



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, the 25th day of November, 2025, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security and the Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*)

Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.

Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*)

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)

Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*) (*Leader of Government Business*)

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office*) (**On-line**)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*)

Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (*Leader of the Opposition*)

Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*)

Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy*)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*)

Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*)

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*)

Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*) (**On-line**)

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment*)

Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*) (**On-line**)

Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*)

Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P.

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)

Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister of Educational Transformation*)

ABSENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*), Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of Training and Tertiary Education*), Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*) and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

On the announcement of the absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Deputy Speaker presided.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Reverend Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 18th November, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

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

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, 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**ORDER NO. 9****CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025**

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Constitution,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders No. 9 and No. 10 in a cognate debate.

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith that the Sitting be suspended until 12.40 p.m.

At 12.30 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)**

Hon. D. D. Marshall began to speak and gave way.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of elucidation.

Hon. D. D. Marshall resumed his speech.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.

Hon. D. D. Marshall concluded his speech.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 4 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to pursuant to Section 49 of the Constitution of Barbados Cap. 1, the House voting as follows:

Ayes 24

Noes 1

Abstentions Nil

ORDER NO. 10
PARLIAMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision to amend the *Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) Act*, Cap. 12A and the *Senate and House of Assembly (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Act*, Cap. 13A, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, it was resolved that Mr. Chairman reported to Mr. Deputy Speaker the passing of the Bill in Committee.

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Bill was recommitted to Committee.

COMMITTEE (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Schedule to the Bill was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee without amendment to Mr. Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the House be adjourned to Tuesday, 3rd December, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke expressing the gratitude of the Government to Her Excellency, the Most Honourable Dame Sandra P. Mason, FB, GCMG, DA, QC, LLB for her services as the First President of the Republic of Barbados.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 1.38 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.
 Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
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