



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Friday the 5th day of March, 2021, at 10.00 a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)
His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i>) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) (Online) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office with Responsibility for Culture and the National Development Commission</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</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 Housing, Lands 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>) |
| | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. (Online) |

ABSENT

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C., Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship*), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources*) and Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 2nd February and Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

PAPERS

Hon. D. D. Marshall by command laid the following:

1. Barbados. Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation No. ATN/JF-18339-BA. Improving: Institutional Frameworks for Integrated Coastal Zone Management, National Risk Information Planning Systems and Sustainable Climate-Resilient Coastal Infrastructure.
2. Non-Reimbursable Financing Agreement No. GRT/ER-17578-BA between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank Acting as Administrator of a European Union Specific Contribution Sustainable Energy Investment Program (Smart Fund II).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall 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.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 1****DRUG ABUSE (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Drug Abuse (Prevention and Control) Act, Cap. 131, to provide for the payment of a fixed penalty for persons found in possession of small quantities of cannabis, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m.

At 1.45 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. D. D. Marshall by command laid:

16th Actuarial Review of the National Insurance Fund, Unemployment Insurance Fund, Unemployment Fund and Severance Fund as of December 31, 2017.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)**

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

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

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clause 1 (as amended); Clauses 2 to 3 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 9th March, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.17 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 _____, 2021.

Speaker.

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