



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 21st day of April, 2026, 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 Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Finance</i>) |
| Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. | Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Public and Private Investment</i>) | Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Educational Transformation</i>) |
| Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) | Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice</i>) |
| | Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| | Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) |
| | Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc. |
| | Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C. |

ABSENT

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C. (*Attorney General*), Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning*) and Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 20th February, 2026 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 31st March, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Civil Aviation Bill, 2026 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. K. D. M. Humphrey, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

OLDER PERSONS (CARE AND PROTECTION) BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Hon. A. R. Forde to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for older persons in need of care and protection and other related matters, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 12.45 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

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

Mr. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke.

Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 4) and Part 2 (Clauses 5 to 7) were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. A. R. Forde seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

Part 3 (Clauses 8 and 9); Part 4 (Clauses 10 to 15); Part 5 (Clauses 16 and 17); Part 6 (Clauses 18 to 32); Part 7 (Clause 33); Part 8 (Clauses 34 to 36); Part 9 (Clauses 37 to 40); Part 10 (Clauses 41 to 46); and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. A. R. Forde, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

On the motion of Hon. A. R. Forde, 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. A. R. Forde, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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 Agreement – Polyclinic Upgrade and Refurbishment of Primary Health Care System Project signed between the Saudi Fund for Development and Government of Barbados.

Hon. C. E. Jordan by command laid:

- Convention 150 – Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), and Recommendation R158 – Labour Administration Recommendation, 1978 (No. 158).
- Convention 175 – Part-Time Work Convention, 1994 (No. 175), and Recommendation 182 – Part-Time Work Recommendation, 1994 (No. 182).

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Wednesday 29th April, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Speaker.

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