



# 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 on Tuesday the 28th day of May, 2019, pursuant to the adjournment.

### PRESENT

- 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> ) | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i> )                                |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )   | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i> )     |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )   | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> )                  |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )   | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i> )                             |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )  | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill   |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i> )  | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</i> )              |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i> )  | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )   |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )   | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</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. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )                             |
|   | and  |
|   | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> ) |

### **ABSENT**

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*), Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture and Food Security*) and Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*).

The Clerk announced the absence of His Honour the Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 7th May, 2019 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

His Honour G. A. Clarke announced that all Parliamentarians were invited to attend a Parliamentarians Sensitisation Forum on Wednesday, 29th May, 2019 at the Radisson Aquatica Hotel in Bridgetown, Barbados at 9.00 a.m.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was suspended until 11.00 a.m.

At 10.30 a.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (recommitted)**

Mr. Deputy Speaker announced that the National Senior Games would take place on Monday, 10th June, 2019 at the National Stadium. All Parliamentarians were invited.

**MESSAGES (recommitted)**

Mr. Deputy Speaker read the following Message:

**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, 2019** the **Public Service (Retrenched Workers) Bill, 2019** was amended in the terms as cited below.

Clause 2 (2) was deleted.

In Clause 3, delete the words “*section 2(1)*”, and substitute the words “**section 2**”.

**AND** the Honourable the Senate transmits the Amended Bill to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendments to the Bill.

Dated the 15th day of May, 2019.

RICHARD L. CHELTENHAM  
President

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)****ORDER NO. 8**

Resolution to approve the vesting and disposal of lands in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. at Bay Street, St. Michael.

Hon. G. W. Payne spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament, in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcels of land, the property of the Crown, situate in Bay Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island more particularly described in the *Schedules* hereto for the public purpose of Tourism development.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the Crown situate at Bay Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 69.0 square metres or thereabouts (being the area in public drain) Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government on lands now or formerly of

Vision Developments Inc. and on a public road known as Bay Street leading to Probyn Street in one direction and to Wellington Street in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 13th day of November, 2017 by Camille Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 15th day of November, 2017 as Plan No. 1104/2017.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the Crown situate at Bay Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 509.5 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 22.8 square metres in pavement) Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly of the Wesleyan Missionary Trust Association (Bethel Methodist Church) on a pavement which forms part of the public road known as Bay Street leading to Wellington Street in one direction and to Probyn Street in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 9th day of September, 2015 by Camille Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 22nd day of September, 2015 as Plan No. 890/2015,

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

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland began to speak.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley rose and spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland resumed his speech.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley rose and spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland resumed his speech.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland concluded his speech.

## SUSPENSION

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. G. W. Payne the Sitting was suspended until 3.00 p.m.

At 1.28 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

## RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

## ORDER NO. 8 (resumed)

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke.

Hon. J. A. King spoke.

Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.  
 Hon. G. W. Payne spoke in reply.  
 The motion was passed.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Sitting be suspended until 5.00 p.m.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.  
 Hon. G. W. Payne spoke.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.  
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 At 4.29 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

His Honour G. A. Clarke announced that he was in receipt of the following:

- (1) Report of the Auditor General for the year 2018; and
- (2) The Financial Statements of the Government of Barbados 2017-2018.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic gave notice of the following:

1. Utilities (Amendment) Bill, 2019;
2. Barbados Water Authority (Validation of Water and Sewerage Rates) Bill, 2019.
3. Resolution to seek the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Public Service (Retrenched Workers) Bill, 2019.

### **FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Utilities (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was read a first time.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Barbados Water Authority (Validation of Water and Sewerage Rates) Bill, 2019 was read a first time.

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

#### **ORDER NO. 10**

#### **UTILITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. W. A. Abrahams to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Utilities Act, Cap. 282, the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce Order No. 10 and Order No. 11 in a cognate debate.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland began to speak.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland resumed his speech.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams rose and spoke.  
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland concluded his speech.  
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.  
 Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.  
 Dr. S. E. Browne began to speak.  
 Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on a point of elucidation.  
 Dr. S. E. Browne concluded her speech.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke in reply.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan 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. C. E. Jordan.

Clause 2 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Deputy Speaker who 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.

#### **ORDER NO. 11**

#### **BARBADOS WATER AUTHORITY (VALIDATION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE RATES) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. W. A. Abrahams to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to validate the adjustment in water and sewerage rates levied and collected by the Barbados Water Authority from the 1st day of May, 2019,

the Hon. Member moved, seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

Clause 2 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **ORDER NO. 9**

Resolution seeking concurrence of the Honourable the House in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Public Service (Retrenched Workers) Bill, 2019.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde that the amendments be rejected and that the Bill as passed by the Senate be amended.

The motion was passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic moved seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips that the House be adjourned to Tuesday, 4th June, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 8.25 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.



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### **MINUTES**

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