BARBADOS

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 27th day of October, 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)*

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. *(Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security)*

Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. *(Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage)*

Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. *(Senior Minister) (Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce)*

Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.)

Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. *(Minister of Technological and Vocational Training)*

Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. *(Minister of Public and Private Investment)*

Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. *(Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs)*

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. *(Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment)*

Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. *(Chairman of Committees)*

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. *(Minister of Tourism and International Transport)*

Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) *(Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector)*

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. *(Senior Minister) (Minister of Transport and Works)*

Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. *(Minister of Finance)*

Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. *(Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning)*

Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney *(Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development)*

Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. *(Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works)*

Dr. the Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc.,D.B.A. *(Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness)*

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs *(Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance)*

Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. *(Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice)*

Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. *(Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security)*

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCIArb. *(Minister of Home Affairs and Information)*

Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc.

Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C.

ABSENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. *(Deputy Prime Minister) (Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries) (Leader of Government Business),* Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C. *(Senior Minister) (Attorney General)* and Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACIArb. *(Minister of Education Transformation).*

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 20th October, 2026 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls.

PAPERS

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney by command laid:

- Barbados Economic and Social Report 2025.

Hon. C. E. Jordan by command laid:

- Instrument Recommendation R208 - Quality Apprenticeships Recommendation, 2023 (No. 208).

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke and gave notice of the following:

1. Immigration Bill, 2026; and
2. Barbados Citizenship Bill, 2026.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Bills following were read a first time:

1. Immigration Bill, 2026; and
2. Barbados Citizenship Bill, 2026.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, 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.

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Standing Order 30(1) was suspended for the benefit of the Chairman of the Committee on the Economic and Productive Sectors in relation to Order No. 5 on the day's Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls sought and obtained leave to withdraw Orders Nos. 3 and 4 on the Order Paper and the same be replaced by the Immigration Bill, 2026 and the Barbados Citizenship Bill, 2026 of which notice was given and read a first time on the 27th October, 2026 heretofore.

ORDER NO. 5

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE (STANDING) ON THE ECONOMIC AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS DATED 11TH AUGUST, 2026 ON THE IMMIGRATION BILL, 2026 AND THE BARBADOS CITIZENSHIP BILL, 2026.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution following be passed.

> RESOLVED that the Honourable the House of Assembly adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on the Economic and Productive Sectors on the Immigration Bill, 2026 and the Barbados Citizenship Bill, 2026.

Mr. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 3
IMMIGRATION BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to revise the law regulating the entry of persons into Barbados and to provide for related matters, the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders Nos. 3 and 4 in a cognate debate.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle spoke.
Dr. W. F. Duguid spoke.
Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.
Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore spoke.
Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.
Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 6.06 p.m. to 6.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.
Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended until 8.15 p.m.

At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Ms. T. Trotman spoke.
His Honour N. G. H. Rowe spoke.
Mr. R. R. Brathwaite spoke.
Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.
Hon. M. A. Lashley spoke.
Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke in reply.
The Bill was read a second time.

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

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 2); and Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 5) were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

Part 3 (Clauses 6 to 22) was called on the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds Clause 15 was amended.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds Part 3 was passed.

Part 4 (Clauses 23 to 28); Part 5 (Clauses 29 to 33); Part 6 (Clauses 34 to 35); Part 7 (Clauses 36 to 45); and the First to the Fourth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, 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. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 4
BARBADOS CITIZENSHIP BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to revise the law relating to the acquisition, deprivation and renunciation of citizenship of Barbados and to provide for related matters,
the Hon. Member moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 2); Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 7); Part 3 (Clauses 8 to 11); Part 4 (Clauses 12 to 20) and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, 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. G. P. B. Nicholls seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 10th November, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 10.12 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 , 2026.

Speaker.

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