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The First Session of the Parliament of 2018-2023 commenced on Tuesday, 5th June, 2018

MANAGEMENT COMMISSION OF PARLIAMENT

(Parliament (Administration) Act, Cap. 10 – Section 3(4))

The following are ex officio Members of the Commission:

His Honour A. E. Holder (Chairman), Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw and Bishop J. J. S. Atherley.

Section 3(4) of the Parliament (Administration) Act, Cap. 10.

The following are appointed Members of the Commission:

Hon. C. E. Jordan, Dr. S. E. Browne and Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill.

Appointed on 5th June, 2018.

Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C.

Appointed on 10th July, 2018.

SESSIONAL SELECT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

To consider and report to the Honourable the House of Assembly on all matters which involve the privileges of the Honourable the House of Assembly.

The Members of the Committee are:

His Honour A. E. Holder (Chairman), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, His Honour G. A. Clarke and Bishop J. J. S. Atherley.

Appointed on 5th June, 2018.

No. 49

3. Mr. R. A. Thorne: To move the passing of a Resolution that the Honourable the House takes note of the Ministerial Statement delivered by the Minister of Finance and of the changes to Barbados Corporate Tax Regime and the intention of the Government to converge its Domestic Business Sector and the International Business Sector.

Notice of this Resolution was given on 20th November, 2018.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

To examine the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by Parliament to meet the public expenditure, accounts of any entities in which Government is a majority shareholder or holds a majority interest and of such other accounts laid before Parliament as the Committee may think fit.

The Members of the Committee are:

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley (Chairman), Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, Hon. C. E. Jordan, Dr. S. E. Browne, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill and Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

Appointed on 5th June, 2018.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Members of the Committee are:

His Honour the Speaker (Chairman), Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C., Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, Hon. K. D. Symmonds, Hon. W. A. Abrahams and Bishop J. J. S. Atherley.

Appointed on 5th June, 2018.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, His Honour G. A. Clarke and Mr. R. A. Thorne.

Appointed on 15th January, 2019.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The following are Members of this Joint Committee:

His Honour the Speaker (Chairman), Hon. A. R. Forde, Hon. R. R. Straughn, Hon. J. A. King, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill and Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle.

Appointed on 5th June, 2018.

No. 49

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE

on

Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2018

The Members of the Committee are:

Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Hon. C. E. Jordan, Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, Hon. C. McD. Griffith, Mr. R. A. Thorne and Bishop J. J. S. Atherley.

Appointed on 17th July, 2018.

Terms of Reference are as follows:

To inquire into and determine whether the Bill as drafted effectively fulfills the expressed objects of promoting and maintaining the integrity of persons in public life and the prevention, detection and prosecution of acts of corruption;

To examine whether the Bill as drafted will upon effective implementation contribute to an ethos of fair dealings and compliance with the financial rules in government affairs, thereby combating corruption in public life:

To examine and analyse whether the provisions of the Bill which relate to financial disclosure will so deter citizens from offering themselves for public duty and service as to have a negative impact on the functioning of government;

To consider whether the Bill as drafted will be an effective and strong deterrent to corruption in public life in Barbados;

To make recommended changes, if deemed necessary, to the Bill as drafted for further consideration by the Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

1. **Mr. R. A. Thorne:** To resume the debate on a Resolution to take note of the Throne Speech of Her Excellency the Governor-General and the determination of the Government to implement the provisions referred to therein.

Notice of this Resolution was given on 5th June, 2018.

On 24th July, 2018, Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke and moved seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid who spoke that the Resolution be passed.

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Further consideration of the Resolution was postponed.

2. Mr. R. A. Thorne: To move the passing of a Resolution that the Honourable the House accepts and adopts the Report of the Public Accounts Committee 2013-2018.

Notice of this Resolution was given on 20th November, 2018.

On 4th December, 2018, Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke and moved seconded by

Hon. K. D. Symmonds that the Resolution be passed.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Further consideration of the Resolution was postponed.

On 11th December, 2018, Hon. J. A. King spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. Miss C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Further consideration was postponed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Standing Order 10)

"Unless the House otherwise directs, the business of each sitting day shall be transacted in the following order –

- (a) Formal entry of His Honour the Speaker.
- (b) Prayers.
- (c) Announcements by His Honour the Speaker.
- (d) Messages from Her Excellency the Governor-General.
- (e) Petitions.
- (f) Papers.
- (g) Government Notices.
- (h) Private Members' Notices.
- (i) Notices of Questions.
- (j) Reports from Select Committees.
- (k) First readings of Bills.
- (l) Statements by Ministers.
- (m) Congratulatory and/or obituary speeches.
- (n) Personal Explanations.
- (o) Motions for leave of absence.
- (p) Oral replies to questions.
- (q) Notices of motions for the adjournment of the House on matters of urgent public importance.
- (r) Orders of the day."

QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

1. Hon. D. D. Marshall: To resume debate on Second Reading of the Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2018.

Notice of this Bill was given on 11th June, 2018.

The Bill was read a first time on 11th June, 2018.

The Bill was published in the Official Gazette on 18th June, 2018.

On 10th July, 2018, Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by the Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who reserved her right to speak that the Bill be read a second time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

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

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

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

Further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

On resumption on 17th July, 2018, Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

His Honour G. A. Clarke spoke.

Hon. Miss. S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Further consideration of the Bill was postponed and committed to a Joint Select Committee of both Houses of Parliament on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill.

No. 49

2. Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley: To move the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Notice of this Bill was given on 5th February, 2019.

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The Bill was read a first time on 5th February, 2019.

The Bill was published in the Official Gazette on 18th February, 2019.

3. Hon. R. R. Straughn: To move the Second Reading of the Shipping (Incentives) (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Notice of this Bill was given on 22nd February, 2019.

The Bill was read a first time on 22nd February, 2019.

The Bill was published in the Official Gazette on 11th March, 2019.

4. Hon. R. R. Straughn: To move the Second Reading of the Land Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Notice of this Bill was given on 7th May, 2019.

The Bill was read a first time on 14th May, 2019.

The Bill was published in the Official Gazette on 20th May, 2019.

5. Hon. R. R. Straughn: To move the Second Reading of the Barbados Tourism Product Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Notice of this Bill was given on 23rd July, 2019.

The Bill was read a first time on 23rd July, 2019.

The Bill was published in the Official Gazette on 5th August, 2019.

6. Hon. G. W. Payne: To move the passing of a Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the lease to the Royal Commonwealth Society (Barbados Branch) of a parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon being the property of the Crown, situate at The Pine in the parish of St. Michael in this Island for use as its Headquarters and commercial office.

Notice of this Resolution was given on 13th August, 2019.

7. **Hon. I. A. Weir:** To move the Second Reading of the Medicinal Cannabis Industry Bill, 2019.

Notice of this Bill was given on 13th August, 2019.

The Bill was read a first time on 13th August, 2019.