

## 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 November, 2023, 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)

Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.

- Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)
- Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.
- Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.
- Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)
- Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Deputy Prime Minister) (Senior Minister) (Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources)
- Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (*Minister* of Home Affairs and Information)
- Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development)
- Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip.Theology
- Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security)

- Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (Minister of Environment and National Beautification)
- Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment)
- Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (Chairman of Committees)
- Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour,* Social Security and the Third Sector)
- Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness)
- Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs)
- Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs)
- Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.
- Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.
- Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training)
- Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources)
- Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology)
- Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General)
- Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs

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#### ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (Senior Minister) (Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (Minister of Tourism and International Transport).

#### PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

#### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 14th November, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

#### PAPERS

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

• Audited Financial Statements of the Ellerslie School for the year ended March 31, 2020.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

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

• Resolution to approve the Barbados Physical Development Plan as amended 2023.

#### FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the following Bill was read a first time:

National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2023.

#### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43, 44 and 56 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 9** 

#### NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called for Hon. C. E. Jordan to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Cap. 47 to amend the law relating to the system of national insurance and social security by establishing a body corporate to administer the system and perform the functions relating to national insurance and social security hitherto administered and performed by the Department of National Insurance and to make better provision for self-employed persons, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde that the Bill be read a second time.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

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#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 1.25 p.m. to 2.35 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)**

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

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1, 2 (as amended), 3, 4, 5 (as amended) and 6 to 15 and the First, Second (as amended) and Third (as amended) Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan 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. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 5th December, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.42 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

#### N. R. JONES, Q.C. Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2023.

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Speaker.

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