



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 8th day of February, 2022, at 10.00 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*)
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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| 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, Q.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 Energy and Business Development</i>) (Online) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</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. 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. |
| 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. T. N. S-A. Moore, 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>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |
| | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |

ABSENT

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*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Security and the Third Sector*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker read the following Letter from the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands:



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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7th February, 2022

Honourable Arthur E. Holder, BLP
Speaker
House of Assembly Chamber
Grantly Adams House
111 Robuck Street
Bridgetown
Barbados

Dear Hon. Holder,

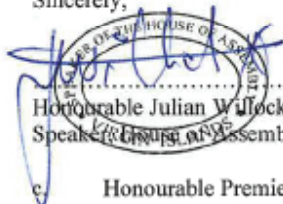
Congratulations!

I am delighted to convey to you on my behalf, and that of the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands, our collective congratulations your re-election as Speaker of the House of Assembly, following the elections of the Barbados Labour Party on 19th January, 2022.

We in the Virgin Islands House of Assembly stand ready to assist and support you in your role as Speaker if and when the need arises.

I know you will uphold the principles of Parliamentary democracy in Barbados, and I look forward to a close working relationship.

Sincerely,


Honourable Julian Willock, MHA
Speaker of the House of Assembly

Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance
Honourable Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister, Barbados
Leader of the Opposition, VI

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker read the following Message and the accompanying Proclamation:



MESSAGE No. /2022

HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Her Excellency the President hereby informs The Honourable The House of Assembly of the following:

“Section 60(1) of the Constitution provides that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the President may appoint”.

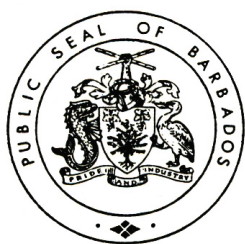
Her Excellency hereby informs The Honourable The House of Assembly that by proclamation dated 8th day of February, 2022, that Her Excellency has appointed the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church as the place at which the continued session of Parliament shall be held and 10:00 in the morning on Tuesday, 8th day of February, 2022, as the time at which the said session shall commence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. R.', written in a cursive style.

PRESIDENT

*STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS.*

8th February, 2022



S. MASON
President

By Her Excellency the Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Freedom of Barbados, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of Saint Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Doctor of Laws, President of Barbados.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is provided by section 60(1) of the *Constitution* that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the President may appoint:

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 3rd day of February, 2022 the President appointed the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill, Saint Michael as the place at which a session of Parliament shall be held at 10:00 hours in the morning:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to continue the session of Parliament at the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church with effect from the 8th day of February, 2022:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority vested in me, I, The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Freedom of Barbados, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of Saint Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Doctor of Laws, President of Barbados, DO HEREBY APPOINT the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church as the place at which the session of Parliament shall be held, and 10:00 hours in the morning as the time at which the said session shall commence.

Given under my hand and the
Public Seal of Barbados this 8th day of
February, 2022.

PAPERS

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

1. Loan Contract No. 5439/OC-BA Between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank. Sustainable Development Policy Program II.
2. Hotels & Resorts Limited Annual Report: April 01, 2020 – March 31, 2021.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to alter the Constitution to change the qualifications for membership of the Senate and the House of Assembly,

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended for five minutes.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Mr. C. A. Lane spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

SUSPENSION

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

At 12.49 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

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

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 3.50 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

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

Clauses 1 to 4 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 the House voting as follows:

Ayes: Honourables Miss M. A. Mottley, Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, D. D. Marshall, K. D. Symmonds, D. G. Sutherland, W. A. Abrahams, Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, I. A. Weir, A. R. Forde, C. McD. Griffith, G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, Dr. S. E. Browne, K. D. M. Humphrey, R. R. Straughn, R. O. Springer, D. I. Ishmael and Miss K. S. McConney, His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, Miss C. Y. Forde, T. A. Prescod, E. G. Hinkson, P. R. Phillips, Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, C. D. L. Gibbs and C. A. Lane.

Noes: Nil.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw sought and obtained leave to withdraw Orders 5, 6 and 7 on the Order Paper namely the Barbados Metrology Bill, 2022; the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2022; and the Water Reuse Bill, 2022 and gave notice of

1. The Metrology Bill, 2022;
2. The Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2022; and
3. The Water Reuse Bill, 2022.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the following Bills were read a first time:

1. The Metrology Bill, 2022;
2. The Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2022; and
3. The Water Reuse Bill, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 15th February, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.20 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2021.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
WORTHING CORPORATE CENTRE
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CHRIST CHURCH

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 8th February, 2022.
