



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 11th day of August, 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. 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. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Finance</i>) |
| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) | Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning</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. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C. (<i>Senior Minister</i>)(<i>Attorney General</i>) | Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Dr. the Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc., D.B.A. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Public and Private Investment</i>) | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice</i>) |
| Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) | Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) | Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) |
| Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) | Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc. |
| | Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C. |

ABSENT

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security*), Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min., Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*), Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. and Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister of Education Transformation*).

PRAVERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 7th August, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

PAPERS

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid:

- Agreement for the Establishment of a Conditional Credit Line for Investment Projects (CCLIP) BA-O0011-Mains Replacement and Non-Revenue Water Reduction Program in Barbados.

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 day's Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 9****DOMESTIC TERRORISM BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called for Hon. W. A. Abrahams to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the penalization of persons who commit acts of domestic terrorism, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. M. A. Lashley who spoke that the Bill be read a second time.

Ms. T. Trotman spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

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

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

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. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw the House went into Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands 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. G. P. B. Nicholls the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 7**COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT EBENEZER, ST. PHILIP**

On the Order being called to move the passing of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the Land Acquisition Act, Cap. 228, approve the compulsory acquisition by the State of the parcel of land the property of The Ebenezer Methodist Church situate at Ebenezer in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island and more particularly described in the Schedule hereto for the public purpose of housing development.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of The Ebenezer Methodist Church situate at Ebenezer in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 8940.7 square metres Abutting and Bounding on lands now or late of Syndey Forde on lands now or late of Clyde Sealy on lands now or late of Dawnay Lashley and on a public road known as Highway 4B which leads to Sunbury Tenantry in one direction and to Highway 5 in the other direction on lands now or formerly of Edgumbe Plantation (Cart Road) on other lands now or formerly of Edgumbe Plantation or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Sekani H.C. Franklin, Land Surveyor, on the 30th day of September, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 16th day of October, 2024 as Plan No. 1662/2024.

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss K. S. McConney who spoke, that the Resolution be passed.

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, the Sitting was suspended at 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 8

ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION AND PASSENGER NAME

RECORD BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the collection, transmission, sharing, storage and regulation of Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Records, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

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

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 53 were called in 8 parts and the First to the Sixth Schedules and were passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (recommitted)

Mr. D. G. Sutherland laid the Report of the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on Economic and Productive Sectors on the Immigration Bill, 2026 and the Barbados Citizenship Bill, 2026 dated the 11th August, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the adjournment of the House to 15th September, 2026.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 6.07 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

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

Speaker.

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