



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday the 23rd day of June, 2020, 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*)
- Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*)
- 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. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)
- Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*)
- Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification*)
- Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B. A., LL.B. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*)
- Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*)
- Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (*Minister of Home Affairs*)
- Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce*)
- Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)
- Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (*Leader of the Opposition*)
- Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Minister of Transport, Works and Maintenance*)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Energy and Water Resources*)
- Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)
- Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology
- Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture and Food Security*)
- Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (*Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment*)
- Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*)
- Hon. P. R. Phillips (*Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance*)
- Hon. J. A. King, BSS (*Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports*)
- Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations*)
- Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*)
- Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*)
- Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*)
- Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*)
- Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J. P. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

ABSENT

Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 16th June, 2020 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

PAPERS

The Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid the following:

1. Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report on the Activities of the Board of Management of Harrison College for the Financial Year April 2013 to March 2014.
2. Audited Financial Statements for the Board of Management of the Deighton Griffith Secondary School for the Financial Years March 31, 2009 to March 31, 2016.

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

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Mr. Speaker spoke.

ORDER NO. 4

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on the following Resolution:-

WHEREAS the central theme that runs through the entire history of Barbados subsequent to English settlement is the struggle to overcome racial discrimination and oppression, to eradicate the many negative racial legacies that were derived from centuries of criminal enslavement of Africans and people of African descent, and to create a non-racist society in which the fundamental human rights of all people are respected;

AND WHEREAS the people of Barbados are conscious that the struggle for freedom, human rights, and the dignity of the human person, irrespective of race or ethnicity, is an interdependent enterprise in which the entire human family is involved, and as such, recognizing that the United Nations has in the past adopted resolutions aimed at eliminating racism and racial discrimination;

AND WHEREAS Barbadians recognize that their history has bequeathed to them a duty to stand up and advocate for the interlinked causes of freedom and respect for human rights;

AND WHEREAS, in light of the Barbadian's deep investment in seeing the struggle against racial oppression advance in strength and success throughout the world in general and throughout Barbados' geographical region of the Americas in particular, the people of Barbados were profoundly shocked and dismayed by televised images of the brutal and heartless killing of the African-American, George Floyd, in the city of Minneapolis, in the United States of America;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly, acting on behalf of and in the name of the people of Barbados:-

- (a) reconfirms the commitment of the nation of Barbados to champion and advocate for the cause of freedom and respect for human rights, inclusive of the eradication of all forms of anti-Black racism;
- (b) extends sincere and profound condolences to the immediate family of the late George Floyd, to his extended African-American family,

and to all American citizens, irrespective of race, who were deeply hurt by the tragedy;

- (c) expresses support for the principle that “ Black Lives Matter”, and endorses the notion that it will not be possible to unequivocally assert that “all lives matter” unless and until all black lives are in theory and in practice treated with the respect and regard that is their due; and
- (d) confirms that Barbados would be more than willing to contribute human and other resources and to participate in any regional, hemispheric or international initiative that is aimed at providing assistance to nations that are currently struggling with their national efforts to eradicate racism in general, and anti-Black racism in particular,

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution be passed.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended to 2.05 p.m.

At 12.52 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

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

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Dr. S. E Browne began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Dr. S. E Browne concluded her speech.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended to 8.30 p.m.

At 7.45 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde concluded her speech.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

His Honour G. A. Clarke spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. J. A. King spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke in reply.
 The Resolution was passed.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
 ORDER NO. 14**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 28A(1) of the *Emergency Management Act*, Cap. 160A it is provided that where the Governor-General is satisfied that an emergency has arisen as a result of a person or an animal having a communicable or a notifiable disease, the Governor-General may by Proclamation, on the advice of the Prime Minister after the Prime Minister has consulted, or has been advised by, the Chief Medical Officer, declare that a public health emergency exists;

AND WHEREAS by section 28A(2) of the said Act it is provided that a Proclamation issued under section 28(1) shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for one month or for such longer period, not exceeding 6 months, as the House of Assembly may determine by a resolution supported by the votes of a majority of all the members of that House;

AND WHEREAS a Proclamation was issued on the 28th day of March, 2020 and expired on the 27th day of April, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Proclamation was extended until the 30th day of June, 2020 and has not been revoked;

AND WHEREAS the House of Assembly has by a vote of the majority of all the members thereof, determined by resolution to extend the said Proclamation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Proclamation aforesaid is hereby extended until the 31st day of August, 2020,

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

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the House be adjourned to Tuesday, 7th July, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 11.45 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 _____, 2020.

Speaker.

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