



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 22nd day of November, 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. 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. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) |
| 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>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</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. J. A. King, B.S.S. (*Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports*), Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill and Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*).

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

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 12th November, 2019 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr. Deputy Speaker recognized the presence of and welcomed members of the Guild of Undergraduates of UWI – Cave Hill Campus.

PAPERS

Hon. E. G. Hinkson by command laid the Immigration (Students) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid the Barbados National Oil Company Limited (BNOCL) Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2016.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the following Bills were read a first time:

1. The Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2019; and
2. The Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 13

SACRAMENTAL CANNABIS BILL, 2019

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for a person of the Rastafarian religion and for the Rastafarian congregations to use cannabis as a sacrament in worship at a place of worship, and for related purposes, the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Bill and to substitute a corrected Bill.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Sitting was suspended to 1.30 p.m.

At 12.35 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 13 (resumed)

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

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

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

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

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke on a point of order.

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

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke on a point of order.
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.
 Hon. I. A. Weir spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. Deputy Speaker spoke.
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his speech.
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.
 Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.
 Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.
 The Bill was read a second time.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Mr. R. A. Thorne was appointed temporary Chairman of Committees for the Sitting.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. R. A. Thorne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 were called and were passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 6 was called.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved that Clause 6(4)(b) be amended by deletion of the word “12” and substitute the word “14”. The motion was seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

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Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

The Chairman spoke.

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Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Clause 6 as amended was passed.

Clauses 7 to 15 and the First and Second Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

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

ORDER NO. 12

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House resolved itself into the Standing Finance Committee, Mr. R. A. Thorne in the Chair.

On the Order being called for Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic to move the passing of a Resolution to grant the sum of TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019-2020. the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Resolution and to substitute an amended Resolution:

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on the following substituted Resolution:

Resolved that the sum of ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019-2020 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 7 2019-2020 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE
Supplementary Estimates 2019 – 2020 No. 7

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2019 – 2020	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1-6	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
HEAD 15 – CABINET OFFICE Program 070: Cabinet Secretariat Subprogram 7020: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 230 – Contingencies</i>	150707020	\$ 152,000	\$	\$ 1,000,000
HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL Program 040: Direction and Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 0240: Forensic Services <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>	300400240	150,000		850,000

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that Head 15 Stand Part.

The motion was passed.

HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – \$850,000.00

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall who spoke seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith Head 30 was passed.

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the Chairman reported to the Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

PAPERS (recommitted)

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic by command laid the Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Bank of New York Mellon Corporation) Order, 2019.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic gave notice of the following:

Resolution to grant the sum of ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2019-2020.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was adjourned to Tuesday, 26th November, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6:15 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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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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