



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 19th day of April, 2022, at 10 o'clock pursuant to **Standing Order 6 (9)**.

PRESENT

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| His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Speaker</i>) | |
| His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (<i>Deputy Speaker</i>) (Online) | |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) (Online) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) (Online) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</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>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) (Online) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. (Online) |
| 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. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i>) |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i>) |
| Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |
| | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Energy and Business Development*), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Security and the Third Sector*) and Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker read the letter following and indicated that he gave his approval to the request therein contained:

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April 14, 2022

His Honour The Speaker

The Honourable House of Assembly
Parliament Buildings
Trafalgar Street
BRIDGETOWN

Your Honour,

The House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 6.9 of the Standing Orders of the Honourable the House of Assembly, I hereby submit that the public interest requires that the House should meet on an earlier day than that to which the House stands adjourned in order to debate a resolution under Section 28(2) of the Emergency Management Act Cap. 160A to extend the proclamation, which is due to expire on the April 22, 2022 that a public health emergency exists.

Should you be satisfied that the public interest so requires, Government requests that the House should be summoned to meet Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Government proposes that the business of the House should be that mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bradshaw'.

Hon. Santia J.O. Bradshaw, M.P.

Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of Government Business

cc: The Clerk of Parliament

Hon. G.P.I. Gooding-Edghill spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 28A(1) of the *Emergency Management Act*, Cap. 160A it is provided that where the President is satisfied that an emergency has arisen as a result of a person or an animal having a communicable or a notifiable disease, the President may by Proclamation, on the advice of the Prime Minister after the Prime Minister has consulted, or has been advised by, the Chief Medical Officer, declare that a public health emergency exists;

AND WHEREAS by section 28A(2) of the said Act it is provided that a Proclamation issued under section 28(1) shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for one month or for such longer period, not exceeding 6 months, as the House of Assembly may determine by a resolution supported by the votes of a majority of all the members of that House;

AND WHEREAS a Proclamation was issued on the 23rd day of March, 2022 and is due to expire on the 22nd day of April, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly has by a vote of the majority of all the members thereof, determined by resolution to extend the said Proclamation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Proclamation aforesaid is hereby extended until the 22nd day of September, 2022.

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution be approved.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. G.P.I. Gooding-Edghill spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed the House voting as follows:

Ayes: Honourables Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, D. D. Marshall, W. A. Abrahams, Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, I. A. Weir, A. R. Forde, C. McD. Griffith, G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, Dr. S. E. Browne, K. D. M. Humphrey, R. R. Straughn, Miss K. S. McConney, D. I. Ishmael, His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, Miss C. Y. Forde, T. A. Prescod, P. R. Phillips, Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, Dr. R. O. Springer, C. D. L. Gibbs and C. A. Lane.

Noes: Nil

PAPERS

The Hon. W. A. Abrahams by command laid the following:-

Annual Report of the Barbados Prison Service for the Financial Year ended 2020.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of:-

Resolution that the establishment of Standing Committees be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

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. 1**

Resolution to extend the public health emergency in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Cap. 160A.

ORDER NO. 2

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Resolution following was passed:-

RESOLVED that the establishment of Standing Committees be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 11.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Barbados Water Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022 appearing in the Order Paper and gave notice of the following:

1. Barbados Water Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022; (Replacement Bill)
2. Caves (Amendment) Bill, 2022;
3. Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

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

1. Barbados Water Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022;
2. Caves (Amendment) Bill, 2022;
3. Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 3

QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A Moore spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House resolved itself into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Mr. Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Bill in Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the House be adjourned to Tuesday, 26th April, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 12.12 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 _____, 2022.

Speaker.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

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FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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