



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 7th day of February, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

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. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<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 of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the 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, Works and Water Resources</i>) | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</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 in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i>) |
| | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |

ABSENT

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*), Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. and Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker recognized the presence of and welcomed the families of the late Joseph O. Tudor and Ezra E. Alleyne former Members of Parliament and of Rev. Canon Ivan H. Harewood, former Chaplain of Parliament. He also welcomed members of Combermere School Students' Council accompanied by their teacher.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 24th January, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker read the following:



STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS

Ref. No. PB: 2/S. 1 A

3rd February, 2023

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I shall be away from the island on duty leave during the period 3rd to 5th February, 2023.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, the Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson, will perform the functions of the Office of the President during my absence.

As The Honourable The House of Assembly will not be meeting prior to my departure, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The House of Assembly when next it meets.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Douglas Gibson'.

PRESIDENT

*His Honour
The Speaker of The House of Assembly
Parliament Buildings
BRIDGETOWN*

PAPERS

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

The Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Tourism Product Authority for the years 2015 – 2020.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the following Bills were read a first time:

1. The Minor Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2023;
2. The Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2023; and
3. The Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

OBITUARY SPEECHES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke paying tribute to the late Joseph O. Tudor and Ezra E. Alleyne former Members of Parliament and the Rev. Canon Ivan H. Harewood, former Chaplain of Parliament and extended condolences to the family of the deceased.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

The House observed a moment of silence as a mark of respect and on passing the usual Resolution of Condolence to the families of the deceased.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. R. R. Straughn the Sitting was suspended at 1.33 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 10

VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the *Value Added Tax Act*, Cap. 87 to temporarily reduce the rate of tax payable on the supply of electricity for domestic premises,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed without debate.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn 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. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 6
MINOR OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the *Minor Offences Act*, Cap. 137, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

The Schedule was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. D. D. Marshall gave notice of the Child Protection Bill, 2023.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Child Protection Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 4.20 p.m. to 4.25 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 14th February, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.38 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 _____, 2023.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 7th February, 2023.
