



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 28th day of October, 2025, 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. (<i>Speaker</i>)	
His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (<i>Deputy Speaker</i>)	
Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.	Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>)
Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.	Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</i>)
Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>)	Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>)
Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.)	Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>)
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>)	Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i>)
Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office</i>)	Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.
Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>)	Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>)
Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Training and Tertiary Education</i>)	Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.
Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>)	Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>)
	Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</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 Educational Transformation</i>)

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security and the Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*), Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*), Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*), Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A., Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*) and Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 7th October, 2025, Monday, 13th October, 2025; and Tuesday, 21st October, 2025 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Miss C. Y. Forde.

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

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 8**

**BARBADOS NATIONAL ENERGY COMPANY LIMITED (TRANSFER
AND VESTING OF ASSETS) BILL, 2025**

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. Symmonds to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to transfer the assets and liabilities of the National Petroleum Corporation to Barbados National Energy Company Limited and to repeal the National Petroleum Corporation Act, Cap. 280, the Hon. Member began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds resumed and concluded his speech and moved, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, Dr. S. E. Browne was appointed temporary Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds began his reply.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds withdrew certain remarks and concluded his reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 11 were taken in parts and the Schedule, and passed on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, 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. K. D. Symmonds, 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. Miss. S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 4th November, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 1.52 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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N. R. JONES, K.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Speaker.

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