



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 31st day of August, 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>) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and 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. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal 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>) |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office with Responsibility for Culture and the National Development Commission</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</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 and the Third Sector</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>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</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. |

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. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*) and Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 10th August, 2021 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 24th August, 2021 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR
THE SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker announced that he was in receipt of the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Government of Barbados 2018 - 2019.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

a Resolution to grant the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX MILLION, NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2021-2022 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 3 2021-2022.

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 5****NATIONAL VENDING BILL, 2021**

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. Symmonds to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the regulation of vending in Barbados, the protection of the rights of vendors and matters related thereto,

the Hon. Member began to speak.

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke when the Hon. Member gave way.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended at 12:35 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 5 (resumed)

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of elucidation.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds moved, seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, further consideration of the Bill and the appointment of the following Members to a Joint Select Committee on the Bill:

Hon. K. D. Symmonds

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill

Mr. T. A. Prescod

Hon. A. R. Forde

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore

Hon. I. A. Weir

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey; and
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley.
 The motion was passed.

ORDER NO. 6

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES NO. 3, 2021-2022 - \$126,999,726.00

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House resolved itself into the Standing Finance Committee Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX MILLION, NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2021-2022 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 3, 2021-2022 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE

Supplementary Estimates 2021-2022 No. 3

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 2	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL Program 040: Direction & Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 7075: General Management & Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>	300407075	1,280,760		1,877,894
HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS Program 040: Direction & Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 7070: General Management & Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>	330407070	20,000		106,118
Subprogram 7156: General Management & Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	330407156	82,527		311,897

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 3 – *Cont'd*

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 2	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – <i>Cont'd</i>				
Program 042: Information and Media Relations				
Subprogram 0047: Government Advertising	330420047			
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		150,000		400,000
Program 200: National Emergency Preparedness				
Subprogram 0206: Department of Emergency Management	332000206			
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		335,500		816,977
<i>Account Code: 230 – Contingencies</i>		0		305,250
Program 247: Services in Public Affairs				
Subprogram 0207: Management and Operation of Department of Public Affairs	332470207			
<i>Account Code: 206 – Travel</i>		0		15,000
<i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>		0		34,083
<i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i>		0		13,800
<i>Account Code: 209 – Library Books & Publication</i>		0		1,020
<i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i>		0		27,099
<i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>		0		3,000
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		0		297,885
<i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>		0		250,000
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>		0		47,047
HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT				
Program 040: Direction & Policy Formulation Services				
Subprogram 0022: Contingencies	340400022			
<i>Account Code: 230 – Contingencies</i>		1,000,000	22,153,875	1,220,762

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 3 – *Cont'd*

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 2	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS				
Program 040: Direction & Policy Formulation Services				
Subprogram 7155: General Management & Coordination Services	350407155			
<i>Account Code: 315 – Grants to Non-Profit Organizations</i>		822,508		500,000
Program 423: Personal Social Services Delivery Program				
Subprogram 0435: National Disabilities Unit	354230435			
<i>Account Code: 315 – Grants to Non-Profit Organizations</i>		207,000		400,000
HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES				
Program 510: Road Networks Services				
Subprogram 0511: Highway Construction and Maintenance Services	815100511			
<i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>		4,724,450		25,812,898
Program 511: Drainage Services				
Subprogram 0515: Maintenance of Drainage to Prevent Flooding	815110515			
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery & Equipment</i>		148,500		623,672
Program 517: Transport				
Subprogram 0527: Transport Board (Subsidy)	815170527			
<i>Account Code: 313 – Subsidies</i>		15,630,000		3,313,462
Program 518: Barbados Water Authority				
Subprogram 0542: Barbados Water Authority	815180542			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		30,100,000		10,230,395

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 3 – *Cont'd*

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		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION				
Program 400: Environmental Health Services				
Subprogram 0372: Sanitation Service Authority	824000372			
<i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>		0		17,556,500
Program 650: Preservation and Conservation of the Terrestrial and Marine Environment				
Subprogram 0117: National Clean-up Program	826500117			
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		6,938,400		5,846,000
Subprogram 0399: National Botanical Gardens	826500399			
<i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i>		19,000		5,000
<i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies & Materials</i>		95,200		87,500
<i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>		711,900		28,080
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		36,250		2,067,000
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property & Plant</i>		0		148,300
HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY				
Program 164: General Support Services				
Subprogram 0178: Incentives and Other Subsidies	831640178			
<i>Account Code: 314 – Grants to Individuals</i>		8,279,907		4,000,000

SCHEDULE – Concl'd**Supplementary Estimates 2021 – 2022 No. 3 – Concl'd**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2021 – 2022	Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 2	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS Program 361: Hospital Services Subprogram 0375: Queen Elizabeth Hospital <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	863610375	120,035,339		5,250,000
Program 366 : National Crisis Management Subprogram 6201: . COVID-19 Programme Management <i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i> <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i> <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i> <i>Account Code: 756 – Vehicles</i>	863666201	4,657,603 9,112,010 0 0		9,937,790 32,352,300 5,186 185,000
HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING Program 271: Basic Educational Development Subprogram: 0277 Primary Education Domestic Program <i>Account Code: 785 – Assets under Construction</i>	872710277	648,172		2,922,811

HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – \$1,877,894.00

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 30 stand part. Head 30 was passed.

HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – \$2,629,176.00

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that Head 33 stand part. Head 33 was passed.

HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$47,730,276.00

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke and on his motion seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde Head 86 was passed.

**HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
AND INVESTMENT – \$1,220,762.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. J. A. King Head 34 was passed.

**HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND
WATER RESOURCES – \$39,980,427.00**

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall who spoke that Head 81 stand part.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke in reply.

Head 81 was passed.

**HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND
VOCATIONAL TRAINING – \$2,922,811.00**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and moved seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde that Head 87 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Head 87 was passed.

**HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL
BEAUTIFICATION – \$25,738,380.00**

On the motion of Hon. A. R. Forde seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 82 was passed.

HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY – \$4,000,000.00

On the motion of Hon. I. A. Weir who spoke seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan Head 83 was passed.

**HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT
AND ELDER AFFAIRS – \$900,000.00**

On the motion of Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 35 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 5 (recommitted)
NATIONAL VENDING BILL, 2021**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds who spoke seconded by Hon. J. A. King the following message was approved.

MESSAGE

From

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

To

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

The Honourable the House of Assembly has the honour to inform the Honourable the Senate that on the 31st day of August, 2021, the Honourable the House of Assembly committed the following Bill:

National Vending Bill, 2021

to a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses comprising eight members of the Honourable the House of Assembly and six members of the Honourable the Senate and has approved the following terms of reference for the committee:

Terms of Reference

1. To inquire into and determine whether the Bill as drafted fulfils the expressed objects of the promotion, regulation, and decriminalization of vending in Barbados.
2. To examine and determine whether the Bill as drafted will upon effective implementation fulfil the expressed objects of improving the environment for vending thus contributing to the development of an ethos of transparency, compliance, accountability and development of the sector.
3. To consider whether the Bill as drafted offers an effective enforcement procedure to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Bill.
4. To make recommended changes, if deemed necessary, to the Bill as drafted for further consideration by the Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

The House of Assembly has appointed the following members to the Joint Select Committee:

Hon. Kerrie D. Symmonds, M.P.

Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Hon. G. P. Ian Gooding-Edghill, M.P.

Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources

Hon. Adrian R. Forde, M.P.

Minister of Environment and National Beautification

Hon. Indar Weir, M.P.

Minister of Agriculture and Food Security

Hon. Kirk D. M. Humphrey, M.P.

Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy

Mr. Trevor A. Prescod, J.P., M.P.

Ms. Toni N. S. Moore, M.P.

Bishop Joseph J. S. Atherley, JP., M.P.

Leader of the Opposition

The House of Assembly has the honour to invite the Honourable the Senate to appoint six members to the Joint Select Committee.

Dated the 31st day of August, 2021.

**A. E. HOLDER
SPEAKER**

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 21st September, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.45 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 _____, 2021.

Speaker.

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