



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a hybrid meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 26th day of October, 2021, at 10.00 a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, 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. 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 Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) (Online) | 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. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i>) |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector</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 Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>)
and
Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. |

ABSENT

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C., Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship*), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture and Food Security*), Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*) and Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker recognised the presence of Miss Aarti Harnarine accompanied by parent Mr. Harnarine.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 12th October, 2021 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Minutes of the meetings of the Joint Meeting of the Honourable the House of Assembly and the Honourable the Senate held on Wednesday 20th October, 2021 and the Minutes of the Honourable the House of Assembly held on Wednesday, 20th October, 2021 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Mr. Speaker read the following Message:



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
BARBADOS

MESSAGE No. /2021

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

*Her Excellency the Governor-General hereby informs The Honourable
The House of Assembly of the following:*

*“Section 60(1) of the Constitution provides that each session of
Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the
Governor-General may appoint”.*

*Her Excellency hereby informs the The Honourable The House of
Assembly that by proclamation dated 25th day of October, 2021, that
Her Excellency appointed the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ
Church as the place at which the continued session of Parliament shall be
held and 10:00 hours in the morning on Tuesday, 26th day of October, 2021,
as the time at which the said session shall commence.*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'S. L. ...'.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
BARBADOS.

26th October, 2021

PROCLAMATION

S.I. 2021 No. 72



By Her Excellency Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of St. Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Governor-General of Barbados.

S. MASON
Governor-General

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is provided by section 60(1) of the *Constitution* that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the Governor-General may appoint:

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 18th day of October, 2021 the Governor-General appointed the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill, Saint Michael as the place at which the Joint Meeting of both Houses of Parliament should be held on 20th October, 2021 at 10:00 hours in the morning:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to continue the session of Parliament at the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church with effect from the 26th day of October, 2021:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority in me vested, I, Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of St. Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Governor-General of Barbados, DO HEREBY APPOINT the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church as the place at which the session of Parliament shall be held on 26th October, 2021 and 10:00 in the morning as the time at which the said session shall commence.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of Barbados this 25th day of October, 2021, and in the seventieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the following:
Barbados National Honours and Decorations Bill, 2021.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Barbados National Honours and Decorations Bill, 2021 was read a first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King 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 SETTLEMENT (ARREARS) BILL, 2021

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to enable the Government of Barbados to settle its obligations due to certain persons and make provision for the creation and issuance of Series J Bonds to those persons, the Hon. Member began to speak.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley interjected.

Mr. Speaker directed that certain remarks by Hon. R. R. Straughn be withdrawn.

Hon. R. R. Straughn withdrew the remarks and resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Sitting was suspended to 2.45 p.m.

At 1.23 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)

Hon. D. D. Marshall began to speak.

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

Hon. D. D. Marshall concluded his speech.

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

ORDER NO. 10**BARBADOS NATIONAL HONOURS AND DECORATIONS BILL, 2021**

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that the Bill be read a second time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

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

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 3) was called and passed.

Part 2 (Clauses 4 to 21) was called.

Hon. D. D. Marshall moved seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips that Clause 7 be amended.

Part 2 as amended was passed.

Part 3 (Clauses 22 to 23); Part 4 (Clauses 24 to 27); and the First to the Sixth Schedules were called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips 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. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

PAPERS (recommitted)

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

The Government of Barbados Mid-Year Review Report April – September, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 2nd November, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.02 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2021.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
WORTHING CORPORATE CENTRE
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SECOND SESSION OF 2018 – 2023

MINUTES

Tuesday, 26th October, 2021.

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