



# 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 11th day of February, 2020, 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. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> ) |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )   | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology   |
| 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. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )   |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )   | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i> )  |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )  | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> )                              |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )   | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i> )   |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )  | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill   |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs</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> )   | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</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. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )   |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</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. K. D. Symmonds, B. A., LL.B. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), 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*), Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*) and Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*).

Mr. Deputy 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, 20th December, 2019, Tuesday 14th January 2020 and Tuesday 28th January 2020 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.

**PAPERS**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic by command laid the following:

1. Annual Reports of the Judicial Council for the Years 2016, 2017 and 2018.
2. Ministerial Statement on Feed-in-Tariffs and Auctions for Renewable Energy Technologies.
3. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Caves of Barbados Ltd. for the Financial Years ended March 31, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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

Annual Report of the Barbados Prison Service for the Year 2018.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic by command laid the following:

1. Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Management of St. James Secondary School for the Financial Years Ended March 31, 2009 to March 31, 2011.
2. Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Management of Deighton Griffith Secondary School for the Years Ended March 31, 2017 and 2018.
3. Audited Financial Statements of the Student Revolving Loan Fund for the Years Ended March 31, 2018 and 2019.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Exchange Control (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic 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.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Sitting was suspended at 10.35 a.m. to 11.05 a.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

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

Resolution to grant the sum of \$3,565,744 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. 12, 2019–2020 which form the Schedule to the Resolution.

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill was appointed Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 13**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. G. W. Payne the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair on the following Resolution:

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR 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. 12, 2019–2020 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

**SCHEDULE**  
**Supplementary Estimates 2019 – 2020 No. 12**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2019 – 2020	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos.1–11	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION <b>Program 650: Preservation and Conservation of the Terrestrial and Marine Environment</b> Subprogram 0420: We Gathering Vision 2020 <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	826500420	\$  122,000	\$	\$  748,800
HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS <b>Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services</b> Subprogram 7045: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i> <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i> <i>Account Code: 753 – Furniture and Fixtures</i>	860407045	1,173,378  2,618,835  0		311,500  14,000  55,000
Subprogram 0361: Technical Management Services <i>Account Code: 785 – Assets Under Construction</i>	860400361	400,000		800,000
HEAD 90 – MINISTRY OF CREATIVE ECONOMY, CULTURE AND SPORTS <b>Program 425: Promotion of Sporting Achievement &amp; Fitness</b> Subprogram 0432: National Sports Council <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i>	904250432	12,265,799		1,636,444

and moved that Head 82 stand part.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. P. R. Phillips began to speak.

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

Hon. P. R. Phillips concluded his speech.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Chairman reported progress to Mr. Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair and asked leave to sit again.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m.

At 1.10 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Standing Finance Committee, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

**HEAD 82 (resumed)**

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke in reply.

Head 82 was passed.

**HEAD 86 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – \$1,180,500.00**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that Head 86 stand part.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. J. A. King spoke.

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

Head 86 was passed.

**HEAD 90 – MINISTRY OF CREATIVE ECONOMY, CULTURE  
AND SPORTS – \$1,636,444**

Hon. J. A. King spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that Head 90 stand part.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. G. W. Payne seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Chairman reported to Mr. Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. G. W. Payne the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was suspended at 4.20 p.m. to 4.35 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

**PAPERS (recommitted)**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic by command laid:

The Health Services (Communicable and Notifiable Diseases (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic gave notice of the Resolution Life Assurance Company Limited (Transfer of Bonds) Bill, 2020.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Resolution Life Assurance Company Limited (Transfer of Bonds) Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 8**

**CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (MOVEMENT OF SKILLED NATIONALS)**

**BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) Act, Cap. 186A;

- (a) to revise the categories of persons who are eligible to be recognised as skilled community nationals;
- (b) to revise provisions relating to the indefinite stay of skilled community nationals and the dependants of skilled community nationals in Barbados; and
- (c) for related matters,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

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

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

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.

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

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

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

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the House went into Committee, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and amended.

Clauses 2 to 14 and the First to the Fifth Schedule were called and passed without amendment.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic 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.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the House was adjourned to Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

At 8.38 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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