public office whether in Barbados or elsewhere.**”

AND the Honourable the Senate transmits the Amended Bill to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendment to the Bill.

Dated the 27th day of November, 2019.

Dr. Sir R. L. CHELTENHAM
President

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

1. Resolution to seek the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Companies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2019; and
2. The Returnable Containers (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Returnable Containers (Amendment) Bill, 2019 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 Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
ORDER NO. 12**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. St. C. Toppin to move the passing of the following Resolution:
Resolution to seek the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Companies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2019,
the Hon. Member spoke and on his motion seconded by the Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Resolution was passed.

**ORDER NO. 6
FAMILY LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend certain enactments relating to family law,
the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill together with Order No. 5 in a cognate debate.

The Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.
Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.
Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 12.35 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.
Hon. R. A. Thorne spoke.
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.
Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.
The Bill was read a second time

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, Mr. R. A. Thorne was appointed Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. R. A. Thorne in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Chairman spoke.

Clause 2 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde 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. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 5
FAMILY LAW (DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGES) (VALIDATION AND
INDEMNIFICATION) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to validate the purported dissolution of marriages, indemnify parties to those marriages and third parties against consequences of anything done by them in their reliance upon the lawfulness of those dissolutions and provide for related matters,
the Hon. Member moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the House went into Committee, Mr. R. A. Thorne in the Chair.

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

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw 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. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 4

OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Offences Against the Person Act, Cap. 141,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the House went into Committee, Mr. R. A. Thorne in the Chair.

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

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall 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. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER (recommitted)

Mr. Speaker read the following:

MESSAGE

From

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

To

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly that at its sitting on **Wednesday 27th November, 2019** the **Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Bill, 2019** was amended in the terms as cited below:

In Clause 3. (2) the words "*a Chief Operations Officer and the following executive directors*" were deleted. Additionally the words "**Chief Operations Officer**" were inserted as a new paragraph (a) therefore requiring a consequential renumbering.

In Clause 4. in the new Section **9A**. paragraph (3) the word "*may*" was deleted and the word "**shall**" substituted therefor and the words "**as the Minister may determine.**" were inserted after the word 'conditions'.

In the new Section **9B**. the words "*without the approval of*" appearing after the word 'removed' were deleted and the word "**by**" substituted therefor and the words "**without the approval of the Cabinet**" inserted after the word 'Minister'.

Section 9B. should now read "**The Executive Chairman shall not be removed by the Minister without the approval of the Cabinet.**"

In Clause 5. Paragraph 1. sub-paragraph (3) the words "*may*" and "*a*"

member” were deleted and the words “**shall**” and “**Chairman**” respectively substituted therefor.

At paragraph 1. sub-paragraph (4) the words “**in addition to the Executive Chairman**” were inserted after the word ‘shall’ and before the word ‘comprise’.

Sub-paragraph “(c)” was deleted therefore requiring a consequential renumbering of sub-paragraphs.

And at paragraph (5) sub-paragraph (a) was deleted.

AND the Honourable the Senate transmits the Amended Bill to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendments to the Bill.

Dated the 27th day of November, 2019.

Dr. Sir R. L. CHELTENHAM
President

PAPERS (recommitted)

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

1. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Bank of New York Mellon Corporation) Order, 2019.
2. Results of the External Debt Exchange Offer.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

Resolution to seek the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 13

On the Order being called for Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic to move the passing of the following Resolution:

Resolution to seek the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Bill, 2019, the Hon. Member spoke and on his motion seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 17th December, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.25 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 _____, 2019.

Speaker.

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