



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 24th day of February, 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>)(Online) | 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. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) |
| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Finance</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>) | Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning</i>) |
| Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. | Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C. (<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>) | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Education Transformation</i>) |
| Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) | Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice</i>) |
| Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</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. |

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Reverend Canon Mark Harewood.

OBITUARY

The House observed a moment of silence on the passing of former Parliamentarians, Mrs. Sybil F. Leacock, Mr. Edgar “Ginger” Bourne, and Mr. Neville G. A. Maxwell, former Speaker of the House of Assembly.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 20th February, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

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. 1****CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Constitution, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time. Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended until 1.30 p.m.

At 11.58 a.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle spoke.

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

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

Dr. W. F. Duguid began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Dr. W. F. Duguid resumed and concluded his speech.

Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended until 5.25 p.m.

At 5.15 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 2 were called on the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

Clause 3 (as amended) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. W. A. Abrahams seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

The House voting as follows:

Ayes: 29

Noes: Nil

Absentions: 1

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended until 7.15 p.m.

At 6.35 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

PAPERS (recommended)

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid the following:-

1. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure 2026-2027 including 2026-2027 Pro-forma financial statements.
2. Schedule of Personal Emoluments 2026-2027.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill by command laid the following:-

- Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. for the Years Ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommended)

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

1. Appropriation Bill, 2026.
2. Criminal Records (Rehabilitation of Offenders) (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
3. State (Acquisition and Vesting of Property) Bill, 2026.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommended)

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the following Bills were read a first time:-

1. Appropriation Bill, 2026.
2. Criminal Records (Rehabilitation of Offenders) (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
3. State (Acquisition and Vesting of Property) Bill, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke and moved seconded Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned until Monday, 2nd March, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
At 7.48 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, J.P.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

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

Speaker.

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