



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Monday, the 13th day of October, 2025, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., 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. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security and the Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Training and Tertiary Education</i>) | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Educational Transformation</i>) |

ABSENT

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S., and Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 17th February, 2025, Friday, 8th August, 2025, Tuesday 12th August, 2025 and Friday, 22nd August, 2025, were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th September, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of Mr. Jarvis Matiya, Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Mrs. Matiya.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 8

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (FREE MOVEMENT OF NATIONALS) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. W. A. Abrahams to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for nationals of certain Member States of the Caribbean Community to enter Barbados, stay indefinitely and work without a work permit and for related matters, the Hon. Member began to speak.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams resumed his speech and moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke and directed that certain remarks by Mr. Thorne be struck from the record.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 1.40 p.m. to 2.55 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 8 (resumed)

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey at 7.20 p.m. the Sitting was suspended to 7.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 8 (resumed)

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 13 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

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

PAPERS (recommitted)

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

- Loan Contract No. 6209/OC-BA-Global Credit Program for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSME).

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss. S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 21st October, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 8.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Speaker.

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