



# 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 24th day of October, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

### PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)  
His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.   | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )              |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )   | 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. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</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, S.C., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> )   | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.  |
| 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> )                                     | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )         |
|  | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</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*), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), 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, J.P., M.B.A., Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources*) and Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*).

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 12th September, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 17th October, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**PAPERS**

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid the following:

- Non-Reimbursement Investment Financing Agreement No. GRT/ER-19884-BA: Digital Transformation of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
- Amendatory Agreement No. 2 of Loan Contract No. 4920/OC-BA: Public Sector Modernization Programme (PSMP).
- Barbados Economic and Social Report 2019.
- Barbados Economic and Social Report 2020.
- Barbados Economic and Social Report 2021.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

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

- Debt (Natural Disaster and Pandemic Deferment of Payment) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2023.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Debt (Natural Disaster and Pandemic Deferment of Payment) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, 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. 9****DEBT (NATURAL DISASTER AND PANDEMIC DEFERMENT OF PAYMENT)  
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the deferment of the payment of the amortization and interest due on debt on the occurrence of a natural disaster or a pandemic event under certain enactments the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Miss C. Y. Forde that the Bill be read a second time.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 7th November, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 1.00 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.

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**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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Tuesday, 24th October, 2023.

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