



# 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 Tuesday the 15th day of January, 2019, 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. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )   | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade</i> )         |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. ( <i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service</i> ) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology   |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )   | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )                                 |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i> )     |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )   | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> )                  |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )   | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i> )                             |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )  | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill   |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i> )  | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B. Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</i> )             |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i> )  | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )   |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B. A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</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. G. W. Payne, Q.C. (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F. D.R.C.S., M.Min. (*Minister of Transport, Works and Maintenance*), Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Energy and Water Resources*) and Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (*Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment*).

Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

Mr. Speaker spoke extending welcome and New Year greetings.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Friday, 14th December, 2018, Tuesday, 18th December, 2018 and Friday, 21st December, 2018 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

**PAPERS**

The Hon. D. G. Sutherland by command laid the following:

The Annual Reports of the Barbados Agency for Micro Enterprise Development Ltd. (FundAccess) for the Financial Years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

**REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES**

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and laid the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Public Finance Management Bill, 2018.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Employment Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson 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. 8****EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. C. E. Jordan to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Employment Rights Act 2012-9 to provide for the requirement of an oath or affirmation of office to be taken by a person who is appointed to the Employment Rights Tribunal.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a matter of privilege.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended until 2.00 p.m.

At 12.18 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 8 (resumed)**

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

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

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. C. E. Jordan seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

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

**ORDER NO. 9**

Resolution to adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Public Finance Management Bill, 2018.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution be passed.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of order.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey began to speak.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled no point of order.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey concluded his speech.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended until 5.45 p.m.

At 5.25 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)**

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds withdrew certain remarks which were struck from the record.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.

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

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Sitting was suspended for 5 minutes.

At 9.15 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

**ORDER NO. 4**

**PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the third reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the improvement of the management of public finance in Barbados, the Hon. Member moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a third time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was passed and cited as the Public Finance Management Act, 2019.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER  
(recommitted)**

Mr. Speaker nominated the Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, His Honour G. A. Clarke and Mr. R. O. Thorne to the Standing Orders Committee.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the abovenamed Members were elected to the Standing Orders Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House was adjourned to Friday, 25th January, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

At 9.36 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.



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023**

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Tuesday, 15th January, 2019.

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