



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Friday, the 27th day of March, 2020, at 10.00 o'clock 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 G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (*Deputy 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*)  
Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B. A., LL.B. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*)  
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*)  
Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (*Leader of the Opposition*)  
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 Affairs and Foreign Trade*)  
Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology  
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, BSS (*Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports*)  
Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill  
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**

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*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Monday, February 24th, 2020 and Friday, 20th March, 2020 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 11th February, 2020 and Tuesday, 18th February, 2020 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**PAPERS**

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

1. Director's Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Conference Services Limited for the Financial Year Ended March 31, 2018.
2. Loan Contract No. 4987/OC-BA between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank Sustainable Development Policy Program.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Emergency Management (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

**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. 15****EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Emergency Management Act, Cap. 160A to make provision for the declaration and management of a public health emergency, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley rose to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

**ORDER NO. 16****QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called for Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Act, Cap. 54 to make for provision for the designation of appropriate lands or building to be considered to be a part of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill was appointed temporary Chairman of Committees.

On the motion of Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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 Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the following:

Resolution to grant the sum of FOUR MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019-2020 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 17, 2019-2020.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 17**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES NO. 17 2019 – 2020**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of FOUR MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019–2020 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 17, 2019–2020 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

**SCHEDULE**

**Supplementary Estimates 2019 – 2020 No. 17**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2019 – 2020	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1 – 16	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS <b>Program 423: Personal Social Services Delivery Program</b> Subprogram 0429: Child Care Board <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	354230429	\$  19,682,605	\$	\$  1,200,000
HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INVESTMENT <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 7010: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 417 – Subscriptions</i>	340407010			3,000,000

and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 35 stand part.

The motion was passed.

**HEAD 34 – MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND  
INVESTMENT – \$1,200,000.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 34 stand part.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair the passing of the Money Resolution.

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

**ORDER NO. 15 (resumed)  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 3 was called.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams an amendment to Clause 3.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Clause 3 as amended was passed.

Clauses 4 to 5 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 separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to Friday, 17th April, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

At 1.47 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Speaker.

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