



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 14th 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*)
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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B.
(<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance,
Economic Affairs, Culture, Security,
Public Service, CARICOM and the
Development Commissions</i>) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc.
(<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign
Trade and Business Development</i>) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip.
Theology |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture,
Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior
Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Foreign Trade</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment
and National Beautification</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A.
(Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and
Maintenance</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</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, Works
and Water Resources</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of
Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S.,
F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (<i>Senior
Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the
Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Attorney
General, Acting</i>) (<i>Minister of Home
Affairs and Information</i>) | 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 (<i>Minister of Education,
Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of
Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i>) |
| | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Minister of State in the Office
of the Attorney General</i>)
and
Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |

ABSENT

Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*), 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*) and Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 7th November, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker made a Statement on the reported missing artefacts from the National Heroes Gallery and Museum of the Barbados Parliament on Wednesday, 11th October, 2023.

Mr. Speaker read the following:

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, 8th November, 2023** the **Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2023** was amended in the terms as cited below.

Clause 4 (a) was amended by deleting the word '*physical*' appearing in the last paragraph.

AND the Honourable the Senate transmits the Amended Bill to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendment to the Bill.

Dated the 8th day of November, 2023.


PRESIDENT

PAPERS

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Brashaw by command laid the following:-

1. Medium Term Debt Management Strategy 2023-2024 to 2025-2026.
2. Barbados Physical Development Plan Amendment – October 2023.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the Land Acquisition Act, Cap. 228 the compulsory acquisition by the State of parcels of land situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedules* for the public purpose of regularizing a squatters' housing area.

ORDERS OF THE DAY SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Brashaw 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. 9

DEBT (NATURAL DISASTER AND PANDEMIC DEFERMENT OF PAYMENT) (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2023 (resumed)

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to resume the Debate.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

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

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands.

Clause 2 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn 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. R. R. Straughn 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. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the Sitting was suspended until 3.10 p.m.

At 2.03 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

Resolution to seek the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly in the amendment made by the Honourable the Senate to the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)
ORDER NO. 10
COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT WORK HALL, ST. PHILIP
FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF REGULARIZING
A SQUATTERS' HOUSING AREA

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on the following:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the compulsory acquisition by the State of parcels of land situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedules* for the public purpose of regularizing a squatters' housing area.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Arthur Pounder situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 9 853.1 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a road in common leading to Highway 5 in one direction on a right of way 4.88 metres wide on lands now or late of Martha Hawkesworth on lands now or late of Kevin Gobin *et al* on lands now or late of Jonathan Henry on lands now or late of Reynold White on Lots 4, 3 and 2 on lands now or late of Scofield Alleyne (Lot 1) and on a public road or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

SECOND SCHEDULE

FIRSTLY ALL THAT land the property of Reynold White situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 43.2 square metres in road or thereabouts abutting and bounding on other lands now or late of Reynold White on lands now or late of Maureen Butcher (Lot 9) and on a public road or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022;

SECONDLY ALL THAT land the property of Reynold White situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 86.1 square metres in road or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Arthur Pounder on lands now or late of Jonathan Henry on a road and on other lands now or late of Reynold White or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

THIRD SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Jonathan Henry situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 2 377.3 square metres (including 187.5 square metres in road) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Arthur Pounder on lands now or late of Kevin Gobin *et al* on lands now or late of Beresford Smith and on a road on two sides and on other

lands now or late of Reynold White or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Beresford Smith situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 1 678.5 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Gwendolyn Browne on lands now or late of Abel Scott on a road on lands now or late of Jonathan Henry and on lands now or late of Kevin Gobin *et al* or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Kevin Gobin *et al* situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 1 000.6 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Martha Hawkesworth on lands now or late of Gwendolyn Browne on lands now or late of Beresford Smith on lands now or late of Jonathan Henry and on lands now or late of Arthur Pounder or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

SIXTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Martha Hawkesworth situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 992.4 square metres (including 156.7 square metres in right of way) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a right of way 4.88 metres wide on lands now or late of Elizabeth Alleyne on lands now or late of Gwendolyn Browne on lands now or late of Kevin Gobin *et al* and on lands now or late of Arthur Pounder or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Gwendolyn Browne situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 141.0 in square metres in right of way or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a right of way 4.88 metres wide on lands now or late of Elizabeth Alleyne on a right of way 4.88 metres wide which leads to a cul-de-sac in one direction and on other lands now or late of Gwendolyn Browne and on lands now or late of Martha Hawkesworth or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022,

and moved seconded Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the Resolution be approved.

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 11

RESOLUTION TO SEEK THE CONCURRENCE OF THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called, the Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Resolution be passed.

The motion was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned until Tuesday, 21st November, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, J.P.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2023.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 14th November, 2023.

Government Printing Department.