



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 14th day of May, 2024, 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*)
Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
- Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*)
Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*)
Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.
Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)
Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.
Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*) (*Leader of Government Business*)
Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office*)
Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*)
Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)
- Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (*Leader of the Opposition*)
Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*)
Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy*)
Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*)
Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*)
Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Sport*)
Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*)
Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.
Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)
Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*)
Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*)
Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.
Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.
Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)
Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*)
Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*)
Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*)
Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 7th May, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the following:

- Resolution that the Honourable the House of Assembly adopts the Report of the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on Social Sector and the Environment on the Child Protection Bill, 2023 and the Child Justice Bill, 2023.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 28(15), 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke, sought and obtained leave to debate the Report of the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on The Social Sector and the Environment on the Child Protection Bill, 2023 and the Child Justice Bill, 2023 by confining the debate in the first instance to the Child Protection Bill's aspect of the debate without prejudice to debating the aspect dealing with the Child Justice Bill.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 11

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
(STANDING) ON SOCIAL SECTOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT ON THE
CHILD PROTECTION BILL, 2023 AND THE CHILD JUSTICE BILL, 2023**

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Hon. Ms. C. S.V. Husbands spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. Ms. C. S.V. Husbands spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. Ms. C. S.V. Husbands spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 1.47 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of the Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 6.05 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Mr. Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy Speaker.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.
Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.
Further consideration of the Resolution was postponed.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended to Friday, 17th May, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 8.25 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION (Friday, 17th May, 2024)

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER (recommitted)

Mr. Speaker read the following:

MESSAGE

From

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

To

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly that at its sitting on Wednesday **15th May, 2024** the **Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2024** was amended in the following terms:

In Clause 1 the Short title was amended to reflect the insertion of the Validation provision at Clause 15 and should now read;

“This Act may be cited as the *Income Tax (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2024.*”

AND the Honourable the Senate transmits the amended Bill to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendment to the Bill.

Dated the 15th day of May, 2024.


PRESIDENT

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid:

- The Government of Barbados, acting through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment as Guarantor and African Export-Import Bank as Lender Deed of Guarantee.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

- Resolution that the Honourable the House of Assembly concur in the amendment made by the Honourable the Senate to the Income Tax (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2024.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

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

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 12.59 p.m. to 2.10 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)

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

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Further consideration of the Resolution was postponed.

ORDER NO. 12

**RESOLUTION THAT THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY CONCUR
IN THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE TO THE
INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL, 2024**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Resolution was passed.

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. R. R. Straughn laid the following:

- Deed of Guarantee between the Government of Barbados acting through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment as Guarantor and the African Export-Import Bank as Lender relating to obligations under a USD 25,000,000 terms loan facility agreement between Kensington Oval Management Inc. and the African Export-Import Bank
(Correction of title of the paper previously laid)

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, who spoke, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended to Tuesday, 21st May, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 3.50 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION (Tuesday, 21st May, 2024)

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
(STANDING) ON THE CHILD PROTECTION BILL, 2023 AND THE
CHILD JUSTICE BILL, 2023**

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams Standing Order 30 (1) was suspended for purpose of permitting unlimited speech by the substantive Minister on the Child Justice Bill's aspect of the Resolution.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey began to speak.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey concluded his speech.
 Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 1.05 p.m. to 2.10 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
 Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.
 Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.
 Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.
 The Report was adopted.

ORDER NO. 2

CHILD PROTECTION BILL, 2023 (as amended)

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey to resume the debate on the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the reform of the law on the care and protection of children, the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Bill was recommitted and the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clause 2 (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 24 (7) (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 52 (7) (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 56 (5) (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Part 6 (new) (Clauses 60 to 62) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Part 7 (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

New Part 8 (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Second Schedule (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 3

CHILD JUSTICE BILL, 2023 (as amended)

On the Order being called for Hon. W. A. Abrahams to resume the debate on the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the reform of the criminal law applicable to children and the repeal of the:

- (a) Juvenile Offenders Act, Cap. 138; and
- (b) Reformatory and Industrial Schools Act, Cap. 169,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was recommitted and the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clause 28 (1) (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

Clause 29 (5) (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

Clause 49 (6) (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

Part 12 (Clauses 109 – 112) (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

Part 13 (New) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

The First to the Fifth Schedules as amended were called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

The Sixth Schedule (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

The Seventh Schedule (New) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill as amended in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams who spoke, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House was adjourned to Friday, 7th June, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.35 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 _____, 2024.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
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FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 14th May, 2024.

Government Printing Department.