



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 13th day of February, 2024, at 10.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)
Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| | 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 and Works</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |

ABSENT

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*), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*) and Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 30th January, 2024 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker read the following:

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 31st January, 2024** the **Debt (Natural Disaster and Pandemic Deferment of Payment) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2023** was amended in the terms as cited below:

In Clause 1. the word '2023' was deleted and the word "2024" substituted therefor;

1. In the Schedule, **Enactment 1. External Loan Act**, Cap. 94D, Column 2 section 10. (9) the second definition of "CCRIF" was deleted; and

in the subsequent paragraph which begins "CCRIF Policy" the word 'maybe' was deleted and the words "**may be**" was substituted therefor.

2. In the Schedule, **Enactment. 2. Guarantee of Loans (Companies) Act**, Cap. 96, Column 2 section 8A. (9) the second definition of "CCRIF" was deleted; and

in the subsequent paragraph which begins "CCRIF Policy" the word 'maybe' was deleted and the words "**may be**" was substituted therefor.

3. In the Schedule, **Enactment 3. Local Loans Act**, Cap. 98, Column 2 section 17A. (9) the second definition of "CCRIF" was deleted; and

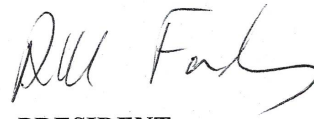
in the subsequent paragraph which begins "CCRIF Policy" the word 'maybe' was deleted and the words "**may be**" was substituted therefor.

4. In the Schedule, **Enactment 4**, *Special Loans Act*, Cap. 105, Column 2 section 5 (9) the second definition of “CCRIF” was deleted: and

in the subsequent paragraph which begins “CCRIF Policy” the word ‘*maybe*’ was deleted and the words “**may be**” was substituted therefor.

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

Dated the 7th day of February, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rui Faria', is written over the printed name 'PRESIDENT'.

PRESIDENT

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker read the following:



STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS

MESSAGE No. /2024

HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Her Excellency the President wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that Mr. Ralph Anthony Thorne, S.C., M.P. has advised and submitted a letter to her dated 9th February, 2024, stating that as the duly elected Member of Parliament for the constituency of Christ Church South, in the General Election held on 19th January, 2022, he wishes to sit in opposition to the Government in The Honourable The House of Assembly.

Her Excellency further wishes to inform, The Honourable The House of Assembly that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 74 of the Constitution, she has appointed Mr. Ralph Anthony Thorne, S.C., M.P., as Leader of the Opposition, with effect from 12th February, 2024.

PRESIDENT

**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS.**

12th February, 2024

PAPERS

Hon. D. D. Marshall by command laid:

- 2023 Population and Housing Census Report.
- 2022 Barbados Economic and Social Report

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. D. D. Marshall gave notice of:

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in National Housing Corporation of two parcels of land situate at Castle Grant Plantation in the parish of Saint Joseph in this Island, more particularly described in the Schedules thereto for a public purpose, namely for housing development.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7

LABOUR CLAUSES (CONCESSIONS) BILL, 2024

On the Order being called, Hon. C. E. Jordan to move the second reading of the Bill entitled, an Act to make provision for the conditions applicable to concessions granted to employers, the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by the Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

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

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley the Sitting was suspended at 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 8 and the First and Second Schedules were called and on separate motions moved and seconded, passed without amendment.

The Third Schedule was called and on the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, passed with amendment.

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by the Hon. K. D. Symmonds, the Fourth Schedule was passed.

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds 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. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. C. E. Jordan by command laid:

- Instrument (Convention 189 – Domestic Workers, 2011) and Recommendation R 201 – Domestic Workers, 2011 (No 201)

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the House was adjourned to Friday, 16th February, 2024 at 3.00 p.m.

At 7.15 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 _____, 2024.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 13th February, 2024.

Government Printing Department.