



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 July, 2026, 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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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>)(<i>Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Finance</i>) |
| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) | Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) | Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C. (<i>Senior Minister</i>)(<i>Attorney General</i>) | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Public and Private Investment</i>) | Dr. the Hon. D. I. Ishmael, D.B.A., M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Education Transformation</i>) |
| | Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice</i>) |
| | Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| | Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) |
| | Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc. |
| | Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C. |

ABSENT

Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min., Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*), Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment*) and Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

OBITUARY

The House observed a moment of silence in honour of the passing of The Right Excellent Sir Garfield Sobers, National Hero of Barbados.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 2nd March, 2026; Tuesday, 23rd June, 2026; Tuesday, 30th June, 2026; and Tuesday, 7th July, 2026 were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker announced that Ms. Keisha Howell, Staff member was Acting Deputy Marshal in place of Mr. Adrian Craigwell, who was on vacation leave.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Beneficial Ownership Transparency and Register Bill, 2026 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. W. A. Abrahams, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 6

PROTECTION OF WAGES BILL, 2026 (resumed)

Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

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

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill 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 to 6 and 7 (as amended) to 10 were called and passed on the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

Clauses 11 to 13 and 14 (as amended) to 20 were called and passed on the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

Clauses 21 to 24 and 25 (as amended) to 33 were called and passed on the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds 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. K. D. Symmonds the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 9

Resolution that the Honourable the House of Assembly concur in the amendment made by the Honourable the Senate to the State (Acquisition and Vesting of Property) (No. 2) Bill, 2026.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 28th July, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 2.23 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Speaker.

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