



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 20th day of November, 2018, pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons), MSW, LL.B. (Hons), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)
His Honour G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) | Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of International Business and Industry</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 Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service</i>) | Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</i>) |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs</i>) | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i>) | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill |
| | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i>) |
| | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |

ABSENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*), Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations*), Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*) and Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*).

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

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Friday, 26th October, 2018 and Tuesday, 6th November, 2018 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker recognised the presence of Mrs. Janet Douglas, the British High Commissioner to Barbados, Mr. Craig Fulton, Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Edward Munn, Head of Political and Communications Team and Mrs. Gilly Metzgen, Political Officer.

PAPERS

Hon. E. G. Hinkson by command laid the following:-

1. Barbados Deposit Insurance Corporation Annual Report, 2017.
2. Securities (Chelsey Sambrano) (Exemption) Order, 2018.
3. Securities (Christopher Walcott) (Exemption) Order, 2018.
4. Savings Bonds (Amendment) Regulations, 2018.
5. Local Loans (Amendment) Regulations, 2018.
6. Loan Contract No. 4656/OC-BA Between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank – Macroeconomic Emergency Programme to Protect Economic and Social Progress, November 18, 2018.
7. The Government of Barbados and Sandals Resorts International 2000 Limited – Investment Incentives Agreement Dated as of 25th October, 2013.
8. The Government of Barbados and Sandals Resorts International 2000 Limited and Luxe B. B. Property Holdings Limited and Beaches Management (Barbados) Limited – Investment Incentives Agreement Dated as of 31st July, 2014.
9. Telecommunications (Amateur Radio) Regulations, 2018.
10. Barbados Conference Services Limited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March, 2017.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. E. G. Hinkson gave notice of the following:-

1. Income Tax (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018.
2. Fuel Tax Bill, 2018.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. J. A. King the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Income Tax (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018.
2. Fuel Tax Bill, 2018.

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

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Standing Orders 6,16,18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
ORDER NO. 3**

Resumption of debate on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land, the property of the Crown, situate at Cluffs in the parish of Saint Lucy in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for the "Sites and Service Project".

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the Crown situate at Cluffs in the parish of Saint Lucy in this Island containing by admeasurement 8,265.1 square metres or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on lands now or late of Winifred Worrell on lands now or late of John Phillips on lands now or late of Troy Barker on lands now or late of Michael Clarke on the Lots 8, 7 and 6 on a right-of-way on the Lots 5, 3, 4, 2 and 1 situate in Cluffs Tenantry and on a verge which is part of a public road leading to Roaches in one direction and to St. Swithins in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 14th day of July, 2017 by Anderson R. Alleyne, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 14th day of July, 2017 as Plan No. 678/2017.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

His Honour G. A. Clarke spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Sitting was suspended until 2.30 p.m.

At 12.39 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR

THE SPEAKER (recommitted)

Mr. Speaker recognised the presence of Hon. Robert Nault, Member of Parliament and President of Parlamericas and Hon. Alix Boyd-Knights, Speaker of House of Assembly, Dominica; Ms. Anabella Zavagno, Deputy Director of Parlamericas.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke when the Hon. Member gave way.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was suspended until 3.55 p.m.

At 3.45 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS (recommitted)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley made a statement on a new Corporate Tax Regime for Barbados.
Mr. Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy Speaker.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. E. G. Hinkson gave notice of the following:

RESOLUTION that the sum of ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2018-2019 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 5, 2018-2019 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES**(recommitted)**

Mr. R. A. Thorne gave notice of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Public Accounts Committee, a duly constituted Committee of this Honourable Chamber, charged with the responsibility of examining the audited financial statements of the government, inter-governmental bodies and statutory corporations;

AND WHEREAS the Committee in fulfilling that mandate over several months executed exhaustive investigations into the accounts and operations of the National Housing Corporation in the 2013-2018 Session of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS this Committee having completed its work, sought to but was unable to lay its report in this Honourable Chamber;

AND WHEREAS this Committee made specific findings and recommendations which in the interest of transparency, accountability and good governance ought to be made known;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House accept and adopt the Report of the Public Accounts Committee 2013-2018.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)**

Hon. G. W. Payne spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 5

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2018–2019 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 5, 2018–2019 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE
Supplementary Estimates 2018 – 2019 No. 5

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2018 – 2019	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 – 4	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 46 – MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS AND THE BLUE ECONOMY				
Program 040: Direction and Policy Services				
Subprogram 7158: General Management and Coordination Services	460407158			
<i>Account Code: 101 – Statutory Personal Emoluments</i>		0		479,884
<i>Account Code: 102 – Other Personal Emoluments</i>		0		135,621
<i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i>		0		56,745
<i>Account Code: 206 – Travel</i>		0		2,500
<i>Account Code: 207 – Utilities</i>		0		5,000
<i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i>		0		19,050
<i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>		0		17,800
<i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>		11,000		314,500
<i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>		0		100,000
<i>Account Code: 230 – Contingencies</i>		0		5,000
<i>Account Code: 317 – Subscriptions</i>		0		2,100
<i>Account Code: 751 – Property and Plant</i>		0		150,000
<i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>		0		444,500
<i>Account Code: 753 – Furniture and Fixtures</i>		0		34,100

and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 46 stand part.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke in reply.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Chairman reported to Mr. Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair the passing of the Resolution in Committee of Supply.

On the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES

Mr. R. A. Thorne gave notice of a Resolution to take note of the Ministerial Statement delivered by the Minister of Finance and of the changes to Barbados Corporate Tax Regime and the intention of the Government to converge its Domestic Business Sector and its International Business Sector.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (recommitted)

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 27th November, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.40 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2018.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023

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Tuesday, 20th November, 2018.
