



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 18th day of June, 2019, pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- 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>) | 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>) |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i>) | Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</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>) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade</i>) |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</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>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</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

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*), Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*), Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations*), Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*).

Mr. Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m. in the absence of Mr. Speaker.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke welcoming back the Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw.

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The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 28th May, 2019 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr. Deputy Speaker announced that he was in receipt of the Special Audit of the Transport Board by the Auditor General.

PAPERS

Hon. K. D. Symmonds by command laid the following:

The National Cruise Development Commission Final Report of February, 2019.

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

1. National Insurance and Social Security (Insurable Earnings) Order, 2019; and
2. National Insurance and Social Security (Benefits) Order, 2019.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7

Hon. K. D. Symmonds began to speak on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Barbados has recognised that while the cruise industry has been recording significant growth over the last several years, outpacing land-based arrivals, cruise lines are reporting declining consumer interest in Barbados, due to the fact that its product offering, in general, and onshore tour capacity, in particular, has neither diversified nor expanded over the last decade.

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados established a National Cruise Development Commission on August 13, 2018 to provide for immediate implementation, a Mission Critical Plan to address the challenges currently facing the cruise sector in Barbados.

AND WHEREAS the Report of the National Cruise Development Commission, entitled “A New Dawn for Cruise Tourism in Barbados”, analyses the cruise tourism industry; examines current global trends in cruise tourism and the Barbados situation and gives recommendations needed to overcome the principal challenges confronting cruise tourism in Barbados.

AND WHEREAS the Report also examines the key infrastructure necessary for the cruise industry to operate at an optimum level including enhancing the Port experience for cruise passengers, improving road infrastructure and the need to improve the overall physical environment which often prevents cruise passengers from visiting tourist attractions or landmarks.

AND WHEREAS the Report provides key strategic approaches to cruise development including looking more closely at the European market, exploring mechanisms for growing summer cruise traffic and prioritizing training.

AND WHEREAS the Report provides recommendations as to how those public sector institutions involved in the cruise industry can play pivotal roles as intermediaries between the policy makers and private sector operators, so as to ensure that an appropriate regulatory mechanism is in place to facilitate the business community.

AND WHEREAS it is intended that the recommendations put forward by the Commission will contribute to a sustainable increase in the cruise industry-related economic benefits for Barbados.

AND WHEREAS the Cabinet on May 30, 2019 agreed that the Final Report submitted by the National Cruise Development Commission entitled “A New Dawn for Cruise Tourism in Barbados” be laid in Parliament.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados take note of the Final Report of the National Cruise Development Commission.

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

Hon. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech and gave way.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Sitting was suspended until 2.00 p.m.

At 12.45 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Hon. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech and gave way.

Further consideration of the Resolution was postponed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS (recommitted)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley made a statement re: Land Taxes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Hon. K. D. Symmonds resumed and concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Resolution be passed.

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic spoke.

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Sitting was suspended to 5.05 p.m.

At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

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

Hon. E. G. Hinkson rose and spoke.

Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.

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

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

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

Hon. J. A. King spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke in reply.

The motion was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was adjourned until Tuesday, 9th July, 2019.

At 8.55 p.m. Mr. Deputy 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.

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