



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Wednesday the 1st day of April, 2020, at 11.00 a.m. pursuant to Standing Order 6(9).

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. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)
Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*)
Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B. A., LL.B. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*)
Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*)
Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (*Minister of Home Affairs*)
Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce*)
Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)
Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (*Leader of the Opposition*)
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*)
Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Energy and Water Resources*)
Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (*Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment*)
Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*)
Hon. P. R. Phillips (*Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance*)
Hon. J. A. King, BSS (*Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports*)
Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill
Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations*)
Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*)
Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*)
and
Mr. N. G. H. Rowe (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

ABSENT

Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*), Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (*Minister of International Business and Industry*), 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. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification*), Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture and Food Security*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*) and Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

Mr. Speaker read the following on Standing Order 6(9):



Hon. Santia J.O. Bradshaw, M.P.

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March 30, 2020

His Honour The Speaker

The Honourable House of Assembly
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Your Honour,

The House now stands adjourned until Friday, 17th April, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 6.9 of the Standing Orders of the Honourable the House of Assembly, I hereby submit that the public interest requires that the House should meet on an earlier day than that to which the House stands adjourned in order to receive communication from Her Excellency the Governor General in accordance with Section 28(3) of the Emergency Management (Amendment) Act, 2020-7 that Her Excellency has made a Proclamation of a public health emergency pursuant to Section 28A(1) of the said Act.

Should you be satisfied that the public interest so requires, Government requests that the House should be summoned to meet Wednesday, April 1st, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Government proposes that the business of the House should be those mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Santia', written over a horizontal dashed line.

Santia J.O. Bradshaw M.P.

Minister and Leader of Government Business

cc: The Clerk of Parliament
The Leader of the Opposition

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday 27th March, 2020 were deferred on the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Mr. Speaker read the following:



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
BARBADOS

MESSAGE NO. /2020

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Her Excellency The Governor-General has the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly of the following:

“Section 60(1) of the Constitution provides that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the Governor-General may appoint”.

Her Excellency further has the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly, that by Proclamation dated 27th day of March, 2020, she has appointed the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church, as the place at which the session of Parliament commenced on the 24th day of February, 2020 and the place at which the session shall continue to be held, at 10:00 hours in the morning as the time at which the said session shall commence.

S. Mason
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Government House
BARBADOS.

28th March, 2020



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
BARBADOS

MESSAGE NO. /2020

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Her Excellency The Governor-General has the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly of the following:

Section 28A.(1) of the Emergency Management Act, CAP. 160A states that:

Where the Governor-General is satisfied that an emergency has arisen as a result of a person or an animal having a communicable disease or a notifiable disease, the Governor-General may by proclamation, on the advice of the Prime Minister after the Prime Minister has consulted or has been advised by the Chief Medical Officer, declare that a public health emergency exists.

Her Excellency further has the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, in accordance with Section 28A.(3) of the said Cap. 160A, she has declared a Public Health Emergency.

S. Mason
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Government House
BARBADOS.

28th March, 2020

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. R. R. Straughn, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill was appointed Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 1****SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES NO. 1 2020 – 2021**

– \$28,500,000

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of TWENTY-EIGHT MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020–2021 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 1, 2020–2021 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE**Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 1**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates No. 1	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 0593: Household Survival Programme <i>Account Code: 314 – Grants to Individuals</i>	130400593	\$	\$	\$
		0		10,000,000
HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT Program 116: Supplies & Purchasing Management Subprogram 0192: Government Procurement Department <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i>	341160192			
		73,600		8,500,000

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 1 – *Cont'd*

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		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS Program 423: Personal Social Services Delivery Program Subprogram 0427: Welfare Department <i>Account Code: 314 – Grants to Individuals</i>	354230427	21,820,000		10,000,000

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 13 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

The motion was passed.

HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT – \$8,500,000.00

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 34 stand part.

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

Mr. Chairman spoke.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

The motion was passed.

HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS – \$10,000,000.00

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 35 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. R. R. Straughn the House was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

At 12.45 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
WORTHING CORPORATE CENTRE
WORTHING
CHRIST CHURCH.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023

MINUTES

Wednesday, 1st April, 2020.

Government Printing Department.