



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 16th day of September, 2025, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security and the Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Training and Tertiary Education</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</i>) | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. |
| | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Educational Transformation</i>) |

ABSENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*), Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*), Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*)(*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*) (*Leader of Government Business*), Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister*)(*Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office*), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*), Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*), Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. and Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment*).

The absence of Mr. Speaker was announced.
Mr. Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 15th July, 2025 and Tuesday, 29th July, 2025 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

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

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 4****INTEGRATED COASTAL AND MARINE MANAGEMENT BILL, 2025**

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to (a) repeal and replace the Coastal Zone Management Act, Cap. 394; (b) Increase the ambit and focus of the Coastal Zone Management Unit to incorporate disaster risk management, as it relates to coasts and coastal resources of Barbados;

Hon. W. A. Abrahams sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Bill.

ORDER NO. 7**TOURIST ACCOMMODATION BILL, 2025**

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the licensing, designation, classification, registration, regulation, monitoring and inspection of tourist accommodation,

Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce Order No.7 and Order No. 6 in a cognate debate.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the Sitting was suspended at 12.00 p.m. to 12.10 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR (recommitted)

Mr. Deputy Speaker read the following:



PRIME MINISTER
BARBADOS

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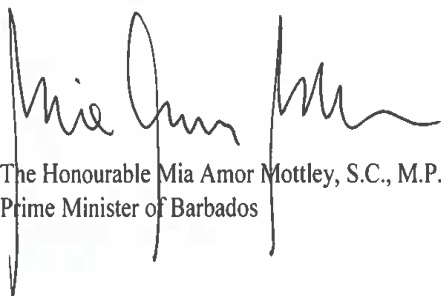
His Honour Neil G. H. Rowe, J.P., M.P.
Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly
Parliament of Barbados
Parliament Buildings
Trafalgar Street
BRIDGETOWN

Dear Mr. Deputy Speaker

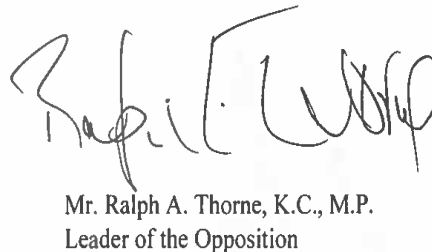
Section 32(1) of the *Constitution of Barbados* provides for the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to jointly nominate a person to be elected as President of Barbados.

I have the honour to inform you that Lieutenant Colonel the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, MVO has assented to the proposal to be nominated as President and Head of State of Barbados by myself as Prime Minister, and by the Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Ralph Thorne, K.C., M.P.

I therefore officially advise you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, of the joint nomination of Lieutenant Colonel the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, MVO by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in accordance with section 32(1) and (2) of the *Constitution of Barbados*.



The Honourable Mia Amor Mottley, S.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Barbados



Mr. Ralph A. Thorne, K.C., M.P.
Leader of the Opposition

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds, the Sitting was suspended at 12.20 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams by command laid:

- Barbados' Medium -Term Fiscal Framework 2026/2027 to 2028/2029.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams gave notice of:

- Resolution that the Barbados Fiscal Framework 2026/2027 to 2028/2029 be debated in Parliament and that any recommendations made in respect of the Fiscal Framework 2026/2027 to 2028/2029 be considered by Parliament

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke on point of elucidation.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds began to speak.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Sitting was suspended at 4.15 p.m. to 4.25 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO.7 (resumed)

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Parts 1 to 4 (Clauses 1 to 26) were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Part 5 (Clauses 27-33) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

Part 6 (Clauses 34-44) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

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

ORDER NO. 6
BARBADOS TOURISM PRODUCT AUTHORITY (REPEAL)
(TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to repeal the *Barbados Tourism Product Authority Act, 2014* (Act 2014-2) and transfer the assets of the Barbados Tourism Product Authority to Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. and the Ministry of Tourism and International Transport,

Hon. Member moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 10 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Schedule was called and passed on the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

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

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams by command laid:

- Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (The Marinara Inc.) Order, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams who spoke, seconded by Hon. R. R. Straughn, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 7th October, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.10 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Speaker.

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