



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 18th day of February, 2020, at 10.00 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 G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (*Deputy Speaker*)
- | | |
|--|---|
| Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B. A., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</i>) |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i>) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</i>) | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology | and
Mr. N. G. H. Rowe (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |

ABSENT

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 S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), 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*) and Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*).

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 February 11th, 2020 were deferred on the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker extended a warm welcome back to Dr. S. E. Browne, after a period of absence.

Mr. Speaker recognised the presence of Media and Journal Students of the Barbados Community College accompanied by their Coordinator Ms. Wendy Cox.

PAPERS

Hon. W. A. Abrahams by command laid:

The Green Paper on the 2020 Water Protection and Land Use Zoning Policy.

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

Loan Agreement between the Government of Barbados/CAF – Development Bank of Latin America Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project.

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

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 10****EXCHANGE CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the *Exchange Control Act*, Cap. 71 to provide for the imposition of a fee on foreign exchange transactions and for the validation of the collection of the fee and for related matters, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended to 3.00 p.m.

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

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill was appointed temporary Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of the Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

Clauses 2 to 8 and the First and Second Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 9

Hon. G. W. Payne spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the change of the public purpose for which the parcel of land, the property of the Crown situate at Maxwell in the parish of Christ Church in this Island, more particularly described in the *First Schedule* to this Resolution was compulsorily acquired by the Crown under the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 from the public purpose of the provision of public parking facilities to that of tourism development and public parking.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to Mahogany Park Inc. of the parcel of land, being the property of the Crown, situate at Maxwell in the parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* to this Resolution, on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* to this Resolution, to give effect to the public purpose of tourism development and public parking.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the Crown situate at Maxwell in the parish of Christ Church in this Island formerly said to contain by admeasurement 1 310.5 square metres or thereabouts but by a more recent survey was found to contain by admeasurement 1 340.7 square metres (excluding 24.3 square metres in pavement) or thereabouts, Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly Maxwell Park Development (access lot) on lands now or late of Valdymer L. Barnett (Lot 39) on lands now or late of Ena Alleyne and on a pavement adjoining a road known as Highway 7 which leads to Oistins in one direction and Top Rock in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on the Plan certified by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor, on the 12th day of December, 2018 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 9th day of January, 2019 as Plan No. 20/2019.

SECOND SCHEDULE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The lease of 1 316.4 square metres of Crown Land situate at Maxwell in the parish of Christ Church in this Island is made between the Crown (“the lessor”) and Mahogany Park Inc. (“the lessee”).
2. The lease shall be for a term of 25 years with an option to renew for a further 25 years.
3. The initial rent shall be at a rate of \$9,920.00 per annum, payable monthly at a rate of \$826.66, during the first 5 years of the lease.
4. A rent review shall take place every 5 years within the rental period.
5. The rental rate at the first rent review shall be \$19,840.00 per annum, payable monthly at a rate of \$1,653.33.
6. Subsequent rent reviews shall be at a rate equivalent to 4% of the open market rental value of the property, but no lower than the rate at the previous rent review.
7. The lessee shall be granted a concession on the open market rental value of the property at the rates of:
 - (a) \$20,000.00 per annum in the first 5 years of the lease; and
 - (b) \$55,979.40 per annum in the next 5 years of the lease.
8. The lessee shall be responsible for the payment of insurance of the property, public liability and occupier’s liability of the property, payment of utilities, land taxes and other outgoings arising out of the use of the property.
9. The lessee shall be responsible for insuring the property at its full reinstatement cost in the joint names of the lessor and lessee.
10. The lessee shall be responsible for renovations, repairs and maintenance of the property.
11. The property shall be kept clean and appropriately landscaped.
12. The lessee shall bear the cost of development of the property and shall comply with development planning and other statutory requirements throughout the term.
13. Either party may bring this lease to an end at any time by giving 2 years notice to the other party.
14. The lessee shall not be liable to pay a penalty where it has given notice to end the lease and has not breached any of the terms and conditions of the lease.

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

15. Where the lessor brings the lease to an end during the first term of the lease, the leasehold interest may be valued and depreciated for the period of use and thereafter the total concession on rate is to be subtracted from that value and the lessee paid the difference during the two year notice period.

16. The lessee shall not assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the property by way of lease or part with possession without the prior written consent of the lessor such consent not to be unreasonably withheld,

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

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. G. W. Payne spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. G. W. Payne the Sitting was suspended to 4.45 p.m.

At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. R. R. Straughn gave notice of the following:

1. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure 2020-2021.
2. Schedule of Personal Emoluments 2020-2021.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. R. R. Straughn gave notice of the following:

1. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2020.
2. Appropriation Bill, 2020.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2020; and
2. Appropriation Bill, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Monday 24th February 2020 at 10.00 a.m.
At 4.55 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.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023

MINUTES

Tuesday, 18th February, 2020.

Government Printing Department.