



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings, Bridgetown on Tuesday, the 5th day of June, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. pursuant to original writs from Her Excellency Dame Sandra Mason, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Barbados, the members present on return of writs of election for the following constituencies were as follows:

Mr. Arthur Eugene Holder – *St. Michael Central*  
Hon. George Walton Payne, Q.C. – *St. Andrew*  
Hon. Gline Arley Clarke, J.P. – *St. George North*  
Hon. Ronald St. Clair Toppin – *St. Michael North*  
Hon. Miss Mia Amor Mottley, Q.C. – *St. Michael North East*  
Hon. Miss Cynthia Yvonne Forde, J.P. – *St. Thomas*  
Hon. Dale Dermont Marshall, Q.C. – *St. Joseph*  
Hon. Trevor Anthony Prescod – *St. Michael East*  
Hon. Kerrie Drurard Symmonds – *St. James Central*  
Lt. Col. the Hon. Jeffrey Davidson Bostic – *City of Bridgetown*  
Hon. Edmund Gregory Hinkson – *St. James North*  
Hon. Dwight Gregory Sutherland – *St. George South*  
Hon. Miss Santia Josette Omara Bradshaw – *St. Michael South East*  
Dr. the Hon. William Fondleroy Duguid – *Christ Church West*  
Hon. Ms. Cheryl Sandra V. Husbands – *St. James South*  
Hon. Wilfred Arthur Abrahams – *Christ Church East*  
Bishop Joseph Junior Sylvester Atherley – *St. Michael West*  
Mr. Ralph Anthony Thorne, Q.C. – *Christ Church South*  
Hon. Indar Anthony Weir – *St. Philip South*  
Hon. Adrian Ryan Forde – *Christ Church West Central*  
Hon. Charles McDonald Griffith – *St. John*  
Hon. Peter Ricardo Phillips – *St. Lucy*  
Hon. John Andrew King – *St. Philip West*  
Mr. Ian Gooding-Edghill – *St. Michael West Central*  
Hon. Colin Everett Jordan – *St. Peter*  
Dr. Sonia Elaine Browne – *St. Philip North*  
Hon. Kirk Duncan M. Humphrey – *St. Michael South*  
Hon. Ryan Ricardo Straughn – *Christ Church East Central*  
Hon. Miss Marsha Kelly-Ann Caddle – *St. Michael South Central*  
Mr. Neil Gabriel Hollis Rowe – *St. Michael North West*

### PROCLAMATION

The Clerk of Parliament read to the House the following by Her Excellency the Governor-General:



SANDRA MASON  
Governor-General

By Her Excellency Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of Saint Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Governor-General of Barbados.

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is provided by section 60(1) of the *Constitution* that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the Governor-General may appoint:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that a session of Parliament shall be held at the Parliament Buildings, Bridgetown commencing on the 5th day of June, 2018:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority in me vested, I, Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of St. Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Governor-General of Barbados, DO HEREBY APPOINT the Parliament Buildings, Bridgetown, as the place at which a session of Parliament shall be held and 10:00 hours in the morning of the 5th day of June, 2018, as the time at which the said session shall commence.

Given and executed under my hand and the Public Seal of Barbados, this 2nd day of June, 2018 and in the sixty-seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

### SUMMONS FROM GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The House received from the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate the summons of the Governor-General for its attendance on Her Excellency in the Other Place.

### ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Clerk informed the House of Assembly by letter dated the 4th day of June, 2018 from Her Excellency the Governor-General of Her Excellency's desire for the House to elect a Speaker.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw moved, seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley that Mr. Arthur E. Holder do take the Chair of the House as Speaker.

There being no other nomination His Honour A. E. Holder was called to the Chair.

### **ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Mr. G. A. Clarke was elected Deputy Speaker.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Dr. S. E. Browne was elected Chairman of Committees.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley the Sitting was suspended to 3.30 p.m.

At 12.30 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

### **RESUMPTION (3.45 p.m.)**

On resumption, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the Throne Speech from Her Excellency, the Governor-General.

### **ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley the Standing Orders of the previous Parliament were adopted as the Standing Orders.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley the Sitting was suspended to 4.40 p.m.

At 3.46 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

### **RESUMPTION (4.55 p.m.)**

On resumption, Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the first reading of the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES**

Mr. R. A. Thorne gave notice of a Resolution taking note of the Throne Speech.

### **FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

#### **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

Hon. D. D. Marshall moved seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw that the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018 be 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. D. D. Marshall Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke and moved seconded by Hon. R. St. C. Toppin that the Bill be read a second time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

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

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the House resolved itself into Committee for further consideration of the Bill, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

Clauses 3 and 5 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw.

Clause 4 was called and passed upon the motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Chairman reported the passage of one Bill in Committee. The Speaker resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the Bill was passed and cited as the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2018 after a division of all members present to assure compliance with Section 49(2) of the Constitution.

#### **APPOINTMENT TO MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, the following members were appointed to serve on the Management Commission:

1. Hon. Colin Jordan
2. Hon. Charles Griffith
3. Dr. Sonia Browne
4. Mr. Ian Gooding-Edghill
5. His Honour Arthur Holder (*Speaker*)

#### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES**

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, the following were appointed members of the Committee of Privileges:

1. Lt. Col. the Hon. Jeffrey D. Bostic
2. Hon. Kirk Humphrey
3. Mr. Neil Rowe
4. Hon. Miss Cynthia Y. Forde
5. Hon. Gline Clarke
6. Bishop Joseph Atherley

#### **APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, the following were appointed to serve on the Committee of Public Accounts:

1. Hon. Ms. Sandra Husbands
2. Hon. Miss Marsha Caddle
3. Hon. Colin Jordan
4. Dr. Sonia Browne
5. Mr. Ian Gooding-Edghill
6. His Honour Arthur Holder
7. Hon. Kerrie Symmonds
8. Bishop Joseph Atherley

#### **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, the following were appointed to serve on the Standing Orders Committee:

1. His Honour Arthur Holder
2. Hon. George Payne, Q.C.
3. Hon. Ronald Toppin
4. Hon. Kerrie Symmonds
5. Hon. Wilfred Abrahams
6. Bishop Joseph Atherley

#### **APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, the following were appointed to serve on the Library Committee:

1. Hon. Adrian Forde
2. Hon. Ryan Straughn
3. Hon. John King
4. Mr. Ian Gooding-Edghill
5. Hon. Miss Marsha Caddle

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. G. W. Payne the House was adjourned to Monday, 11th June, 2018 at 11:00 hours in the forenoon.

At 6.05 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the House.

RICHARD P. BYER  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.

# **HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

## **FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023**

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### **MINUTES**

Tuesday, 5th June, 2018.

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Government Printing Department.