



# 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 14th day of May, 2019, 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> )  | Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</i> )                                 |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )   | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade</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> ) | 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 Youth and Community Empowerment</i> )                                |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )   | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i> )     |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )   | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> )                  |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )  | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i> )                             |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i> )  | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill   |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i> )  | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</i> )              |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )   | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</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. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i> )    |
|   | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )                             |
|   | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</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*).

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

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

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

Mr. Speaker recognised the presence of Hon. R. L. Morris, CHB and Mr. David Bowen former Members of Parliament and also the family of the late Evelyn E. Greaves, GCM, former Member of Parliament.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 23rd April, 2019 and Tuesday, 30th April, 2019 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic gave notice of the following:

1. Resolution to approve under Section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228, the compulsory acquisition by the Crown of a parcel of land situate at Lower Bay Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island, for the purpose of tourism development.
2. Resolution to approve under Section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of parcels of land, the property of the Crown, situate in Bay Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island, for the public purpose of tourism development.

### **OBITUARY SPEECHES**

Hon. G. W. Payne paid tribute to the late Mr. E. E. Greaves, GCM former Member of Parliament and Ambassador and extended condolence to the family of the deceased.

Hon. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke.

His Honour G. A. Clarke spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

The House observed a minute of silence in passing of the moved Resolution of Condolence to the family of the deceased.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. G. W. Payne the Sitting was suspended until 3.00 p.m.

At 12.18 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended until 4.00 p.m.

At 3.05 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Land Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was read a first time.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 8**

Resolution to approve the compulsory acquisition of land at Lower Bay Street, St. Michael for the purpose of Tourism Development.

Hon. G. W. Payne spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament, in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228, approve the compulsory acquisition by the Crown of the parcel of land situate at Lower Bay Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for the public purpose, namely tourism development.

**SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of Tiny Tots Limited situate at Bay Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 7 328.3 square metres (inclusive of 158.4 square metres in road and 3831.3 square metres in beach) Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly of Vision Developments Inc. on the sea on lands now or formerly of M. G. Tucker and Co. Ltd., and on a public road known as Bay Street leading to Chamberlain Bridge in one direction and to Wellington Street in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound together with the buildings thereon, as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 10th day of May, 2019 by Anderson R. Alleyne, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 10th day of May, 2019 as Plan No. 575/2019,

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds that the Resolution be passed.

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Hon. G. W. Payne began to speak in reply.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled no point of order.

Hon. G. W. Payne resumed his speech.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Hon. G. W. Payne resumed his speech.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke and ruled no point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. G. W. Payne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. G. W. Payne resumed his speech.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Hon. G. W. Payne concluded his speech in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

**ORDER NO. 6**  
**TOURISM LEVY BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. Symmonds to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for:

- (a) a room rate levy to be charged on tourist accommodation;
- (b) a product development levy to be charged on the services specified in paragraph 1 of the *Fourth Schedule* to the *Value Added Tax Act*, Cap. 87;
- (c) a shared economy levy to be charged on tourist accommodation owned or operated by persons who earn income from the tourism sector in Barbados, but who are not registered under the *Value Added Tax Act*, Cap. 87; and
- (d) related matters,

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

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.

Mr. Speaker interjected.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic gave notice of the Public Service (Retrenched Workers) Bill, 2019.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Public Service (Retrenched Workers) Bill, 2019 was read a first time.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 10**

**PUBLIC SERVICE (RETRENCHED WORKERS) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to authorise the payment of gratuity and pension to 84 public officers who were employed in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance and who were retrenched from the Public Service on the 19th October, 2018,

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 28th May, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

At 8.59 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Speaker.

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