



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 16th day of August, 2016, pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour M. A. Carrington, Q.C., B.A., LL.B. (*Speaker*)
Her Honour Mrs. M-J. M. Thompson, B.A., M.Sc. (Ph. Ed.) (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur, M.Sc. (Econ.) | Hon. J. D. E. Boyce, M.Sc., C. Eng.
(<i>Minister of Health</i>) (<i>Leader of the House</i>) |
| Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C. | Hon. S. D. Blackett (<i>Minister of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Community Development</i>) |
| Mr. G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. | Mr. J. D. Paul, B.Sc. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. D. St. E. Kellman (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) | Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe, Dip. Theology, B.A., M.Ed., Ed.D. (<i>Minister of Environment and Drainage</i>) |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B.
(<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. A. D. Brathwaite, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.)
(<i>Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs</i>) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. D. O'N. Inniss, B.Sc., M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce and Small Business Development</i>) |
| Hon. R. D. Jones, J.P., B.A. (Hons.), M.A. Ed. (<i>Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation</i>) | Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. D. C. Estwick, B.Sc., M.B., B.S. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management</i>) | Mr. T. A. Prescod, B.A. |
| Mr. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. | Mr. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. |
| Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) | Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) |
| Hon. R. L. Sealy, B.Sc., M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. |
| Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart, Q.C., B.A., LL.M.
(<i>Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, The Public Service and Urban Development</i>) | Dr. M. M. Agard, J.P., B.Sc., M.Sc., D.D.S. |
| | Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) |
| | Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.) |

ABSENT

Mr. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) and Hon. S. A. Lashley, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth*)

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 4 p.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Michael Squires.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 9th August, 2016 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

The Speaker recognised the presence of Mr. Matthew Laban author of the book "The Speaker" and welcomed him to the House of Assembly and Barbados.

PAPERS

By command Hon. C. P. Sinckler laid the Barbados Economic and Social Annual Report, 2015.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce moved seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the suspension of Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 21****FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGETARY PROPOSALS, 2016**

Hon. C. P. Sinckler began to speak.

Mr. Speaker gave way to the Deputy Speaker.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler concluded his speech.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce moved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals, 2016 delivered by the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs is made against the background of a continued unfavourable external economic environment, notwithstanding that the economy of Barbados has realised an improvement in the fiscal performance during the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 as compared to the corresponding 2015 period;

AND WHEREAS it is recognised that significant work remains to be undertaken in order to bring about continued economic growth at faster rate, supported by a stronger foreign exchange reserve position; a fiscal deficit at a rate below that of GDP expansion so as to reverse debt growth and ensure that the country can sustain an acceptable quality of social services;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados, through the Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals, 2016 remains committed to realising this overall objective by setting realistic targets and implementing interventions to address the broad thematic areas of critical concern to the short to medium term performance of the local economy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House notes the Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals, 2016 delivered by the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House approves the measures and policies outlined in the Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals, 2016.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the Sitting was suspended to Wednesday 17th August, 2016, at 4 p.m.

RESUMPTION (Wednesday, 17th August, 2016)**(4.05 p.m.)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 21 (resumed)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. R. L. Sealy began to speak.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on a point of order.

Hon. R. L. Sealy concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the Sitting was suspended to 8.30 p.m. At 7.27 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 21 (resumed)

Mr. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman spoke.

Mr. G. A. Clarke spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite the Sitting was suspended to Thursday 18th August, 2016 at 9 a.m.

RESUMPTION (Thursday, 18th August, 2016)

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 21 (resumed)

Her Honour Mrs. M-J. M. Thompson spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. D. G. Sutherland began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. D. G. Sutherland resumed his speech.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart spoke on a point of order.

Mr. D. G. Sutherland concluded his speech.

Hon. S. D. Blackett began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke and the member withdrew certain remarks.

Hon. S. D. Blackett concluded his remarks.

Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic began to speak.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler spoke on a point of order.

Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic concluded his speech.

Mr. J. D. Paul spoke.

Mr. Speaker gave way to the Deputy Speaker.

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce began to speak.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce concluded his speech.

Miss C. Y. Forde began to speak.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman rose and began to speak on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman resumed his point of order.

Miss C. Y. Forde resumed his speech.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Miss C. Y. Forde concluded her speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite the Sitting was suspended to 1.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 21 (resumed)

Hon. D. O’N. Inniss spoke.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.
 Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke.
 The Speaker gave way to the Deputy Speaker.
 Mr. G. W. Payne spoke.
 Hon. M. A. Lashley began to speak.
 Mr. G. W. Payne spoke on a point of order.
 Hon. M. A. Lashley concluded his speech.
 Dr. M. M. Agard spoke.
 Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe spoke.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.
 Hon. R. D. Jones began to speak and gave way.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.
 Hon. R. D. Jones resumed his speech.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.
 Hon. R. D. Jones resumed his speech.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.
 The Deputy Speaker spoke.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson withdrew certain remarks.
 Hon. R. D. Jones resumed his speech.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.
 Hon. R. D. Jones concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the Sitting was suspended to 7 p.m. At 6.55 p.m. the Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 21 (resumed)

Mr. Speaker spoke, He ruled that the word “nincompoop” used by the member for St. Andrew, Mr. G. W. Payne in reference to Hon. A. D. Brathwaite, Attorney General, be struck from the record.
 Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw began to speak.
 Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke on a point of order.
 Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw concluded her speech.
 Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur spoke.
 Mr. K. D. Symmonds began to speak.
 Hon. D. O’N. Inniss spoke on a point of elucidation.
 Mr. K. D. Symmonds gave way.
 Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke on a point of elucidation.
 Mr. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech.
 Hon. D. O’N. Inniss spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the Sitting was suspended to 9.45 p.m. At 8.46 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce gave notice of the following Resolution:

Resolution to grant the sum of FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2016-2017 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 2, 2016-2017 which form the Schedule to the Resolution.

ORDER NO. 21 (resumed)

Dr. the Hon. D. C. Estwick spoke.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart spoke.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke and moved seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite the adjournment of the House to Tuesday, 25th October, 2016 at 10 a.m.

Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke and adjourned the House at 12.20 a.m., Friday, 19th August, 2016.

RICHARD P. BYER

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Speaker.

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