



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a Hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 9th day of March, 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*)

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*)

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*)

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship*)

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*)

Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*)

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 Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs*)

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 Environment and National Beautification*) (**Online**)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources*)

Hon. P. R. Phillips (*Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security*)

Hon. J. A. King, BSS (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office with Responsibility for Culture and the National Development Commission*)

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources*) (**Online**)

Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector*)

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

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*)

ABSENT

Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (*Minister of International Business and Industry*), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*) and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 5th March, 2021 were deferred on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

Resolution to grant the sum of SEVENTEEN MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020-2021 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 10, 2020-2021.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Liquor Licences Bill, 2021 was read a first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 1****ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-TERRORISM AGENCY BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for an establishment of an Anti-Corruption and Anti-Terrorism Agency to investigate acts of corruption and terrorism and to provide for related matters, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

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

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended to 1.45 p.m.

At 12.20 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

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

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke on a point of order.

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

Hon. K. D. Symmonds began to speak.

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Mr. G. W. Payne spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clause 1 (as amended) and 2); Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 13); Part 3 (Clauses 14 to 23); Part 4 (Clauses 24 to 32); Part 5 (Clause 33); Part 6 (Clauses 34 to 38); Part 7 (Clauses 39 and 40); Part 8 (Clauses 41 to 43); Part 9 (Clauses 44 to 49) and the First to the Third Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King 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. J. A. King the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

1. Appropriation Bill, 2021.
2. A Resolution that:
 - (a) this House empowers the Chairman of Committees to designate the Committee Room of Parliament as the place where examination by the Standing Finance Committee of the Head of the relevant Ministry is to be conducted; and
 - (b) for the purpose of the examination of the Estimates that the Member moving the particular Head and speaking in reply be allowed to make that presentation virtually from the said Committee Room.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Appropriation Bill, 2021 was read a first time.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 4

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 26th day of October, 2020 being S. I. 2020 No. 69 Parliament was empowered to meet from the 27th day of October, 2020 with some Members present in the Chambers and others participating virtually for the purpose of complying with the physical distancing and related protocols made in consequence of the existence in Barbados of a state of public health emergency which renders it impracticable for all Members of the House of Assembly and the Senate to meet physically;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Standing Order 65(2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly a Minister, from the Lower House or from the Other Place, for the purposes of being questioned by the Committee, is permitted to leave his place and sit with his Permanent Secretary in a place designated by the Chairman of Committees;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the designated place be the Committee Room of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Standing Order 28(21) of the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly a Member moving a motion or speaking in reply is required to be physically present in the Chamber;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient for the duration of the examination of the Estimates by the Standing Finance Committee for the Member moving the particular Head and speaking in reply to make his presentation virtually;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House empowers the Chairman of Committees to designate the Committee Room of Parliament as the place where examination by the Standing Finance Committee of the Head of the relevant Ministry is to be conducted;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purpose of the examination of the Estimates that the Member moving the particular Head and speaking in reply be allowed to make that presentation virtually from the said Committee Room,

and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Resolution be passed.

The motion was passed.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended to 4.55 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2020 – 2021 No. 10

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

RESOLVED that the sum of SEVENTEEN MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020-2021 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 10, 2020-2021 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE**Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 10**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1-9	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 33 – MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS Program 044: Government Printing Services Subprogram 0050: Printing Department <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>	330440050	\$ 34,500	\$	\$ 4,546,380
Program 243: Corrective and Rehabilitative Services Subprogram 0252: Prisons Department <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	332430252	314,808		942,940
HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS Program 423: Personal Social Services Delivery Program Subprogram 0428: National Assistance Board <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	354230428	10,068,670	4,457,000	1,216,107
HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES Program 518: Barbados Water Authority Subprogram 0542: Barbados Water Authority <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>	815180542	200,000		365,000

SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 10 – *Cont'd*

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–9	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY Program 160: Measures to Stimulate Increased Crop Production Subprogram 0636: Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	831600636	1,500,000	5,957,000	1,689,925
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS Program 360: Primary Health Care Services Subprogram 0408: Maurice Byer Polyclinic <i>Account Code: 785 – Assets under Construction</i>	863600408	224,707	2,100,000	285,041
HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING Program 271: Basic Educational Development Subprogram 0278: Special Schools <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	872710278	3,928,400		240,000
Subprogram 0571: Nursery and Primary Schools <i>Account Code: 103 – Employers Contributions</i> <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	872710571	11,132,261		850,000
Program 273: Tertiary Subprogram 0287: Higher Education Awards <i>Account Code: 314 – Grants to Individuals</i>	872730287	463,557	4,254,456	487,237
		1,000,000		157,000

SCHEDULE – Concl'd

Supplementary Estimates 2020 – 2021 No. 10 – Concl'd

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2020 – 2021	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1–9	Supplementary Provision Required
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		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 92 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY, SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP Program 114: Energy and Natural Resources Subprogram 0154: Natural Resources Department <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	921140154	600,000		375,756
Program 128: Micro Enterprise Development Subprogram 0157: Micro Enterprise Development (FUNDACCESS) <i>Account Code: 416 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	921280157		6,000,000	6,500,000

and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that Head 33 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

Head 33 was passed.

HEAD 35 – MINISTRY OF PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT AND ELDER AFFAIRS – \$1,212,107.00

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke and moved seconded by Hon. R. R. Straughn that Head 35 stand part.
Head 35 was passed.

HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES – \$365,000.00

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke and moved seconded by Hon. R. R. Straughn that Head 81 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke in reply.

Head 81 was passed.

HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY – \$1,689,925.00

Hon. P. R. Phillips spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that Head 83 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. P. R. Phillips spoke in reply.

Head 83 was passed.

HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$609,749.00 (as amended)

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 86 stand part.

Head 86 was passed.

**HEAD 87 – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL
TRAINING – \$1,734,237.00**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and on his motion seconded by Hon. J. A. King Head 87 was passed.

**HEAD 92 – MINISTRY OF ENERGY, SMALL BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP – \$6,875,756.00**

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 92 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke in reply.

Head 92 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution in the Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of the Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall who spoke seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to Monday, 15th March, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.00 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 _____, 2021.

Speaker.

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