



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 16th day of November, 2021, at 10.00 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. 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 C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</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 Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</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. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) (Online) |
| | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. (Online) |

ABSENT

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C., 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*), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*) and Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker spoke recognising the presence of pupils from Wesley Hall Junior School, Hindsbury Primary School, Eagle Hall Primary School and St. George Primary School accompanied by a parent of one of the pupils.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 26th October, 2021 and Tuesday 2nd November, 2021 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley gave notice of a Resolution to take note of the Statement laid by the Hon. Minister of Finance in the House on 28th September, 2021 on the matter of the National Vaccination Fund and Barbados' Acquisition of Vaccines.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

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

1. The Barbados Metrology Bill, 2021; and
2. The Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

CUSTOMS BILL, 2021

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to reform the law on customs and repeal the Customs Act, Cap. 66, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 1.08 p.m. to 2.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.
 Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.
 Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.
 The Bill was read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended at 5.30 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 2) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. J. A. King Clauses 1 to 2 (as amended) were passed.

Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 15) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams Clauses 3 to 14 (amended) and 15 (amended) were passed.

Part 3 (Clauses 16 to 17) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Clauses 16 to 17 (as amended) were passed.

Part 4 (Clauses 18 to 19) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Clauses 18 and 19 (as amended) were passed.

Part 5 (Clauses 20 to 24) and Part 6 (Clauses 25 to 26) were called and passed.

Part 7 (Clauses 27 to 38) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Clauses 27 to 31 (as amended) and Clauses 32 to 38 were passed.

Part 8 (Clauses 39 to 45) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King Clauses 39 to 45 (as amended) were passed.

Part 9 (Clauses 46 to 54) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King Clauses 46 to 48 (as amended) and 49 to 54 were passed.

Part 10 (Clauses 55 to 56) was called and passed.

Part 11 (Clauses 57 to 70) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan Clauses 57 to 67 (as amended) and 68 to 70 were passed.

Part 12 (Clauses 71 to 82) was called and passed.

Part 13 (Clauses 83 to 95) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Clauses 83 to 89 (as amended) and Clauses 90 to 95 were passed.

Part 14 (Clauses 96 to 101) was called and passed.

Part 15 (Clause 102) was called and passed.

Part 16 (Clauses 103 to 106) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King Clauses 103 (as amended) to 106 were passed.

Part 17 (Clauses 107 to 111) and Part 18 (Clauses 112 to 114) were called and passed.

Part 19 (Clauses 115 to 120) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan Clauses 115 (as amended) to 120 were passed.

Part 20 (Clauses 121 to 122) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan Clauses 121 (as amended) to 122 were passed.

Part 21 (Clauses 123 to 129) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan Clauses 123 to 126 (as amended) and 127 to 129 were passed.

Part 22 (Clauses 130 to 138) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Clauses 130 to 133 (as amended) and 134 to 138 were passed.

Part 23 (Clauses 139 to 146) was called and passed.

Part 24 (Clauses 147 to 200) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Clauses 147 to 157 (as amended), 158 to 198 (as amended) and 199 to 200 were passed.

Part 25 (Clauses 201 to 204); Part 26 (Clauses 205 to 229); Part 27 (Clauses 230 to 246); Part 28 (Clauses 247 to 249); Part 29 (Clauses 250 to 259) and Part 30 (Clauses 260 to 273) were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

Part 31 (Clauses 274 to 290) was called.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King Clauses 274 to 286 (as amended) and 287 to 290 (as amended) (deleted) were passed.

Part 32 (New Clauses 290 to 302) and the Schedule were called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde 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. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of a Resolution that Parliament take note and approve the Charter of Barbados, 2021.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS (recommitted)

Hon. R. R. Straughn made a Statement on the Government of Barbados Mid-Year Review Report for the period of April to September, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd November, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.20 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2021.

day of

Speaker.

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