



# 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 4th day of December, 2018, 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 C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                             | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology   |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )                                     | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )                                 |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )                                 | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i> )                                |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )                                | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i> )     |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i> )  | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> )                  |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i> )    | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i> )                             |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )                                       | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</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> ) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</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**

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*), Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service*), 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. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*) and Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*).

Mr. Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10.10 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 27th November, 2018 were deferred on the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

**PAPERS**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic on behalf of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley by command laid the following:

1. 2017 Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Barbados.
2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Horace Beckles) Order, 2018.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde by command laid the following:

Audited Financial Statements of the Child Care Board for the Year Ended March 31, 2017.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic moved and seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the suspension of Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 2****PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTION****Mr. R. A. Thorne, M. P. – Member for Christ Church South**

WHEREAS the Public Accounts Committee, a duly constituted Committee of this Honourable Chamber, charged with the responsibility of examining the audited financial statements of the government, inter-governmental bodies and statutory corporations;

AND WHEREAS the Committee in fulfilling that mandate over several months executed exhaustive investigations into the accounts and operations of the National Housing Corporation in the 2013-2018 Session of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS this Committee having completed its work, sought to but was unable to lay its report in this Honourable Chamber;

AND WHEREAS this Committee made specific findings and recommendations which in the interest of transparency, accountability and good governance ought to be made known;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House accept and adopt the Report of the Public Accounts Committee 2013-2018.

*Notice of this Resolution was given on 20th November, 2018.*

Mr. R. A. Thorne moved seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the passing of the Resolution that the Honourable House accepts and adopts the Report of the Public Accounts Committee 2013-2018.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds began to speak.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech on a point of order.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech.  
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech.  
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.  
 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. E. G. Hinkson began to speak.  
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 Hon. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.  
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 Hon. E. G. Hinkson concluded his speech.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic and seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Sitting was suspended until 1.45 p.m.

At 12.35 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (resumed)**

#### **ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)**

Hon. W. A. Abrahams began to speak.  
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams resumed his speech.  
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams resumed his speech.  
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams resumed his speech.  
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams resumed and concluded his speech.

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips further consideration of the Resolution was postponed.

#### **REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (recommitted)**

Hon. W. A. Abrahams gave a status Report on the Joint Select Committee on the Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2018 and sought and obtained leave on a motion seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde to extend the reporting period of the Committee for a further period of one (1) month from 4th December, 2018.

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **ORDER NO. 3**

#### **CENTRAL BANK (AMENDMENT) (NO. ) BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called by Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Central Bank of Barbados Act, Cap. 323C to facilitate the implementation of fiscal adjustment measures,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. C. E. Jordan began to speak.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan concluded his speech.

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle 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. Miss M. K-A. Caddle seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands.

Clause 2 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan 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. Miss M. K-A. Caddle and seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 11th December, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

At 3.30 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Speaker.

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