



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 8th day of October, 2019, pursuant to the adjournment.

### PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)  
His Honour G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i> )  | Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</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> )                                     |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )                                     | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i> )                                    |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )                                 | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</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 Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> )                      |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i> )  | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i> )                                 |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i> )    | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill   |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )  | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )   |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )                                       | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</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 Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> ) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )                                 |
|   | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i> ) and |
|   | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )     |

**ABSENT**

Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (*Minister of International Business and Industry*), 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. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade*) and Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations*).

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 30th August, 2019 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker read the following and spoke:

**MESSAGE**

**From**

**THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE**

**To**

**THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to extend its compliments to the Honourable the House of Assembly and to reply to the Message from the House inviting the Senate to appoint four Senators to a Joint Select Committee on the **Medicinal Cannabis Industry Bill, 2019**.

The Senate is pleased to appoint:

**His Honour Senator Rudolph N. Greenidge, LL.B**

**Senator Dr. Crystal K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.**

**Senator Dr. Christopher A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)**

**Senator Caswell A. Franklyn, J.P.**

to constitute the Joint Select Committee with Members of the House of Assembly, and to offer every good wish for the deliberations of the Committee.

**Dated the 4th day of September, 2019.**

R. L. CHELTENHAM  
President

**PAPERS**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid:  
Recommendation on National Floors of Social Protection.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

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

1. Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
2. Debt Holder (Approval of Debt Restructuring) (Validation) Bill, 2019.

3. The Award of Pride of Barbados Bill, 2019.

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

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 3**

**SHIPPING (INCENTIVES) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey to resume the debate on the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Shipping (Incentives) Act, Cap. 90A,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was suspended to 1.30 p.m.

At 12.15 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)**

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

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.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King 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. J. A. King the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 6**

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament, in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to the Royal Commonwealth Society (Barbados Branch) of the parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon being the property of the Crown, situate at The Pine in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* to this Resolution, on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* to this Resolution, for use as its Headquarters and commercial office.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the Crown situate at The Pine in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 5,796.7 square metres or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on lands now or late of Majorie Lynch being Lot 3 on lands now or late of Khiema Ramdass being Lot 5 on lands now or late of Darnley Rayside being Lot 7 on lands now or late of Mitchinson and Caslene Hewitt being Lot 8 on lands now or late of Norraine Davis being Lot 9 on lands now or late of Michael Bryan on lands now or late of Erskine Simmons and on a public road leading to Government Hill in one direction to Collymore Rock in another direction and to Pine Gardens or however else the same may abut and bound as

delineated and shown on a Plan certified on the 28th day of May, 2014 by Camille Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 10th day of June, 2014 as Plan No. 527 of 2014.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The lease of 5,796.7 square metres of Crown Land located on Pine Plantation Road, St. Michael, together with the buildings thereon is made between the Crown ("the lessor") and the Royal Commonwealth Society (Barbados Branch) ("the lessee").
2. The lease shall be for a period of 25 years with an option to renew for a further period of 25 years.
3. The initial rent shall be at a concessionary rate of \$500.00 per annum during the first 5 years of the lease.
4. A rent review shall take place every 5 years within the rental period.
5. The lessee shall be responsible for the payment of insurance of the buildings, public liability and occupier's liability of the premises, payment of utilities, land taxes and other outgoings arising out of the use of the site.
6. The lessee shall bear the cost of development of the site and shall comply with Development Planning and other statutory requirements throughout the term.
7. The lessee shall be responsible for renovations as well as the repairs and maintenance of the buildings and premises.
8. The lessee shall advise the Ministry responsible for Housing, Lands and Rural Development of the replacement cost of the buildings and plant on site on completion of the refurbishments.
9. The lessor shall be indemnified against all actions, costs, claims and demands in respect of any injury to or death of any person or damage to any property which may arise directly or indirectly as a result of the lessee's use of the property.
10. At the end of the lease period or its sooner determination, all buildings, structures and other facilities and improvements regardless of stage of construction, shall revert to the lessor for nil consideration.
11. The lessee may bring this lease to an end at any time by giving 6 months' notice to the lessor.
12. The lessor may bring this lease to an end at any time after the second rent review by giving one year's notice to the lessee.
13. The lessee shall not assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the property by lease or part with possession without prior written consent of the lessor and such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
14. The lessee shall be allowed to sublet the premises for office accommodation only which shall be for a period of 5 years without the written permission from the lessor.
15. The lessee shall be allowed to use the property for a mortgage with the written permission of the lessor.

and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the Resolution be passed.

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

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke in reply.

The Resolution was approved.

**ORDER NO. 5**  
**BARBADOS TOURISM PRODUCT AUTHORITY**  
**(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called Hon. K. D. Symmonds to move the second reading of the Bill entitled An Act to amend the Barbados Tourism Product Authority Act, the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. J. A. King spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE**  
**GOVERNOR-GENERAL (recommitted)**

Mr. Speaker read the following:



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
 BARBADOS

MESSAGE NO. /2019

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Her Excellency the Governor-General has the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that she will be absent from the country during the period 11th to 12th October, 2019 on duty leave.

Her Excellency further has the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29(1)(a) of the Constitution, Sir Kenneth Rudolph Hewitt, KA, CBE, BJH, will perform the functions of the Office of Governor-General for the period of Her Excellency's absence.

S. Mason  
 GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Government House  
 BARBADOS.

8th October, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 15th October, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.10 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.



# **HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

## **FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023**

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### **MINUTES**

Tuesday, 8th October, 2019.

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