



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 20th day of July, 2021, 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. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )                            | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology  |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                            | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )  |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )                 | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> ) ( <b>Online</b> )   |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources</i> )   |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship</i> )                        | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )  |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.  | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office with Responsibility for Culture and the National Development Commission</i> ) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )                                      | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector</i> )                            |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> ) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )  |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs</i> )                             | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i> ) ( <b>Online</b> )                  |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )   | and   |
|  | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.  |

**ABSENT**

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C., Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service*), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*) and Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*).

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 6th July, 2021 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR****THE SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker welcomed and acknowledged the presence of H. E. Mr. Jacques-Henry Heuls, France's non-resident Ambassador to Barbados and Mr. Tyrell Giles, St. Thomas Youth Commissioner.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

Hon. D. D. Marshall gave notice of the following:-

1. Governor-General (Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Bill, 2021;
2. Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Bill, 2021; and
3. Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Governor-General (Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Bill, 2021;
2. Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Bill, 2021; and
3. Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

**ORDER NO. 4****DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the *Defence Act*, Cap. 159 to broaden the officer corps and make use of retired officers and to provide for related matters,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the Bill be read a second time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore was appointed Temporary Chairman of Committees.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 2 was called and passed as amended on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 3 was called and passed on the 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 as amended in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House was adjourned until Tuesday, 27th July, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 12.27 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Speaker.

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