



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Thursday the 20th day of July, 2023, at 2.30 p.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. (<i>Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | 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. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (<i>Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | 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 (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources</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. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development*) and Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker recognized the presence of and welcomed Mr. Garth Sandiford, Mrs. Inga de Reus, children of the late Rt. Hon. Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford former Prime Minister; and Mr. Martin de Reus.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 18th July, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker 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 that she will be absent from the country on duty leave on 20th July, 2023.

Her Excellency further wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson will perform the functions of the Office of President during Her Excellency's absence.


PRESIDENT

**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS.**

19th July, 2023

OBITUARY SPEECHES

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley paid tribute to the late Rt. Hon. Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, KA, JP, fourth Prime Minister of Barbados, and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the following Resolution of Condolence to the family of the deceased:

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

WHEREAS The Right Honourable Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, KA, JP, and one of His Majesty's Counsel passed this life on the 26th June, 2023;

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd served as Personal Assistant to the then Prime Minister, Rt. Excellent Errol W. Barrow in the Years 1966 to 1967; as a Member of the Honourable the Senate from 1967 to 1971; and was a Member of this House from 1971 to 1999;

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd served as Minister of Education and Culture from 1965 to 1971; Minister of Education, Youth Affairs, Community Development and Sports from 1971 to 1975; Minister of Health from 1975 to 1976; Deputy Prime Minister from 1986 to 1987 and as fourth Prime Minister of Barbados from 1987 to 1994 during which latter period he held the portfolio of Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs and finally as this country's first Resident Ambassador to The People's Republic of China from 2010 to 2013;

AND WHEREAS this former honourable member of Parliament and Diplomat, the teacher, author, sometime poet and sportsman had a love and passion for education to his core and his record as Minister of Education speaks eloquently for itself, in the building of and expansion of a large number of secondary schools; the establishment of the Barbados Community College, a Sixth Form institution; and the Samuel Jackman Prescod Institute of Technology, his way of developing a nation of versatile and well educated people.

AND WHEREAS the dire and dark economic woes we experienced as a nation in the early 1990s were confronted by Sir Lloyd as Minister of Finance resolutely with fortitude and a singleness of purpose by rigidly advocating economic and social policies to restore the solvency of this country, that at times saw him despised and rejected but out of which came the restoration and saw the birth and early development of the Social Partnership, a legacy of stability for his beloved country and an exemplar for the Caribbean in general.

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd exuded a passion for regional and Caribbean integration and contributed with alacrity to and championed the advancement of the Grande Anse Declaration and the work programme for the Integration Movement and further conceptualized the establishment of the Assembly of Caribbean Parliamentarians which though short lived is still a beacon for the region's integration.

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd ensured that Barbados would rise to the occasion to allow Barbados to play its role in the fight to prepare the SIDS (Small Island Developing States) to play a more critical role in the fight to battle the existential crisis of climate by offering to host the first Global Conference on Sustainable Development of SIDS which led to the Barbados Programme of Action on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

AND WHEREAS in this battle, he has left to guide our approach the “Ode to the Environment” which was prescient in his analysis of what we faced as planet and as people.

AND WHEREAS this distinguished and illustrious son of the soil born of humble origins was the epitome of amity, civility, humility and integrity the quintessence of the gentler and kinder Barbados he envisaged and advocated.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable the House pay the accolade of its highest tribute to the late Rt. Honourable Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford as an exemplar of dignity, courage, compassion, and humanity and leadership by example and share the sorrow felt by a grateful Nation and extend its deepest sympathies to his widow, Angelita, Lady Sandiford, children Garth and Inga and to his other relatives and express its wish that they be comforted by the memory of a life lived selflessly and in the service of his Nation and people.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

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

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

The House observed a moment of silence in passing of the Resolution of Condolence.

SUSPENSION

At 7:15 p.m. on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended to Friday 21st July, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

RESUMPTION (Friday 21st July, 2023)

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

PAPERS (recommitted)

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

Annual Report of the Operations of the Barbados Drug Service for the Fiscal Year April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
ORDER NO. 3
INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC LIFE BILL, 2023

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to establish a regime, including an integrity commission, to promote the integrity of persons in public life and strengthen measures for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of acts of corruption, alter the Constitution to the extent necessary for the purpose and provide for related matters, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 1.15 p.m to 2.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

SUSPENSION

At 3:34 p. m. on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended to 4.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

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

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 2); Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 10); Part 3 (Clauses 11 to 17); Part 4 (Clauses 18 to 22); Part 5 (Clauses 23 to 24); Part 6 (Clauses 25 to 30); Part 7 (Clauses 31 to 40); Part 8 (Clauses 41 to 49); Part 9 (Clauses 50 to 58); and the First to the Fifth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall 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 motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to in accordance with Section 49 of the Constitution. Twenty-four members voting aye. There were no Noes or abstentions.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 7.42 p.m to 8.05 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill made a statement on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Grantley Adams International Airport Inc., and the Office of H. H. Sheikh Ahmed Dalmoock Al Maktoum, an entity incorporated and registered in the United Arab Emirates, and Agencias Universales S A, a company incorporated in Chile; and moved seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, the passing of a Resolution to take notice of the Memorandum signed between the Grantley Adams International Airport Inc., the Office of H. H. Sheikh Ahmed Dalmoock Al Maktoum and Agencias Universales S A inter alia.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 25th July, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 9.53 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
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Thursday, 20th July, 2023.

Government Printing Department.