



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 23rd day of May, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

### PRESENT

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

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

- 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*)
- Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.
- Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*)
- Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)
- Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.
- Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)
- Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources*)
- Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, 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 Foreign Trade and Business Development*)
- Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology
- 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*)
- Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*)
- Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*)
- Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*)
- 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 and Economic Affairs*)
- Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.
- 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, Works and Water Resources*)
- Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*)
- Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*)
- Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs

**ABSENT**

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A., Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*) and Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector*).

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 28th March, Friday, 31st March, Tuesday, 2nd May and Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 16th May, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**PAPERS**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid –

The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Fair Trading Commission for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 7**

**CHILD PROTECTION BILL, 2023 (resumed)**

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Bill be read a second time.

Further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Bill was referred to the Joint Select Standing Committee on Social Sector and the Environment.

**ORDER NO. 8**

**CHILD JUSTICE BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called for Hon. W. A. Abrahams to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the reform of the criminal law applicable to children and the repeal of the *Juvenile Offenders Act*, Cap. 138; and *Reformatory and Industrial Schools Act*, Cap. 169, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was referred to the Joint Select Standing Committee on Social Sector and the Environment.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT (recommitted)  
Mr. Speaker read the following:



MESSAGE No. /2023

**HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

**TO**

**THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

*Her Excellency The President wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister under Section 3(1) of the Ombudsman Act, Cap. 8A, she proposes to appoint Dr. Nigel Taylor, JP, SCM, to the Office of the Ombudsman established by Section 2 of the said Act.*

*Her Excellency further wishes to seek the approval of The Honourable The House of Assembly for the proposed appointment pursuant to Section 3(2) of the said Act.*

**PRESIDENT**

**State House  
BARBADOS.**

23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 12.12 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of:

A Resolution that an Address be presented to Her Excellency the President approving the proposed appointment of Dr. Nigel Taylor, J.P., SCM to the Office of Ombudsman.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 10**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the following Resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an humble Address be presented to Her Excellency the President approving the proposed appointment by Her Excellency that, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister under Section 3(1) of the *Ombudsman Act*, Cap. 8A of Dr. Nigel Taylor, J.P., SCM, to the Office of Ombudsman established by section 2 of the said Act.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2023.

**ORDER NO. 9**

**WATER REUSE BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the capture, collection, treatment and reuse of wastewater to be used for various purposes, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

The Bill in parts and the Schedules all amended were passed on the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 3**

**DUTIES, TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS (EXEMPTION) BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to improve the process for the granting of exemptions to individuals, businesses and agencies from the payment of duties, taxes and other imposts, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 9 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 30th May, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.45 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
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**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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Tuesday, 23rd May, 2023.

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