



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, the 21st day of October, 2025, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)
His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) (<i>Acting Prime Minister wef 14th October, 2025</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) (<i>Acting Attorney General wef 18th October, 2025</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. |
| | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Educational Transformation</i>) |

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security and the Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*), Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of Training and Tertiary Education*) and Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

Mr. Speaker recognized the presence of 5th Form Students of St. Leonards Boys' Secondary School accompanied by their teacher Mrs. Sharon Earle and extended a warm welcome.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Bills following were read a first time:

- The Barbados National Energy Company (Transfer and Vesting of Assets) Bill, 2025;
- The Copyright Bill, 2025.

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

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 10****COPYRIGHT BILL, 2025**

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. Symmonds to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to revise the law of copyright,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 12.25 p.m. to 12.35 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, the Sitting was suspended at 12.43 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, the Sitting was suspended at 3.10 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 185 were called in 12 Parts and passed on separate motions of Hon. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid 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. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 3.50 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss. S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 28th October, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.05 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
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Speaker.

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