



# 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 Friday the 26th day of October, 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. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade</i> )         |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )   | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology   |
| 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. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )                                 |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )   | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i> )                                |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</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> )                  |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i> )  | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i> )                             |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i> )  | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill   |
| 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. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</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. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification*), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*) and 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 Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 19th October, 2018 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by His Honour G. A. Clarke.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of the Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by His Honour G. A. Clarke Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 4**

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land the property of the Crown, situate at Chancery Lane in the parish of Christ Church in this Island more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for the public purpose of housing development.

On the motion being called to debate the Resolution Hon. G. W. Payne spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that the Resolution do now pass.

His Honour G. A. Clarke spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland began to speak.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of the Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Mr. R. A. Thorne the Sitting was suspended until 11.45 a.m.

At 11.29 a.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION****ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland resumed and concluded his speech.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. C. Y. Forde spoke.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker announced that he was in receipt of the following Message from the Senate.

**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, 24th October, 2018** the **Debt Holder (Approval of Debt Restructuring) Bill, 2018, the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2018 and the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018** were amended in the terms as cited below.

In the **Debt Holder (Approval of Debt Restructuring) Bill, 2018** at Clause 4(1) and (2) the words “*5th day of October, 2018*” were deleted and substituted by the words “*29th day of October, 2018*” therefor.

Similarly, in the Second Schedule at Parts 1 and 2 of that Schedule the words “*Friday 5 October, 2018*” were deleted and substituted by the words “*Monday 29 October, 2018*” therefor.

In the **Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2018:**

Clause 2(b) was amended by deleting the word “24” in the second line of that Clause and substituting the word “11” therefor, so that Clause 2(b) should now read

*“by deleting the words “11 to 24” in the definition of “Minibus” and substituting the words “11 to 57”;*

Clause 19 in the new Section **16(4)**, the word “*of*” immediately appearing after the word “months” was deleted and substituted by the word “*or*” therefor.

Clause 20 in the new Section **16A(4)** the word “*of*” appearing immediately after the word “months” was deleted and substituted by the word “*or*” therefor.

In the **National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018** the schedule **CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS** at Column 2 with respect the National Insurance and Social Security (Self-Employed Persons) Regulations 1970: the words “*15.50%*” were deleted and the words “*16.10%*” were substituted therefor; and the words “*16.50%*” were deleted and the words “*17.10%*” substituted therefor;

The paragraph should now read:

*“In the First Schedule, delete the words “16.10%” and substitute the words “17.10%”.*

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

**Dated the 24th day of October, 2018.**

Richard L. Cheltenham  
PRESIDENT

**DEFERRAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Speaker announced that he was not yet in possession of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd October, 2018.

On the motion of the Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. E. G. Hinkson gave notice of the following Resolution:

Resolution to seek the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Debt Holder (Approval of Debt Restructuring) Bill, 2018, the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill,

2018 and the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018.

**ORDER NO. 5**

To move the passing of a Resolution to seek the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Debt Holder (Approval of Debt Restructuring) Bill, 2018, the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2018 and the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018.

On the Order being called the Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. G. W. Payne that the House concur in amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to Bills cited in the Resolution above.

The Resolution was passed.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of the Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by the Hon. J. A. King the House was suspended for Lunch until 2.15 p.m.

At 1.22 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. G. W. Payne further consideration of the Resolution was postponed.

**ORDER NO. 4 (recommitted)**

**RESOLUTION TO CONCUR IN AMENDMENTS  
MADE BY THE SENATE**

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King of an amendment to an earlier Resolution of the House.

Hon. D. D. Marshall indicated that the House agreed with the amendments made by the Senate to the Debt Holder (Approval of Debt Restructuring) Bill, 2018 and the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2018 but disagreed with the Amendments made to the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018 and that the Bill should remain as it was prior to those amendments.

The Resolution as amended was passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of the Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by the Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was adjourned until Tuesday, 6th November, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

At 3.03 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

PEDRO E. EASTMOND  
Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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day of

Speaker.

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023**

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**MINUTES**

Friday, 26th October, 2018.

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