



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 30th day of May, 2017, pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour M. A. Carrington, Q.C., B.A., LL.B. (*Speaker*)
Her Honour Mrs. M-J. M. Thompson, B.A., M.Sc. (Ph.Ed.) (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur, M.Sc. (Econ.) | Hon. J. D. E. Boyce, M.Sc., C. Eng. (<i>Minister of Health (Leader of the House)</i>) |
| Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C. | Hon. S. D. Blackett (<i>Minister of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Community Development</i>) |
| 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.) | Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe, Dip. Theology, B.A., M.Ed., Ed.D. (<i>Minister of Environment and Drainage</i>) |
| Hon. D. St. E. Kellman (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) | Hon. A. D. Brathwaite, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. S. A. Lashley, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth</i>) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. D. O'N. Inniss, B.Sc., M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce and Small Business Development</i>) |
| Hon. R. D. Jones, J.P., B.A. (Hons.), M.A. Ed. (<i>Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation</i>) | Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. D. C. Estwick, B.Sc., M.B., B.S. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management</i>) | Mr. T. A. Prescod, B.A. |
| Mr. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. | Mr. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. |
| Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) | Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) |
| Hon. R. L. Sealy, B.Sc., M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. |
| 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. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) |
| | Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.) |

ABSENT

Dr. M. M. Agard, J.P., B.Sc., M.Sc., D.D.S.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 4.00 p.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 12th May, 2017 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

The Speaker announced that he was in receipt of a letter from the President of the National Assembly of Ecuador.

PAPERS

By command the following were laid:

- (1) Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart laid:
 - (a) Barbados National Oil Company Limited Annual Report, 2014.
 - (b) Income Tax (Automatic Exchange of Information) Regulations, 2017.
 - (c) Sugar Industry (Sugar Workers' Provident Fund) Order, 2017.
 - (d) Loan Agreement No. 35/OR-BAR and Between Caribbean Development Bank and Barbados and Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. dated March 27, 2017.
 - (e) Barbados Economic and Social Report, 2016.
- (2) Hon. J. D. E. Boyce laid:
 - (a) Chief Medical Officer's Report 2010 to 2012.
- (3) Hon. S. D. Blackett laid:
 - (a) Child Care Board Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2016.
- (4) Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe laid:
 - (a) National Conservation Commission (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by the Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the National Social Responsibility Levy Bill, 2017 and the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2017 were read a first time.

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

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 19**

On the Order being called for the Hon. C. P. Sinckler to present the Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals the Honourable Minister spoke and moved seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart who reserved his right to speak, the passage of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals, 2017 delivered by the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs is made against the background of the Government's success in reducing the country's fiscal deficit and the continued social and economic challenges facing this country, compounded by a measure of global uncertainty and global economic weakness in both the industrial and transitioning markets;

AND WHEREAS the overall objective is to reduce the current fiscal deficit to a zero level/budget balance;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados, through the Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals, 2017 is committed to implementing measures and policies designed to achieve a balanced budget which is necessary to slow the growth in debt and protect the country's international reserves;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House notes the Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals, 2017 delivered by the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House approves the measures and policies outlined in the Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals, 2017.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of the Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the Sitting was suspended to 4.00 p.m. Wednesday, 31st May, 2017.

At 7.17 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION (Wednesday, 31st May, 2017)

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 19 (resumed)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke and the Member withdrew certain remarks.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley resumed her speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley resumed her speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke and the Member withdrew certain remarks.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley concluded her speech.

Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the Sitting was suspended to 8.45 p.m.

At 7.40 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 19 (resumed)

Mr. R. St. C. Toppin began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. St. C. Toppin resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. St. C. Toppin resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. St. C. Toppin resumed his speech.

Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. St. C. Toppin resumed his speech.

Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. St. C. Toppin resumed his speech.

Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. St. C. Toppin concluded his speech.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman spoke.

Mr. G. A. Clarke began to speak.

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

Mr. G. A. Clarke concluded his speech.

Hon. S. A. Lashley spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite the Speaker suspended the Sitting to 9.00 a.m. Thursday, 1st June, 2017.

At 11.00 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION (Thursday, 1st June, 2017)

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 19 (resumed)

Mr. D. G. Sutherland spoke.
 Her Honour Mrs. M-J. M. Thompson spoke.
 Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic began to speak.
 The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.
 Lt. Col. J. D. E. Bostic concluded his speech.
 The Speaker resumed the Chair.
 Hon. S. D. Blackett began to speak.
 Mr. D. G. Sutherland spoke on a point of order.
 Hon. S. D. Blackett concluded his speech.
 Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke.
 Mr. D. D. Marshall began to speak.
 Hon. S. A. Lashley spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Mr. D. D. Marshall concluded his speech.
 Hon. M. A. Lashley began to speak.
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Hon. M. A. Lashley concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting at 12.36 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 19 (resumed)

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.
 Mr. J. D. Paul spoke.
 The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.
 Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.
 Hon. D. O'N. Inniss spoke.
 Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson began to speak.
 Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.
 Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.
 Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson concluded his speech.
 Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe began to speak.
 The Speaker resumed the Chair.
 Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe resumed his speech.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe resumed his speech.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. Speaker spoke.
 Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe concluded his speech.
 Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur spoke.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce gave notice of the Magistrate's Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the Magistrate's Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2017 was read a first time.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the Sitting was suspended to 7.30 p.m.

At 6.37 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 19 (resumed)

Hon. R. D. Jones began to speak.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled no point of order.

Hon. R. D. Jones concluded his speech.

Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart began to speak.

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart resumed his speech.

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

Mr. Speaker ruled no point of order.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart resumed his speech.

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

Mr. Speaker ruled no point of order.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart concluded his speech.

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Dr. the Hon. D. C. Estwick spoke.

Mr. G. W. Payne spoke.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler began to speak.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler resumed his speech.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled no point of order and asked the Member to withdraw certain remarks.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler concluded his speech.

The Resolution was passed.

PAPERS (recommitted)

By command Hon. C. P. Sinckler laid the Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (St. James Atlantic Incorporated) Order, 2017.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (recommitted)**ORDER NO. 20****NATIONAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LEVY BILL, 2017**

On the Order being called for Hon. C. P. Sinckler to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the imposition of a levy on imported goods and on goods which are manufactured or produced in Barbados,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce 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 Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the House went into Committee, Mr. J. D. Paul in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 6 were called and passed.

Clauses 7 to 10 were called and passed.

Clauses 11 to 15 were called and passed.

Clauses 16 to 20 were called and passed.

Clauses 21 to 27 were called and passed.

The Schedule was called and passed.

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 to Mr. Speaker who 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. 22

MAGISTRATE'S COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

On the Order being called for Hon. A. D. Brathwaite to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Magistrate's Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2017,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. A. D. Brathwaite seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart 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. A. D. Brathwaite seconded by Hon. J. D. E. Boyce the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce who spoke, seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 13th June, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke and at 1.16 a.m. Friday, 2nd June, 2017 adjourned the House.

RICHARD P. BYER
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2017.

day of

Speaker.

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