



# 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 12th day of November, 2019, 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*)
- Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)
- Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*)
- Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification*)
- Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*)
- Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (*Minister of Home Affairs*)
- Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce*)
- Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)
- Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M.Min. (*Minister of Transport, Works and Maintenance*)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Energy and Water Resources*)
- Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade*)
- Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture and Food Security*)
- Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (*Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment*)
- Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*)
- Hon. P. R. Phillips (*Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance*)
- Hon. J. A. King, B.S.S. (*Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports*)
- Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations*)
- Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*)
- Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*)
- Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*)
- Mr. N. G. H. Rowe (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

**ABSENT**

His Honour G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (*Deputy Speaker*), Hon. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*), Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (*Minister of International Business and Industry*), 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*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (*Leader of the Opposition*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill and Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*).

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m. and prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 29th October, 2019 and Tuesday, 5th November, 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.

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

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic 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****LAND TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Land Tax Act, Cap. 78A to provide for:

- (a) a write off of outstanding tax, penalties and interest for the period commencing from the 1st April, 1981 to 31st March, 2001; and
- (b) a waiver of the amount payable as a penalty or interest on arrears of tax for the period commencing from the 1st April, 2001 to the 31st March, 2018,

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

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was suspended until 1.45 p.m.

At 12.23 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)**

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

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. D. D. Marshall gave notice of the Sacramental Cannabis Bill, 2019.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Sacramental Cannabis Bill, 2019 was read a first time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the House was adjourned to Friday, 22nd November, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

At 3.35 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended 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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