



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Friday the 23rd day of April, 2021, at 11.00 a.m. pursuant to Standing Order 6 (9).

### PRESENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

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| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.)<br>( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )                         | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.),<br>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> )                            | 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.<br>( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )              | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )   |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources</i> )   |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship</i> )                        | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security</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 in the Prime Minister's Office with Responsibility for Culture and the National Development Commission</i> ) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )         | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector</i> )                            |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )                                      | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</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 Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> ) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )  |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs</i> ) ( <b>Online</b> )           | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i> )                                    |

**ABSENT**

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C., 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*), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*) and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker read the following letter:



*Hon. Santia J.O. Bradshaw, M.P.*

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**His Honour The Speaker**  
The Honourable House of Assembly  
Parliament Buildings  
Trafalgar Street  
BRIDGETOWN

Your Honour,

The House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 6.9 of the Standing Orders of the Honourable the House of Assembly, I hereby submit that the public interest requires that the House should meet on an earlier day than that to which the House stands adjourned in order to debate a Resolution, under Section 28A(2) of the Emergency Management Act, Cap. 160A, to extend the Proclamation which is due to expire on April 25, 2021 that a public health emergency exists.

Should you be satisfied that the public interest so requires, Government requests that the House should be summoned to meet Friday, April 23, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Government proposes that the business of the House should be that mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

**Santia J.O. Bradshaw M.P.**  
Minister and Leader of Government Business

cc: The Clerk of Parliament  
The Leader of the Opposition

**MINUTES**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Minutes of the meeting of Monday, 29th March, 2021 were deferred.

**PAPERS**

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle by command laid:  
The Barbados Economic and Social Report 2018.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 1**

Resolution to extend the Proclamation issued by the Governor-General under Section 28A(2) of the Emergency Management Act, Cap. 160A.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 28A(1) of the *Emergency Management Act*, Cap. 160A it is provided that where the Governor-General is satisfied that an emergency has arisen as a result of a person or an animal having a communicable or a notifiable disease, the Governor-General may by Proclamation, on the advice of the Prime Minister after the Prime Minister has consulted, or has been advised by, the Chief Medical Officer, declare that a public health emergency exists;

AND WHEREAS by section 28A(2) of the said Act it is provided that a Proclamation issued under section 28(1) shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for one month or for such longer period, not exceeding 6 months, as the House of Assembly may determine by a resolution supported by the votes of a majority of all the members of that House;

AND WHEREAS a Proclamation was issued on the 26th day of March, 2021 and is due to expire on the 25th day of April, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly has by a vote of the majority of all the members thereof, determined by resolution to extend the said Proclamation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Proclamation aforesaid is hereby extended until the 25th day of September, 2021,

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds that the Resolution be passed.

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

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.

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

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The motion was passed.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was suspended for five minutes at 12.28 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 1 (recommitted)**

Hon. D. D. Marshall began to speak.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the Resolution be passed.

The Resolution was passed in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Cap. 160A.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 4th May, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 12.45 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Speaker.

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