



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Friday the 17th day of January, 2025, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

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*)

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

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. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)

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*)

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

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbans, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

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*)

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*)

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*)

Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*)

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*)

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

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

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

ABSENT

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*), Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A., Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*) and Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Jillian S. Crawford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

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 15th January, 2025** the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2025** was amended in the following terms:

Clause 2. Interpretation: Wherever ‘Social Empowerment Agency Act’ appears the word ‘2024’ was deleted and the word “2025” substituted therefor.

Clause 13.(1). the words ‘*The Barbados*’ appearing immediately before the words ‘Disability Rights Tribunal’ were deleted.

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 15th day of January, 2025.



PRESIDENT

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker read the following:

**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS**

MESSAGE NO. /2025

***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 she will be absent from the country on Friday, 17th January, 2025 on vacation leave.

Her Excellency further wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, the Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson will perform the functions of the Office of President during Her Excellency's absence.


PRESIDENT

**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS.**

15th January, 2025

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

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
ORDER NO. 11**

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke and moved seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the following Resolution be passed:

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 a parcel of land, the property of the State situate at Searles in the parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for housing development.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land (formerly part of Searles Plantation) the property of the State situate at Searles Plantation in the parish of Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 7.406 Hectares or thereabouts (inclusive of 0.147 hectares of Road Reserve) Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly of Searles Plantation on three sides and on a public road which leads to Lowland in one direction and Eddy Village in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan made and certified on the 25th day of March, 2016 by Kenneth D. Ward, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 20th day of April, 2016 as Plan No. 370/2016.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.
Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.
Mr. Speaker spoke.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
Mr. Speaker spoke.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech and gave way.
Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.
Mr. Speaker spoke.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
Mr. Speaker spoke.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on a point of order.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
Mr. Speaker spoke.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke when Mr. R. A. Thorne gave way.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke when Mr. R. A. Thorne gave way.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
Mr. Speaker spoke.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.
Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
Hon. I. A. Weir spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. I. A. Weir spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.
 Hon. I. A. Weir began to speak.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.
 Hon. I. A. Weir began to speak.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.
 Hon. I. A. Weir resumed his speech.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne rose and spoke.
 Hon. I. A. Weir began to speak.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Hon. I. A. Weir resumed his speech.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.
 Hon. I. A. Weir resumed his speech.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne rose and spoke.
 Hon. I. A. Weir resumed his speech.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne rose and spoke.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Hon. I. A. Weir concluded his speech.
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland began to speak in reply.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne rose and spoke.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Hon. D. G. Sutherland resumed his speech in reply.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland resumed his speech in reply.

Mr. R. A. Thorne rose and spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland resumed his speech in reply.

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

Hon. D. G. Sutherland began to resume his speech in reply.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland concluded his speech.

The Resolution was passed.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Symmonds, the Sitting was suspended at 2.10 p.m. to 3.25 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. D. D. Marshall gave notice of the following:-

- Resolution that the Honourable the House of Assembly concur in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2025.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 6

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the compulsory acquisition by the State of the parcels of land situate at Trents in the parish of Saint James in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedules* hereto for a public purpose, namely for the relocation of the Holetown Civic Centre.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT that land the property of Lila E. G. Salazar *et al* situate at Lot 3 Trents in the parish of Saint James in this Island containing by admeasurement 16581.7 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 155.6 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding to the north on lands now or late of Marcus E. Beckles (Lot 2) to the east on a road reserve 7.92 metres wide to the south on lands now or formerly of Island Dreams Inc. (Lot 4) to the west on lands now or late of Adrian C. Haynes (Lot 14) on lands now or late of Juanita Pir (Lot 13) on lands now or late of Marcus E. Beckles (Lots 12, 11 and 10) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 27th day of September, 2022 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded on the 5th day of October, 2022 in the Lands and Surveys Department as Plan number 1582/2022.

SECOND SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Island Dreams Inc. situate at Lot 4 Trents in the parish of Saint James in this Island containing by admeasurement 16711.9 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 292.7 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding to the north on lands now or late of Lila E. G. Salazar *et al* to the east on a road reserve 7.92 metres wide to the south on lands now or formerly of Island Dreams Inc. (Lot 5) to the west on lands now or late of Gloria L. Maynard (Lot 18) on lands now or formerly of Trents Limited (Lot 17) on lands now or late of Grantley Ifill (Lot 16) on lands now or late of Ainsley Linora Lovell (Lot 15) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 27th day of September, 2022 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded on the 5th day of October, 2022 in the Lands and Surveys Department as Plan number 1582/2022.

THIRD SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Island Dreams Inc. situate at Lot 5 Trents in the parish of Saint James in this Island containing by admeasurement 16781.6 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 293.4 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding to the north on lands now or formerly of Island Dreams Inc. (Lot 4) to the east on a road reserve 7.92 metres wide to the south on lands now or formerly of Island Dreams Inc. (Lot 6) to the west on lands now or formerly of Trents Limited (Lot 23) on lands now or late of Cardinal Gibson (Lot 22) on lands now or late of Laura Mary Cridland (Lot 21) on lands now or late of Elsie M. Edwards (Lot 20) on land now or late of Lorraine L. Alleyne (Lot 19) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 27th day of September, 2022 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded on the 5th day of October, 2022 in the Lands and Surveys Department as Plan number 1582/2022.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Island Dreams Inc. situate at Lot 6 Trents in the parish Saint James in this Island containing by admeasurement 24828.1 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 915.8 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding to the north on lands now or formerly of Island Dreams Inc. (Lot 5) to the east on a road reserve 7.92 metres wide to the south on a public road known as Highway C which leads to Highway 2A in one direction and to Highway 1 in the other direction to the west on lands now or late of Linette Davis (Lot 30) on lands now or late of Alison Ingrid Thomas (Lots 29A and 29B) on lands now or late of Pernell Orlando Farley (Lot 28) on lands now or late of Ian S. Bovell (Lot 27) on lands now or late of Banele A. Serrano (Lot 26) on lands now or formerly of Trents Limited (Lots 25 and 23) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 27th day of September, 2022 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded on the 5th day of October, 2022 in the Lands and Surveys Department as Plan number 1582/2022,

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds that the Resolution be approved.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak and gave way.

Madam Deputy Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 14
RESOLUTION THAT THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
CONCUR IN THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HONOURABLE
THE SENATE TO THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES BILL, 2025

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned until Tuesday, 28th January, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.05 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, J.P.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Friday, 17th January, 2025.

Government Printing Department.