



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 28th day of August, 2015, pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

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| His Honour M. A. Carrington, Q.C., B.A., LL.B. (<i>Speaker</i>) | |
| Her Honour Mrs. M-J. M. Thompson, B.A., M.Sc. (Ph. Ed.) (<i>Deputy Speaker</i>) | |
| Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur, M.Sc. (Econ.) | Hon. S. D. Blackett (<i>Minister of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Community Development</i>) |
| Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C. | |
| Mr. G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. | Mr. J. D. Paul, B.Sc. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Mr. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) | Hon. A. D. Brathwaite, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.) |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q. C., LL.B., (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs</i>) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | |
| Hon. R. D. Jones, J.P., B.A. (Hons.), M.A. Ed. (<i>Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation</i>) | Hon. D. O’N. Inniss, B.Sc., M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce and Small Business Development</i>) |
| Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) | Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. R. L. Sealy, B.Sc., M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Mr. T. A. Prescod, B.A. |
| Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart, Q.C., B.A., LL.M. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, The Public Service and Urban Development</i>) | Mr. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. |
| Hon. J. D. E. Boyce, M.Sc., C. Eng. (<i>Minister of Health</i>) (<i>Leader of the House</i>) | Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) |
| | Dr. M. M. Agard, J.P., B.Sc., M.Sc., D.D.S. |
| | Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) |
| | and |
| | Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.) |

ABSENT

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*), Dr. the Hon. D. C. Estwick, B.Sc., M.B., B.S. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management*), Mr. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe, Dip. Theology, B.A., M.Ed., Ed.D. (*Minister of Environment and Drainage*), Hon. S. A. Lashley, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth*), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.

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, 11th August, 2015 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite.

PAPERS

By command Hon. A. D. Brathwaite laid the following:

1. Report on Statistics and Registrations, 2011.
2. Report on Statistics and Registrations, 2012.
3. Report on Statistics and Registrations, 2013.

By command Hon. C. P. Sinckler laid the following:

1. Income Tax (Automatic Exchange of Information) Regulations, 2015.
2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Bico Limited) Order, 2015.
3. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Wannise Jones) Order, 2015.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley gave notice of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance announced to the Honourable the House of Assembly on Monday, March 17, 2014, the Government of Barbados and Cahill Energy Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Cahill"), a company incorporated on August 22, 2012 in Guernsey, had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MOU) on Saturday, March 15, 2014, for Cahill Energy to construct a \$480 million Plasma Gasification Waste to Energy Plant at Vaucluse, St. Thomas (hereinafter to as "the WTE Plant");

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned MOU had purportedly been signed by the Honourable Minister of Finance, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, the Honourable Minister of Housing and the Honourable Minister of Energy in the Office of the Prime Minister, among others;

AND WHEREAS Cahill engaged Jacobs Securities of Canada to handle the sale of its subsidiary, Cahill Energy Barbados (hereinafter referred to as "CEB"), a Barbados company incorporated in 2013;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to that engagement, Jacob Securities issued a Confidential Information Memorandum (hereinafter referred to as "the CIM") in March, 2015 to a limited number of parties interested in purchasing CEB to construct and operate the WTE Plant;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Leader of the Opposition made a copy of the CIM available to the Honourable the House of Assembly on June 16, 2015 during the debate on the Annual Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals;

AND WHEREAS Cahill and/or CEB has indicated that the project will now cost them \$700 million to build and outfit the WTE plant, notwithstanding Cahill nor its subsidiary CEB, as corporate entities, have no previous experience in constructing, outfitting and operating a WTE Plant;

AND WHEREAS the CIM states clearly that the Government of Barbados has signed an Implementation Agreement and a Power Purchase Agreement reflecting a range of legal commitments binding the Government and taxpayers of Barbados from now until 2048;

AND WHEREAS since June 2015, there has been a great deal of public discussion and opposition articulated regarding the financial, governance and environmental consequences from the decision to construct the WTE Plant;

AND WHEREAS despite numerous requests in and out of Parliament the aforementioned agreements have not been laid in Parliament nor made available to the public of Barbados;

BE RESOLVED that in the interest of full transparency and in order that the Parliament and people of Barbados may better understand the extent of the obligations agreed to by the Government of Barbados in the name of the people of Barbados and to discern what clauses may be contained therein to protect the Government and the public interest of Barbados, this Parliament requires the Prime Minister as the Chairman of Cabinet to produce and lay in Parliament **URGENTLY** the following:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding,
2. The Implementation Agreement and
3. The Power Purchase Agreement

that have each been signed by Ministers and/or representatives of statutory corporations and which binds the Government and people of Barbados;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House calls on the Prime Minister to also produce and lay in Parliament the comments and/or opinions with respect to the Memorandum of Understanding, the Implementation Agreement and/or the Power Purchase Agreement of all of the relevant entities within central government and the statutory corporations, including but not limited to the legal opinions and technical advice rendered by the Attorney General and/or Solicitor General, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Housing and Lands, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Energy, the Town and Country Planning Department, the Environmental Protection Department, the Barbados Water Authority, the Fair Trading Commission and the Barbados Light and Power Company.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

1. Hon. C. P. Sinckler moved seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss the first reading of the CLICO Life Insurance Ltd. (Guarantee) Bill, 2015. The motion was carried.
2. Hon. C. P. Sinckler moved seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the first reading of the Income Tax (Amendment) (No.) Bill, 2015. The motion was carried.
3. Hon. C. P. Sinckler moved seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the first reading of the Income Tax (Amendment) (No.) Bill, 2015.
4. Hon. J. D. E. Boyce moved seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the first reading of the Cultural Industries Development (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite 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. 17
INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015 (NO. 1)

On the Order being called for Hon. D. O’N. Inniss to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2015, the Hon. Member began to speak.

Mr. Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy Speaker.

Hon. D. O’N. Inniss resumed his speech and gave way.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Hon. D. O’N. Inniss resumed his speech.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on a point of order.

Hon. D. O’N. Inniss concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds began to speak.

Hon. D. O’N. Inniss spoke on a point of order.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on a point of elucidation.

Mr. Speaker spoke and the member withdrew certain remarks.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.

Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur spoke.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m.

At 1.01 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption, Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Hon. D. O’N. Inniss spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. D. O’N. Inniss seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the House went into Committee, Mr. J. D. Paul in the Chair.

On the separate motion of Hon. D. O’N. Inniss seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite Clauses 1, 2 and 4 were called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. O’N. Inniss seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce Clause 3 was called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. O’N. Inniss seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. D. O’N. Inniss seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 18

INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015 (NO. 2)

On the Order being called for Hon. C. P. Sinckler to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2015, the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. O’N. Inniss that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the House went into Committee, Mr. J. D. Paul in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 and 6 to 10 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce.

Clauses 11 to 15, 16 to 20 and 21 to 24 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. D. O’N. Inniss.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 16
CLICO INTERNATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE LTD.
(GUARANTEE) BILL, 2015

On the Order being called for Hon. C. P. Sinckler to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the CLICO International Life Insurance Ltd. (Guarantee) Bill, 2015, the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur began to speak.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on a point of elucidation.

Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur concluded his speech.

Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the House went into Committee, Mr. J. D. Paul in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss.

Clauses 2 to 6 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 19
CULTURAL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015

On the Order being called for Hon. C. P. Sinckler to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Cultural Industries Development (Amendment) Bill, 2015, the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss the House went into Committee, Mr. J. D. Paul in the Chair.

On the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss Clauses 1 to 7 were called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce gave notice of the Latin American Development Bank Bill, 2015.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss the Latin American Development Bank Bill, 2015, was read a second time.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 20

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply, Mr. J. D. Paul in the Chair.

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of SEVENTEEN MILLION AND SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2015–2016 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 2, 2015–2016 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE
Supplementary Estimates 2015 – 2016 No. 2

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2015 – 2016	Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1–1	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 15 – CABINET Program 071: Constitutional Statutory Authority Subprogram 0073: Electoral and Boundaries Commission <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i> <i>Account Code: 212 – Other Operating Expenses</i>	150710073	\$	\$	\$
		590,399		1,170,000
		518,236		720,000
HEAD 23 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 7045: General Management and Coordination <i>Account Code: 785 – Assets Under Construction</i>	230407045			
		1,700,000		7,231,831
HEAD 77 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION Program 275: Special Services Subprogram 0292: Transportation of Pupils <i>Account Code: 313 – Subsidies</i>	772750292			
		3,000,000		7,947,462

and moved seconded by Hon. D. O’N. Inniss that the Resolution do now pass.

Dr. M. M. Agard spoke.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds began to speak.

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke on a point of order.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech.
 Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.
 Hon. J. D. E. Boyce began to speak.
 Mr. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. Chairman spoke and the Honourable Member withdrew certain remarks.
 Hon. J. D. E. Boyce resumed his speech.
 Mr. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.
 Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke.
 Head 23 was passed.

**HEAD 77 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
 AND INNOVATION – \$7,947,462**

Hon. R. D. Jones spoke and moved seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart that Head 77 stand part.
 Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.
 Hon. R. D. Jones spoke.
 Head 77 was passed.

HEAD 15 – CABINET – \$1,890,000

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce that Head 15 stand part.
 Mr. G. A. Clarke spoke.
 Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart began his speech.
 Mr. G. A. Clarke spoke on a point of order.
 Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart concluded his speech.
 Head 15 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the Chairman reported the passing of one Money Resolution in Committee of Supply. The Speaker resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

The Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed on the separate motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart.

ORDER NO. 21

LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK BILL, 2015

On the Order being called for Hon. C. P. Sinckler to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Latin American Development Bank Bill, 2015,
 the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite that the Bill be read a second time.

Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the House went into Committee, Mr. J. D. Paul in the Chair.

On the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite, Clauses 1 to 6 were called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke and moved seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones that the House be adjourned to Tuesday, 20th October, 2015, at 10 a.m.

Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke and at 8.06 p.m. adjourned the House.

RICHARD P. BYER
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2015.

day of

Speaker.

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