



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 25th day of October, 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.) | Mr. J. D. Paul, B.Sc. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Mr. G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. | Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe, Dip. Theology, B.A.,
M.Ed., Ed.D. (<i>Minister of Environment and
Drainage</i>) |
| Hon. D. St. E. Kellman (<i>Minister of Housing,
Lands and Rural Development</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. S. A. Lashley, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
(<i>Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth</i>) |
| Hon. R. D. Jones, J.P., B.A. (Hons.), M.A.
Ed. (<i>Minister of Education,
Science, Technology and Innovation</i>) | Hon. D. O’N. Inniss, B.Sc., M.B.A. (<i>Minister of
Industry, International Business, Commerce
and Small Business Development</i>) |
| Mr. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.),
L.E.C. | Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of
Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister
of Transport and Works</i>) | Mr. T. A. Prescod, B.A. |
| Hon. R. L. Sealy, B.Sc., M.B.A. (<i>Minister of
Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) |
| 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>) | Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. |
| Hon. J. D. E. Boyce, M.Sc., C. Eng.
(<i>Minister of Health</i>) (<i>Leader of the
House</i>) | Dr. M. M. Agard, J.P., B.Sc., M.Sc., D.D.S. |
| Hon. S. D. Blackett (<i>Minister of Social Care,
Constituency Empowerment and
Community Development</i>) | Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.)
and
Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.) |

ABSENT

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C., Mr. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.), Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (*Leader of the Opposition*), Dr. the Hon. D. C. Estwick, B.Sc., M.B., B.S. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management*) and Mr. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

Mr. Speaker spoke welcoming the Members back.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 16th August, 2016 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

The Speaker announced that he was in receipt of the Accounts and Statements for January to March 2016 as prepared by the Accountant General.

PAPERS

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce by command laid the following:

1. Sugar Industry (Sugar Workers' Provident Fund) Order, 2016.
2. Financial Management and Audit (Financial) (Amendment) Rules, 2016.
3. Barbados Deposit Insurance Corporation Annual Report 2015.
4. Reports of the Judicial Council for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
5. Police Complaints Authority Annual Report 2015.

By command Hon. R. L. Sealy laid the following:

1. Caves of Barbados Limited Annual Reports and Financial Statements 2010 and 2011.
2. Barbados Conference Services Limited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2015.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce laid the following:

1. Holidays with Pay Bill, 2016.
2. Labour Department (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Holidays with Pay Bill, 2016.
2. Labour Department (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The motion was carried.

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

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

The motion was carried.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke and moved seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart that Orders 14 and 15 on the Order Paper be withdrawn.

The motion was carried.

ORDER NO. 16

Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe began to speak on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Barbados acknowledges that throughout its history successive Governments have committed themselves to ensuring that Barbados remains on a path of sustainable development.

AND WHEREAS Barbados affirms its continuing commitment to work responsibly and ambitiously to make Barbados the most environmentally advanced green country in Latin America and the Caribbean;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados undertook a Green Economy Scoping Study aimed at supporting and complementing national initiatives on green economy through macroeconomic assessments and policy analysis; a policy analysis that underscored how government policies, public and private investment can help achieve the fundamental macroeconomic objectives of income growth, economic development/diversification and job creation while at the same time pursuing a path that contributes to social equity and environmental improvement;

AND WHEREAS that Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study focused on an analysis of Agriculture, Fisheries, Building/Housing Sector, Transport and Tourism Sectors within the context of Environmental resource issues of water, energy, waste and land;

AND WHEREAS the Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study undertaken by the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus and the United Nations Environment Programme was formally completed on June 5, 2014;

AND WHEREAS the Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study undertaken through a stakeholder-driven approach, inclusive of representatives of Government, Trade Unions, Private Sector, Academia and other Non-Governmental Organisations heralds a watershed moment for national engagement in the advancement of the Barbados environmental and sustainable development agenda;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados:

1. Accepts the Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study as a national information document;
2. Agrees that the Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study be made available to the public of Barbados through the National Library Service and the online platform of the Government Information Service;
3. Lauds the efforts of the various stakeholders engaged in the production of the Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study;
4. Reminds Barbadians of the importance of continuing to be good stewards of the country's natural environment; and
5. Reaffirms its commitment to ensure Barbados remains on a path of sustainable development that is socially balanced, economically viable, environmentally sound, and characterised by good governance.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the Sitting was suspended. At 12.00 noon the Speaker suspended the Sitting to 1.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 16 (resumed)

Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe resumed and completed his speech and moved seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones, who reserved his right to speak, that the Resolution do now pass.

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman began to speak.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman concluded his speech.

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke.

Mr. G. A. Clarke began to speak.

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke on a point of order.

Mr. G. A. Clarke concluded his speech.

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones further consideration on the Order was postponed.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

WHEREAS on the 30th November, 2016 Barbados celebrates its 50th Anniversary of Independence;

AND WHEREAS over the last 50 years Barbados has made significant strides in its economic, social and political development;

AND WHEREAS over this period Barbados has emerged as a highly respected Small Island Developing State whose voice resonates in the Regional and International corridors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Parliament congratulates Barbados on the attainment of this significant milestone and hails the efforts of all Barbadians in making this accomplishment possible.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 1st November, 2016.

At 7.14 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the House.

RICHARD P. BYER
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

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

Speaker.

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