



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 16th day of June, 2020, 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> )  | 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 Affairs and 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., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <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 and Investment</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 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

#### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 24th April, 2020 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 9th June, 2020 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

#### **PAPERS**

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

Annual Report of the Barbados Investment and Development Corporation (BIDC) for the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

#### **FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Severance Payments (Amendment) Bill, 2020 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 Hon. D. D. Marshall Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **ORDER NO. 14**

#### **BARBADOS OPTIONAL SAVINGS SCHEME BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to establish the Barbados Optional Savings Scheme, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall that the Bill be read a second time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.

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

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.

#### **SUSPENSION**

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

At 1.25 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 14 (resumed)**

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.  
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.  
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.  
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.  
 Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.  
 Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.  
 The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the House went into Committee,  
 Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1; 2 to 5; 6 to 10; 11 to 13, 14 and 15 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon.  
 R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.  
 Clause 16 was called.

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the deletion of subclause (4) and  
 the substitution of a new subclause (4).

Clause 16 as amended was passed.

Clause 17 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M.  
 Humphrey.

The First Schedule was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon.  
 K. D. M. Humphrey.

The Second Schedule was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon.  
 C. E. Jordan.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn 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 motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was passed and the  
 title read and agreed to the Honourable members voting as follows:

Ayes: 28 (His Honour the Speaker excluded).

Noes: Bishop J. J. S. Atherley.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting  
 was suspended for 10 minutes.

At 6.50 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 15****SEVERANCE PAYMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an  
 Act to amend the Severance Payments Act, Cap. 355A,  
 the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended  
 until 9.15 p.m.

At 8.45 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 15 (resumed)**

Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 and 6 to 10 were called and on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan were passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan 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. C. E. Jordan the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to, the House voting as follows:

Ayes: Honourables Miss M. A. Mottley, Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, D. D. Marshall, R. St. C. Toppin, Miss C. Y. Forde, K. D. Symmonds, Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic, E. G. Hinkson, D. G. Sutherland, G. W. Payne, I. A. Weir, Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, W. A. Abrahams, R. R. Straughn, P. R. Phillips, J. A. King, T. A. Prescod, Miss M. K-A. Caddle, C. E. Jordan, A. R. Forde, K. D. M. Humphrey, Dr. W. F. Duguid, C. McD. Griffith, His Honour G. A. Clarke, Dr. S. E. Browne, M/s G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, R. A. Thorne and N. G. H. Rowe.

Noes: Nil.

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS NOTICES (recommitted)**

Mr. R. A. Thorne gave notice of the following Resolution:

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTION Member for Christ Church South Mr. R. A. Thorne**

WHEREAS the central theme that runs through the entire history of Barbados subsequent to English settlement is the struggle to overcome racial discrimination and oppression, to eradicate the many negative racial legacies that were derived from centuries of criminal enslavement of Africans and people of African descent, and to create a non-racist society in which the fundamental human rights of all people are respected;

AND WHEREAS the people of Barbados are conscious that the struggle for freedom, human rights, and the dignity of the human person, irrespective of race or ethnicity, is an interdependent enterprise in which the entire human family is involved, and as such, recognizing that the United Nations has in the past adopted resolutions aimed at eliminating racism and racial discrimination;

AND WHEREAS Barbadians recognize that their history has bequeathed to them a duty to stand up and advocate for the interlinked causes of freedom and respect for human rights;

AND WHEREAS, in light of the Barbadian's deep investment in seeing the struggle against racial oppression advance in strength and success throughout the world in general and throughout Barbados' geographical region of the Americas in particular, the people of Barbados were profoundly shocked and dismayed by televised images of the brutal and heartless killing of the African-American, George Floyd, in the city of Minneapolis, in the United States of America;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly, acting on behalf of and in the name of the people of Barbados:-

- (a) reconfirms the commitment of the nation of Barbados to champion and advocate for the cause of freedom and respect for human rights, inclusive of the eradication of all forms of anti-Black racism;
- (b) extends sincere and profound condolences to the immediate family of the late George Floyd, to his extended African-American family, and to all American citizens, irrespective of race, who were deeply hurt by the tragedy;
- (c) expresses support for the principle that “ Black Lives Matter”, and endorses the notion that it will not be possible to unequivocally assert that “all lives matter” unless and until all black lives are in theory and in practice treated with the respect and regard that is their due; and
- (d) confirms that Barbados would be more than willing to contribute human and other resources and to participate in any regional, hemispheric or international initiative that is aimed at providing assistance to nations that are currently struggling with their national efforts to eradicate racism in general, and anti-Black racism in particular.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd June, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

At 10.33 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Speaker.

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**MINUTES**

Tuesday, 16th June, 2020.

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