



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, 2026, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., 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. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Attorney General</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Public and Private Investment</i>) | Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Education Transformation</i>) |
| | Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| | Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) |
| | Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C. |

ABSENT

Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Finance*), Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning*), Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development*), Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*), Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice*) and Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 24th February, 2026; Tuesday, 19th May, 2026 and Friday, 29th May, 2026 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

PAPERS

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw laid the following:

- Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of Caves of Barbados Limited (CBL) for the year ended March 31, 2025.
- ILO Convention 193 – Decent work in the Platform Economy Convention, 2026.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bills following were read a first time:

1. Protection of Wages Bill, 2026; and
2. State (Acquisition and Vesting of Property) (No. 2) Bill, 2026.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7

STATE (ACQUISITION AND VESTING OF PROPERTY) (NO. 2) BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the acquisition by the State pursuant to section 16(4) of the Constitution in the public interest of certain properties owned by the National Housing Corporation and the vesting of the properties in the persons who qualify under the National Housing Corporation (Transfer of Terrace Units) Act, 2013 (Act 2013-1) for the transfer of ownership of the properties to them, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Dr. W. F. Duguid spoke.

Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer spoke.

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 5 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Schedule (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs, 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. C. D. L. Gibbs seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 11.48 a.m. to 11.55 a.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 7th July, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 12.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2026.

day of

Speaker.

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