



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 20th day of February, 2024, at 3 o'clock p.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)

Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office*) (*Acting Prime Minister* *wef 15th February, 2024.*)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., 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 Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (*Leader of the Opposition*)

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 and the Green and Blue Economy*)

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 Tourism and International Transport*)

Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*)

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.

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*)

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*)

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (**Online**)

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*)

Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*)

Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, 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. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*) (*Leader of Government Business*) and Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 16th February, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

PAPERS

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid:

- Barbados Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure 2024 – 2025.
- Schedules of Personal Emoluments 2024 – 2025.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. R. R. Straughn gave notice of:

- Appropriation Bill, 2024.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Appropriation Bill, 2024 was read a first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (MOVEMENT OF SKILLED NATIONALS) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

On the Order being called, Hon. W. A. Abrahams to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) Act, Cap. 186A, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

Mr. T. A. Prescod began to speak.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. T. A. Prescod resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. T. A. Prescod concluded his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by the Hon. D. I. Ishmael 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. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid who spoke seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 27th February, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.10 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 _____, 2024.

Speaker.

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