



# 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 23rd day of January, 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*)  
His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. ( <i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i> )                    | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), MSc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> ) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.                                                                                                                                                                       | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</i> )                                   |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )                                                                                           | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )                                                     |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.                                                                                                                                                                        | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )                                                                                      |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )                                                                                 | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )                                                        |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.                                                                                                                                                | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</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 and Works</i> ) ( <i>Leader of the House of Assembly</i> ) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.                                                                                                                      |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. ( <i>Minister of Planning and Development and Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i> )                              | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                                        |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> )                                                                                                                 | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> )                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i> )                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i> )                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs                                                                                                                              |

**ABSENT**

Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip.Theology, Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*), Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*) and Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*).

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 5th December, 2023 and Tuesday 19th December, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

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

1. Law Revision and Law Reform (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
2. Barbados Revenue Authority (Appeals Tribunal) (Validation) Bill, 2024.
3. African Export-Import Bank Bill, 2024.
4. Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic Bill, 2024.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Law Revision and Law Reform (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
2. Barbados Revenue Authority (Appeals Tribunal) (Validation) Bill, 2024.
3. African Export-Import Bank Bill, 2024.
4. Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic Bill, 2024.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 22, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 14****FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called, to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the implementation of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic to make provision for the electronic transmission and exchange of information in order to facilitate and expedite the clearance of international maritime traffic; the establishment of an enabling environment for a port community system; and for related purposes.

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

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

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Sitting was suspended to 2.00 p.m.

At 12.25 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 14 (resumed)**

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. W. A. Abahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Parts 1, 2 (as amended) and Part 3 (Clauses 10 to 21), Part 4 (Clauses 22 to 25), Part 5 (Clauses 26 to 32), Part 6 (Clauses 33 to 35), Part 7 (Clauses 36 to 41), Part 8 (Clause 42), Part 9 (Clauses 43 to 52) and the First to the Tenth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

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

**ORDER NO. 8**

On the Order been called Hon. Miss. S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED** that in accordance with section 3(2) of the *President (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**

*Salary and Duty Allowance*

1. Salary at the rate of
  - (a) \$239,008.82 per annum with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023; and
  - (b) \$246,179.09 per annum with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024.
  
2. Duty allowance at the rate of
  - (a) \$35,640.00 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022;
  - (b) \$36,709.20 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023; and
  - (c) \$37,810.48 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024,

and moved seconded by Dr. R. O. Springer that the Resolution be passed.

The Resolution was passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (Recommended)**

Mr. Speaker announced that he was in receipt of correspondence from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the nomination of appointment of Mr. E. G. Hinkson as Barbados' representative at the OACPS Parliamentary and AACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly at the OACPS-PA and the OACPS-EU JPA to be held in Luanda, Angola from February 17-21, 2024.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Mr. E. G. Hinkson was appointed as the representative.

Mr. Speaker read a letter from the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw indicating her intention to move a motion that the appointment of His Honour N. G. H. Rowe as Deputy Speaker of the Honourable House of Assembly, be rescinded with immediate effect and seeking His Honour's consent under Standing Order 27 to dispense with Notice and further under Standing Order 21 (1) to move the appointment of Miss. C. Y. Forde as Deputy Speaker.

The consent of Mr. Speaker was given.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, the motion for the rescission of the appointment of His Honour N. G. H. Rowe as Deputy Speaker was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall that Miss C. Y. Forde be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Honourable House of Assembly.

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

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The motion was passed.

**ORDER NO. 5**  
**COMMISSIONERS OF PROBATES BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called, Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to repeal and replace the *Commissioners of Probates Act*, Cap. 120 and to provide for the appointment of Commissioners of Probates and matters related thereto,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 (as amended) to 8 and the First and Second Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 30th January, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 2.57 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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