



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 August, 2018, pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)
His Honour G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) | Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</i>) |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i>) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade</i>) |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i>) |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs</i>) | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</i>) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M.Min. (<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i>) |
| | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |

ABSENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*).

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Michael Squires.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 24th July, 2018 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 27th July, 2018 were deferred on the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

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 extend its compliments to the Honourable the House of Assembly and to reply to the Message from the House inviting the Senate to appoint four Senators to a Joint Select Committee on the **Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2018**.

The Senate is pleased to appoint:

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q. C.

Senator C. A. Franklyn

to constitute the Joint Select Committee with Members of the House of Assembly, and to offer every good wish for the deliberations of the Committee.

Dated the 30th day of July, 2018.

R. L. CHELTENHAM
PRESIDENT

PAPERS

The Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley by command laid the following:

1. Public Service (General) Order, 2018.
2. Public Service (Teachers) Order, 2018.
3. Public Service (Part-Time Officers) Order, 2018.
4. Senate and House of Assembly (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Order, 2018.
5. Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Order, 2018.
6. Parliament (Administration) (Salary) Order, 2018.
7. Judges Remuneration and Pensions (Salaries) Order, 2018.
8. Supreme Court (Master of the High Court) (Salary) Order, 2018.
9. Ombudsman (Salary) Order, 2018.
10. Financial Services Commission Annual Report 2016-2017.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. E. G. Hinkson the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
2. Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
3. Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Penal System Reform (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
2. Prisons (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
3. Sanitation Service Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of the Hon. E. G. Hinkson 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

ORDER NO. 5

On the Order being called Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley moved seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall that Orders Nos. 5 to 13 be introduced in a cognate debate.

The motion was passed.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the *Public Service (General) Order, 2018* made by the Minister responsible for the Civil Service on the 9th day of August, 2018 under sections 13(1) and 14(3) of the *Public Service Act, Cap. 29* be approved.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the Governor-General be asked to assent and take the necessary steps given to effect this Resolution.

and moved seconded by Hon. Hon. D. D. Marshall that the Resolution be approved.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Sitting was suspended to 2.00 p.m.

At 1.43 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 5 (resumed)

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.
 Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle began to speak.
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.
 Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle concluded her speech.
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.
 Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.
 The Resolution was passed.
 The Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 6

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the passing of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the *Public Service (Teachers) Order, 2018* made by the Minister responsible for the Civil Service on the 9th day of August, 2018 under sections 13(1) and 14(3) of the *Public Service Act, Cap. 29* be approved.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the Governor-General be asked to assent and take the necessary steps given to effect this Resolution.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 7

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the passing of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the *Public Service (Part-time Officers) Order, 2018* made by the Minister responsible for the Civil Service on the 9th day of August, 2018 under sections 13(1) and 14(3) of the *Public Service Act, Cap. 29* be approved.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the Governor-General be asked to assent and take the necessary steps given to effect this Resolution.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 8

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the following Resolution be passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the *Senate and House of Assembly (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Order, 2018* made by the Minister responsible for Finance on the 9th day of August, 2018 under section 8 of the *Senate and House of Assembly (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Act, Cap. 13A*.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the Governor-General be asked to assent and take the necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 9

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic that the following Resolution do now pass:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Order, 2018* made by the Minister responsible for Finance on the 9th day of August, 2018 under section 5 of the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Act, Cap. 8*.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the Governor-General be asked to assent and take the necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 10

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that the following Resolution do now pass:

RESOLVED that in accordance with section 3(2) of the *Governor-General (Conditions of Service) Act, Cap. 6*, the Schedule to that Act be amended by deleting paragraph 1 thereof and substituting paragraph 1 as contained in the *Schedule* to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE

1. Salary at the rate of \$232,047.40 per annum with effect from 1st April, 2018.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 11

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that the following Resolution do now pass:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the rates of salaries and allowances, applicable to the posts of Personal Assistants to Ministers as set out in the *Schedule* with effect from the date shown in the *Schedule*.

RESOLVED that the Senate be invited to concur on the contents herein.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the Governor-General be asked to assent and take the necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE

Rate of Salary and Allowance with effect from 1st April, 2018

Posts	Salary Scale Per Annum	Travelling Allowance Per Annum
	\$	\$
26 Posts of Personal Assistants to Ministers	(Code Z3) 67,068.03	4,974.60

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 12

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King the passing of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the payment of an increased Cost of Living Allowance at the rate of 3.3% per annum to government pensioners with effect from 1st April, 2018 subject to the conditions set out in the *Schedule* hereto.

RESOLVED that an additional Cost of Living Allowance of \$5.00 per month be granted to those pensioners who retired prior to 1st April, 1976.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the Governor-General be asked to assent and take the necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE*Terms and Conditions for Grant of Cost of Living Allowance*

An increase of 3.3% per annum of the cumulative sum of pension and Cost of Living Allowance as at 31st March, 2018 or \$20 per month whichever is greater, is payable as a Cost of Living Allowance to all government pensioners.

Effective 1st April, 2018 an additional sum of \$5.00 per month is payable to each government pensioner who retired prior to 1st April, 1976.

The increased Cost of Living Allowance, which takes effect from 1st April, 2018 does not apply to a person whose pension is computed on the revised salaries or wages that take effect from 1st April, 2018, unless the computation of pension on the revised salary or wage, results in an increase of less than \$20.00 a month, in which case the amount by which the increase is less than \$20.00 shall be payable as a Cost of Living Allowance.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 13

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King the passing of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the rates of salaries and allowances, applicable to the posts of Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister, Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister, the Press Secretary and Executive Personal Secretary as set out in the *Schedule* with effect from the date shown in the *Schedule*.

RESOLVED that Her Excellency the Governor-General be asked to assent and take the necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE

Rates of Salaries and Allowances with effect from 1st April, 2018

Post	Salary Scale Per Annum	Entertainment Allowance Per Annum	Travelling Allowance Per Annum
	\$	\$	\$
1 Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister	102,991.39 (Code S5)	3,846.84	9,817.08
1 Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister	74,577.00 (Code S9)	3,846.84	7,478.16
1 Press Secretary	74,577.00 (Code S9)	3,846.84	7,478.16
1 Executive Personal Secretary	54,989.55 x 1,558.24 - 59,664.28 x 1,850.94 - 67,068.03 (Code Z10-3)		
1 Clerical Officer	24,404.81 x 912.11 31,701.72 x 935.80 36,380.73 x 1,048.07 37,428.80 (Code Z38-24)		

The Resolution was passed.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (Recommitted)

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic laid the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (Recommitted)

On the separate motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Law Revision and Law Reform Bill, 2018.
2. Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 2

FISCAL INCENTIVES (REPEAL) BILL, 2018

On the Order being called for Hon. R. St. C. Toppin to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to repeal the *Fiscal Incentives Act, Cap. 71A*,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the Bill be read a second time.

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

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. R. St. C. Toppin seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. St. C. Toppin seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

Clause 2 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. St. C. Toppin seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

On the motion of Hon. R. St. C. Toppin seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips 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. R. St. C. Toppin seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 3**SANITATION SERVICE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called for Hon. W. A. Abrahams to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the *Sanitation Service Authority Act*, Cap. 382, the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. R. St. C. Toppin that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. R. St. C. Toppin the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and moved seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips that Clause 2 stand part. Clause 2 was passed.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and moved seconded by Hon. T. A. Prescod that Clause 3 stand part. Clause 3 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde 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. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of the Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 28th August, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.51 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

MINUTES

Tuesday, 14th August, 2018.
