



# 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 Friday the 19th day of October, 2018, 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. G. W. Payne, Q.C. ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i> )  | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology   |
| 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. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )                                 |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )   | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i> )                                |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</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> )                             |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )   | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill   |
| 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. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</i> )              |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</i> )  | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i> )    |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade</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> ) |
|   | and  |
|   | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> ) |

**ABSENT**

Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (*Minister of International Business and Industry*), Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*).

Mr. 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, 9th October, 2018 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

**PAPERS**

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle by command laid the following:

1. Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation (BERT) Plan.

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

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 3****RESOLUTION TO TAKE NOTE OF THE GREEN PAPER****ON PLANNING LAW REFORM**

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Barbados has determined that there should be a modernized strategic approach to physical development planning in Barbados, with a view to making the planning process more transparent and efficient, through the development of a Green Paper on Planning Law Reform.

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that a modern, fit-for-purpose Town Planning system and the requisite land use policy are vital cogs in any system established to transform the socio-economic landscape of Barbados.

AND WHEREAS it is accepted that land use planning is an integral part of the process of national growth and development and that economic decisions to focus on tourism, manufacturing industry or agricultural development as the basis for Barbados' economic development must be translated into land-use terms.

AND WHEREAS the strategic approach informs the thrust of the Government as it seeks to develop new planning legislation which epitomizes good governance, efficiency, transparency and consistency; and which supports high quality, sustainable development for current and future generations.

AND WHEREAS this new approach calls for the orderly and progressive development of lands, taking cognizance of the need for: effective regulation of land development; planning obligations; enforcement of decisions and the right of appeal.

AND WHEREAS the strategic approach has at its core, the improvement in the quality and speed of the delivery of services in Barbados, in particular Town and Country Planning permissions, to promote doing business with ease.

AND WHEREAS the Green Paper on Planning Law Reform in Barbados has as its five (5) goals: transparency and accountability, openness and inclusiveness, efficiency and effectiveness, sustainable development and fit for purpose.

AND WHEREAS this Green Paper on Planning Law Reform in Barbados, with its clear articulation of policy direction prescribes the role of the Minister, the Chief Town Planner, the applicants, Private Sector and the general public in the holistic and all-embracing development of a modernized legislative frame work and planning system.

AND WHEREAS the Cabinet on September 18th, 2018 approved the Green Paper on Planning Law Reform in Barbados and agreed that it should be laid in Parliament.

BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament take note of the Green Paper on Planning Law Reform in Barbados.

and moved seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Resolution be approved.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak and gave way.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill the Sitting was suspended until 2.30 p.m.

At 1.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. E. G. Hinkson gave notice of the following:

1. National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018.
2. Local Loans (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

and on his motion seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Orders 6 and 7 on the Order Paper namely:

1. National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018; and
2. Local Loans (Amendment) Bill, 2018 were withdrawn.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King the following Bills were read a first time:

1. National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018.
2. Local Loans (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**

**ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)**

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

Hon. C. E. Jordan began to speak.

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

Mr. Speaker ruled no point of order.

Hon. C. E. Jordan concluded his speech.

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

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

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams further consideration of the Resolution was postponed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by His Honour G. A. Clarke the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd October, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.35 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Speaker.

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