

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 14th day of June, 2022, at 10 o'clock 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)

Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (Online)

- Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)
- Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.
- 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, Works and Water Resources)
- Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Minister of Home Affairs and Information)
- Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development)
- Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology
- 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)
- Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment)
- Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (Chairman of Committees)
- Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (Minister of Health and Wellness)
- Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (Minister of Labour and Social Security and the Third Sector)
- 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 and Economic Affairs)
- Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.
- Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.
- Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training)
- Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology)
- Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs
- Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs)

### ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (Senior Minister) (Minister of Energy and Business Development), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness) and Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 24th May, 2022 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT Mr. Speaker read the following:



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27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I wish to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, with the approval of The Honourable Prime Minister, I shall be on vacation leave from  $27^{th}$  May to  $18^{th}$  June, 2022.

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 the President during my absence.

As The Honourable The House of Assembly will not be meeting prior to the start of my vacation leave, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The House of Assembly when next it meets.

Yours faithfully,

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PRESIDENT

His Honour The Speaker The Honourable The House of Assembly Parliament Buildings Trafalgar Street Bridgetown

### FIRST READING OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the following Bills were read a first time:

- Pandemic Contribution Levy Bill, 2022;
- Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2022;
- Financial Services Commission (Miscellaneous Provisions and Validation) Bill, 2022.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY** 

### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw 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. 5

### PANDEMIC CONTRIBUTION LEVY BILL, 2022

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the imposition of a levy to be known as the "Pandemic Contribution Levy" and matters related thereto,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

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

### SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended to 12.30 p.m.

At 12.25 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 5 (resumed)** 

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 5) was called.

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey an amendment to Clause 4. Part 1 as amended was passed.

Part 2 (Clauses 6 to 10); Part 3 (Clauses 11 to 14); Part 4 (Clauses 15 to 17); Part 5 (Clauses 18 to 21); Part 6 (Clauses 22 to 26); Part 7 (Clauses 27 to 33) and the Schedule 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.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended to Tuesday, 21st June, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. At 1.02 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

### N. R. JONES, Q.C. Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2022.

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Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS BRIDGETOWN.

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