



# 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 Friday the 21st day of December, 2018, 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 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. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )                  | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )                                 |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )                                 | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i> )                                |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )                                | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i> )     |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i> )  | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> )                  |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i> )    | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i> )                             |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )                                       | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill   |
| 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> ) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )   |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</i> )  | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i> )    |
|   | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</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. 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. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification*), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*) and Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations*).

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 5.45 p.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 14th December, 2018 were deferred on the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker read the following Messages:

**MESSAGE**

**from**

**THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE**

**to**

**THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly that at its Sitting on **Wednesday 19th December, 2018** the **Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2018 and the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2018** were amended in the terms as cited below.

In the **Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2018** at Clause 2 the definition of “*CARICOM*” was deleted and the following substituted therefor:

“Community” or “*CARICOM*” means the Caribbean Community established by Article 2 of the Treaty and includes the *CARICOM* Single Market and Economy signed as Nassau, the Bahamas on 5th July, 2001.;

and placed after the definition “code share information”.

And the definition of “*Treaty*” was deleted.

In the **Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2018** at Clause 2 the paragraph (i) was deleted.

**AND** the Honourable the Senate transmits the Amended Bills to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendments to the Bills.

**Dated the 19th day of December, 2018.**

**PRESIDENT**

**MESSAGE****from****THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE****to****THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to extend its compliments to the Honourable the House of Assembly and to reply to the Message from the House inviting the Senate to appoint four Senators to a Joint Select Committee on the **Public Finance Management Bill, 2018**.

The Senate is pleased to appoint:

**Senator the Hon. Miss K. C. McConney**

**Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.**

**Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc., (Econ. & Mgmt.), M.Phil Econ.**

**Senator A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.**

to constitute the Joint Committee with Members of the House of Assembly, and to offer every good wish for the deliberations of the Committee.

**Dated the 19th day of December, 2018.**

**PRESIDENT****PAPERS**

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

1. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Sandy Lane Hotel Co. Limited) Order, 2018.
2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Ray Carter Fabrications Inc.) Order, 2018.
3. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Sir Elliott Belgrave) Order, 2018.
4. Value Added Tax (Stefan Clarke) Order, 2018.

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

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 7**

Resolution to seek the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2018 and the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson who spoke seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2018 were rejected and on the motion of Hon. R. St. C. Toppin seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the amendment made by the Honourable the Senate to the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2018 was concurred in.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke and moved seconded by the Hon. K. D. Symmonds the following amendments to the Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2018:

In Clause 2 of the Bill

- (a) Delete the definition of “Community” or “CARICOM” and substitute the following:

“CARICOM means the Caribbean Community established by the Treaty.”

and insert in the appropriate alphabetical order.

- (b) Insert in the appropriate alphabetical order the following definition:

“Treaty” means the *Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy*, that was signed in the Bahamas on 5th July, 2001.

The motion was passed.

The Resolution was passed in part and it was decided that a Message be sent to the Honourable the Senate regarding the amendments to the Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke and moved the adjournment of the House to Tuesday, 15th January, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 6.10 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.



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Friday, 21st December, 2018.

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