



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 4th day of July, 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*) (**Online**)
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| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (<i>Acting Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i>) |
| | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |

ABSENT

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*), 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. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources*), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*), Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector*), Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*), Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. and Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 27th June, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS

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 of the death of the Rt. Hon. Sir Lloyd Sandiford, K.A., J.P., former Prime Minister of Barbados, on Monday 28th June, 2023.

[Signature]
PRESIDENT

*State House
BARBADOS.*

29th June, 2023

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Airport Service Charge (Amendment) Bill was read a first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid 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.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 4

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION
OF LAND AT WORKHALL, ST. PHILIP**

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Order No. 4 was withdrawn.

ORDER NO. 9

AIRPORT SERVICE CHARGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill who spoke seconded by Hon. R. R. Straughn Order No. 9 was withdrawn.

ORDER NO. 11

AIRPORT SERVICE CHARGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Airport Service Charge Act, 2022 (Act 2022-7) to provide for a decrease in airport service charge for a regional destination,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill 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. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 10

CENTRAL BANK OF BARBADOS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Central Bank of Barbados Act, 2020 (Act 2020-30),

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Ms. M. K-A. Caddle that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 16 and the Schedule were called and passed in parts 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. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 18th July, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 1.20 p.m. Mr. Speaker spoke and 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
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 4th July, 2023.

Government Printing Department.