



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 26th day of July, 2022, at 10.00 o' clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, 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, Q.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (Online) | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Energy and Business Development</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour and Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) (Online) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</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, Works and Water Resources</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (<i>Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development</i>) | 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, Works and Water Resources</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |
| | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |

ABSENT

Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*) and Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 19th July, 2022 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker recognized the presence of and welcomed Mr. Edward Rock, a visitor from the Cayman Islands.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Hon. D. D. Marshall sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Light and Power (Amendment) Bill, 2022 – Order No. 6 and to substitute an amended Bill.

ORDER NO. 4

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the passing of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of subsection (1) of section 3 of the *University of the West Indies (Guarantee of Loans) Act*, Cap. 106B, the Government may, with the approval of the Parliament, guarantee the payment of the principal and interest due in respect of loans granted to the University of the West Indies;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of subsection (1) of section 3 of the Act, the Government may by resolution of both Houses of Parliament, guarantee the payment of the principal and interest due in respect of loans granted to the University on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, but such amounts shall not exceed the sum of 100 million dollars, exclusive of the interest payable thereon;

AND WHEREAS the Government is seeking to guarantee approximately BBD \$2.0 million of an approximately BBD \$12 million loan from the Caribbean Development Bank to the University of the West Indies on the terms and conditions of an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule* to this Resolution, for the purpose of financing the Regional Digital Transformation Project;

AND WHEREAS the principal and interest due in respect of the loan to be guaranteed does not exceed the limit given to the Government under section 3(1) of the said Act;

BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament approve the guarantee by the Government of approximately BBD \$2.0 million of an approximately BBD \$12 million loan to be granted to the University from the Caribbean Development Bank for the purpose of financing the Regional Digital Transformation Project on the terms and conditions of an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*.

SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Facility:	Loan.	
Lender:	Caribbean Development Bank.	
Amount:	BBD \$4 000 000 Special Fund Resources and BBD \$8 000 000 Ordinary Capital Resources.	
Guaranteed Amount:	BBD \$2 000 000 of the Special Fund Resources portion.	
Borrower:	University of the West Indies.	
Guarantor:	Government of Barbados.	
Purpose:	To finance a Regional Digital Transformation Project.	
Moratorium:	Special Fund Resources: 3 years. Ordinary Capital Resources: 3 years.	
Term:	Inclusive of Grace Period:	Special Fund Resources: 30 years. Ordinary Capital Resources: 20 years.
Repayment:	Special Fund Resources:	108 equal or approximately equal, consecutive quarterly payments on the due dates.
	Ordinary Capital Resources:	68 equal or approximately equal consecutive quarterly payments on the due dates.
Interest rate:	Special Fund Resources:	Per annum, fixed 0.75%.
	Ordinary Capital Resources:	Per annum, variable, currently 3.60%, payable quarterly on the balance of the loan withdrawn and outstanding at the due dates.
Commitment Fee:	Special Fund Resources:	Not applicable.
	Ordinary Capital Resources:	1.0% per annum on undisbursed balance from the 60th day after the date of the loan agreement.

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*TERMS AND CONDITIONS – *Cont'd*

Security:	The Borrower shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Bank the Guarantee Agreements, in form and substance acceptable to the Bank.
Conditions precedent to First Disbursement for the purposes of this Resolution:	The Guarantee Agreements have been executed.
Governing Law:	Laws of Barbados,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Resolution be passed.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

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

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m.

At 1.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 7

On the Order being called for Hon. D. G. Sutherland to move the passing of 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 National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Lancaster in the parish of Saint James in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* for the provision of road access.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Lancaster in the parish of St. James in this Island containing by admeasurement 137.9 square metres or thereabouts (forming part of a larger area containing by admeasurement 15 720.9 square metres) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of the National Housing Corporation and on a road reserve 6.40 metres wide adjoining a public road which leads to Greenwich in one direction and to the Ronald Mapp Highway in another direction or however else the same may abut and abound as shown and delineated as “Area A” on a plan certified on the 25th day of January, 2021 by Ricardo A. Phillips, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 25th day of January, 2021 as Plan No. 71/2021.

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Resolution be passed.

Dr. R. O. Springer began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer concluded his speech.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the Civil Aviation Bill, 2022.

FIRST READING OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Civil Aviation Bill, 2022 was read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Friday, 5th August, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

At 3.48 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 _____, 2022.

Speaker.

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