

## 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 November, 2017, pursuant to the adjournment.

#### PRESENT

His Honour M. A. Carrington, Q.C., B.A., LL.B. (Speaker)

Her Honour Mrs. M-J. M. Thompson, B.A., M.Sc. (Ph. Ed.) (Deputy Speaker)

Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur, M.Sc. (Econ.)

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C.

Mr. G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed.

Mr. R. St.C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.)

- Hon. D. St. E. Kellman (Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development)
- Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (Leader of the Opposition)
- Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.
- Hon. R. D. Jones, J.P., B.A. (Hons.), M.A. Ed. (Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation)
- Dr. the Hon. D. C. Estwick, B.Sc., M.B., B.S. (Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management)
- Mr. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
- Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.) (Minister of Transport and Works)
- Hon. R. L. Sealy, B.Sc., M.B.A. (Minister of Tourism and International Transport)
- Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart, Q.C., B.A., LL.M. (Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, The Public Service and Urban Development)

- Hon. J. D. E. Boyce, M.Sc., C. Eng. (Minister of Health) (Leader of the House)
- Hon. S. D. Blackett (Minister of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Community Development)
- Mr. J. D. Paul, B.Sc. (Chairman of Committees)
- Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe, Dip. Theology, B.A., M.Ed., Ed.D. (Minister of Environment and Drainage)
- Hon. A. D. Brathwaite, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.) (Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs)
- Hon. S. A. Lashley, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth)
- Hon. D. O'N. Inniss, B.Sc., M.B.A. (Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce and Small Business Development)
- Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs)
- Mr. T. A. Prescod, B.A.
- Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.)
- Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.
- Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) and
- Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.)

#### ABSENT

Mr. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. and Dr. M. M. Agard, J.P., B.Sc., M.Sc., D.D.S. 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 Tuesday, 14th November, 2017 were deferred on the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart.

#### PAPERS

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce by command laid the Financial Statement of the Students Revolving Loan Fund for the year ended March 31, 2015.

#### FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. D. C. Estwick seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Protection of Agricultural Products and Livestock Bill, 2017, was read a first time.

#### CONGRATULATORY AND/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the late Sir Clifford Straughn Husbands, G.C.M.G., K.A., Governor-General of Barbados from June 1, 1996 until his retirement on October 31, 2011 served our country with dignity and grace and the wider Caribbean in a distinguished legal career;

AND WHEREAS, in particular, in his outstanding life of Public Service the late Sir Clifford made significant contribution to the legal profession in his role of legal draughtsman, Director of Public Prosecutions, Supreme Court Judge, Justice of the Appeal and his Chairmanship of the Committee on penal reform leading to the reform of our penal system;

AND WHEREAS Sir Clifford's commitment to Agriculture and the development of young people led to his establishment of the Governor-General's Agricultural Summer Camp which exposed young persons ages 8–12 to the pivotal role of agriculture to our economic sustainability;

AND WHEREAS His Excellency the Governor-General of Barbados Sir Clifford manifested and displayed at all times the noblest ideals of his office and rendered inestimable service to his country and its causes;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House pay tribute to and acknowledge the life, work and career of our late Governor-General;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this House extend our sincere condolences to the family of the late Sir Clifford on the sad occasion of their great loss and mourn with his family and our Nation the deepest loss on the passing of a great gentleman, Sir Clifford Straughn Husbands.

Miss M. A. Mottley seconded the Resolution and spoke.
Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke.
Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur spoke.
Hon. D. St. E. Kellman spoke.
Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic spoke.
Hon. R. D. Jones spoke.
Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.
Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke.
Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. S. A. Lashley spoke.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

The House then observed a moment's silence in final tribute.

#### SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m.

At 12.55 p.m. the Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

#### MINUTES (reverted)

#### **MINUTES (recommitted)**

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite the Minutes of Tuesday 14th November 2017, were taken as read and were confirmed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### ORDER NO. 21

To resume debate on the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson withdrew certain remarks and concluded his speech.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman resumed his speech.

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

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman resumed his speech.

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman concluded his speech.

Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe withdrew certain remarks and concluded his speech.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler spoke.

Hon. S. A. Lashley spoke.

Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite the Sitting was suspended to 6.20 p.m.

At 6.05 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### RESUMPTION

On resumption, Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 21 (resumed)**

Hon. M. A. Lashley spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the House went into Committee, Mr. J. D. Paul in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 25 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce.

On the motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (recommitted)**

The Speaker brought to the attention of the House the hosting of a Sensitisation Seminar by the Caricom Secretariat. The event will take place in the Conference Room, West Wing.

#### PAPERS (recommitted)

By command Hon. C. P. Sinckler laid the Loan Agreement between Corporacion Andina de Fomento and the Government of Barbados.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce gave notice of the Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill, 2017. FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

### On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the Telecommunications

(Amendment) Bill, 2017 was read a first time.

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (reverted)**

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 28th November, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.01 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the House.

#### RICHARD P. BYER Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2017.

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Speaker.

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