



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 30th day of August, 2019, pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)
- 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*)
- 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. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*)
- Mr. N. G. H. Rowe (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

ABSENT

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. 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 Trade*), Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill and Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*).

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 Tuesday, 13th 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 announced the presence of the Hon. Donald Saunders, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly of Bahamas.

PAPERS

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

1. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Barbados Cultural Industries Development Authority) Order, 2019.
2. Animal (Diseases and Importation Control) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2019.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw sought and obtain leave to withdraw the Medicinal Cannabis Industry Bill, 2019 dated August 20th, 2019 and to substitute with the new Bill dated August 28th, 2019. The Bill was withdrawn.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Medicinal Cannabis Industry Bill, 2019 and the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2019 were read a first time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of privilege.

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

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

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

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

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.

PUBLIC BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 7****MEDICINAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. I. A. Weir to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for:

- (a) the regulation of the handling of medicinal cannabis in Barbados;
- (b) the establishment of a Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority, a Barbados Medicinal Licensing Board and a Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Appeals Tribunal;
- (c) the issuing of licences for the handling of medicinal cannabis; and
- (d) related matters,

the Hon. Member began to speak.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Hon. I. A. Weir began to resume his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and on her motion seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde further consideration of the Bill was postponed and the Bill was referred to a Joint Select Committee, the following Members being appointed to the Committee:

Hon. D. D. Marshall, Hon. I. A. Weir, Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, Dr. S. E. Browne, Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, Hon. E. G. Hinkson and Hon. T. A. Prescod.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Sitting was suspended until 3.00 p.m.

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

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 11

EVIDENCE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2019

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend certain enactments,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

On the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, Clauses 1 to 2 and the Schedule were called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith 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. C. E. Jordan the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 9

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by section 2 of the *Special Loans Act*, Cap. 105 the Government is authorised from time to time to borrow from any bank, corporation, company or other institution sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate BBD2,500,000,000 on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the lender of any such sum of money;

AND WHEREAS by section 3 of the said Act it is provided that any money borrowed under the authority of the Act shall be appropriated and applied to such purposes as Parliament may approve by resolution and that such money and any interest payable thereon is charged upon the general revenues and assets of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it necessary to borrow the sum of UP TO BBD26.3 million from Republic Bank (Barbados) Limited to repay existing overdraft facilities held by the Barbados Transport Board, the National Housing Corporation and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of up to BBD26.3 million is borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of up to BBD26.3 million is within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the said Act;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the said sum of up to BBD26.3 million from Republic Bank (Barbados) Limited to repay existing overdraft facilities held by the Barbados Transport Board, the National Housing Corporation and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, on the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*.

SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Borrower:	Government of Barbados.
Lender:	Republic Bank (Barbados) Limited (the "Bank")
Amount:	Up to BBD26,300,000
Purpose:	To facilitate repayment of existing overdraft facilities in the names of the Barbados Transport Board, the National Housing Corporation and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
Facility:	New term loan.
Tenor:	18 months.
Repayment:	The term loan is repayable over 18 months <i>via</i> blended principal and interest installments. Maturing 18 months from initial disbursement. Any amounts still due to the Bank on the last day of the facility's term shall be paid on that day.
Basis:	All interest payable hereunder shall accrue from day to day on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed in a 365/366-day year.
Interest rate:	Interest shall be charged at the rate of 5.0 per cent per annum for the 18 month term of the loan.
Commitment fees:	A one time facility fee of \$131,500 is due and payable upon signing of the Agreement.
Legal fees:	All legal, valuation, stamp duty or other fees incurred by the Bank in connection with this facility shall be paid by the Borrower.
Late fees:	With respect to loans, where these are not repaid at maturity or a payment is not made within nine (9) days of its due date, a late payment charge calculated at 5% of the installment amount (minimum of \$40.00) will be applied.
Notices:	<p>A. Any instruction or notice given by the Borrower to the Bank hereunder shall be signed by a person authorized by resolution to be given to the Bank.</p> <p>B. Any demand made by the Bank hereunder shall be sufficiently made if in writing and signed by a Manager or the Managing Director of the Bank or if made by the Attorney-at-Law of the Bank.</p>

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd***TERMS AND CONDITIONS – *Cont'd***

- Waiver: Any waiver by the Bank of any breach by the Borrower of any of the terms hereof, or any indulgence, time or relaxation by the Bank to the Borrower shall be without prejudice to, and shall not affect the exercise any time thereafter by the Bank of all or any of its rights and remedies hereunder, as though such waiver had not been made or indulgence or relaxation of time had not been granted.
- Principal Covenants: A. The Borrower will furnish the Bank with the following:
- (i) annually, with evidence that all outgoings, rates and taxes affecting all property being charged are paid up to date (including land tax, water and National Insurance Scheme contributions).
 - (ii) such other information as the Bank may from time to time reasonably request, and provided that if the financial information requested is not submitted as stipulated, the Bank reserves the right to have the said financial information prepared, and to debit the cost to the Borrower's account, and to vary upwards the interest rate on the facility having given notice of such variation.
- B. The Borrower will not, without prior written consent from the Bank create or suffer to exist any encumbrances against property or assets now being charged to the Bank.
- C. The Borrower undertakes to keep the Bank informed of other financial obligations when submitting financial information.
- Events of default: The following are the events of default:
- (1) If any payment due by the Borrower is not paid on that date fixed for the payment thereof or within a 30 day grace period;
 - (2) If the Borrower or any guarantor fails to observe any term in the Letter of Offer or any other agreement, security or document with the Bank or commits an Event of Default under the same;
 - (3) If any representation or warranty given hereunder shall prove to be untrue or incorrect in any respect;
 - (4) If a receiver shall have been appointed in respect of the whole or part of the assets of the Borrower;
 - (5) If any distress or execution shall be levied or issued against any property of the Borrower and shall not be discharged within 10 days,

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

ORDER NO. 10

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair on the following:

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of FOUR MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019–2020 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 3, 2019–2020 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE**Supplementary Estimates 2019 – 2020 No. 3**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2019 – 2020	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1-2	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 22 – MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, BROADCASTING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS		\$	\$	\$
Program 044: Government Printing Services				
Subprogram 0050: Printing Department	220440050			
<i>Account Code: 206 – Travel</i>		0		3,000
<i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>		36,000		193,000
<i>Account Code: 208 – Rental of Property</i>		4,517		11,283
<i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies & Materials</i>		42,600		650,450
<i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>		116,000		135,500
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		0		23,400
HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING				
Program 271: Basic Educational Development				
Subprogram 0280: Skills for the Future	872710280			
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		185,000		135,000
<i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>		668,498		3,681,907

and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 22 stand part.

The motion was passed.

**HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL
TRAINING – \$3,816,907**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 87 stand part.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Resolution was read a first time.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was suspended until 5.00 p.m.

At 4.40 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 8

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw to move the passing of a Resolution to grant the sum of \$2,079,027 from the Consolidated Fund to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019–2020 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 2, 2019–2020 which form the Schedule to the Resolution.

The Hon. Member moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the House resolve itself into Standing Finance Committee. Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of TWO MILLION, SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019–2020 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 2, 2019–2020 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE
Supplementary Estimates 2019 – 2020 No. 2

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2019 – 2020	Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1-1	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING		\$	\$	\$
Program 271: Basic Educational Development				
Subprogram 0277: Primary Education Domestic Program	872710277			
<i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies & Materials</i>		0		10,928
<i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>		3,222,500		1,809,299
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		0		44,800
<i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>		25,000		144,000
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property & Plant</i>		175,000		70,000

and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 87 stand part.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Resolution was read a first and second time.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Resolution was agreed to.

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle by her command laid the following:

Customs Tariff (Amendment) Order, 2019.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and outlined the following Members being appointed to the Joint Select Committee:

Hon. D. D. Marshall, Hon. I. A. Weir, Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, Dr. S. E. Browne, Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, Hon. E. G. Hinkson, Hon. T. A. Prescod, Hon. A. R. Forde.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and on her motion seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was adjourned until Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.40 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2019.

Speaker.

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