



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Friday, the 8th day of August, 2025, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to Standing Order 6.9.

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. 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>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and 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>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office</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. |
| | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |
| | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Educational Transformation</i>) |

ABSENT

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker read the following letter:



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July 30th, 2025

His Honour Arthur E. Holder, S.C., M.P

Speaker of the House of Assembly

Parliament Buildings

Trafalgar Street

BRIDGETOWN

Your Honour,

The House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 12th August, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 6.9 of the Standing Orders of the Honourable the House of Assembly, I hereby submit that the public interest requires that the House should meet on an earlier day than that to which the House stands adjourned in order to debate the Firearms (Amendment) Bill 2025, Criminal Proceedings (Witness Anonymity) Bill 2025, Police (Amendment) Bill 2025, Juries Bill 2025 and the Interception of Communication Bill 2025.

Should you be satisfied that the public interest so requires, Government requests that the House should be summoned to meet Friday, August 8th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Government proposes that the business of the House should be that mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Santia'.

Hon. Santia J.O. Bradshaw, M.P.

Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of Government Business

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cc: The Clerk of Parliament

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, the Juries, Bill, 2025 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. D. D. Marshall, Standing Orders 6,16,18,20,42(5),43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 4

INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the interception of communications, the acquisition and disclosure of data relating to communications and the acquisition of the means by which the protected communications may be accessed and placed in an intelligible form and for connected purposes, the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill in a cognate debate with Orders Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Hon. D. D. Marshall began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

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

Hon. D. D. Marshall resumed and concluded his speech and moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 12.46 p.m. to 2.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, the Sitting was suspended at 4.05 p.m. to 4.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley 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. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 4); Part 2 (Clauses 5 to 14) (as amended); Part 3 (Clauses 15 to 24) (as amended); Part 4 (Clauses 25 to 31); and Part 5 (Clauses 32 to 37) were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The First Schedule (as amended) and the Second Schedule (as amended) 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. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time.

The Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to the House voting as follows:

Ayes: 27

Noes: Nil

Abstentions: Nil

ORDER NO. 1
FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Firearms Act, Cap. 179, the 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. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. 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. 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. 2
CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS (WITNESS ANONYMITY) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for securing the anonymity of witnesses in criminal proceedings and for related matters, the 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. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 10, 11 (as amended) and 12 to 29 were called in parts 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. 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. 3
POLICE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Police Act, Cap. 167 to:

- (a) provide for special constables to become public officers and to allow for them to enlist in the Police Service in certain additional circumstances;
- (b) bring the language of the Act into conformity with the *Constitution*;
- (c) provide for matters related to paragraphs (a) and (b)

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time. The motion was passed.

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

Clauses 1 to 32 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The First Schedule (as amended) and the Second Schedule 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. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 5
JURIES BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to revise the law relating to juries and to provide for related matters, the 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. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 2); Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 6); Part 3 (Clauses 7 to 11); Part 4 (Clauses 12 to 16); Part 5 (Clauses 17 to 23); Part 6 (Clauses 24 to 28); Part 7 (Clauses 29 to 36) and Part 8 (Clauses 37 to 48) were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Schedule was called and passed on the 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. 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.

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney by command laid the following:

- Amendatory Contract No. 5908/OC-BA, Amendment No. 1 “Barbados Climate Resilient South Coast Water Reclamation Project”
- Loan Contract No. 5985/GN-BA “Barbados Climate Resilient South Coast Water Reclamation Project”
- Nonreimbursable Investment Financing Agreement No. GRT/GN-21498 “Barbados Climate Resilient South Coast Water Reclamation Project”

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the following:

- Barbados Citizenship Bill, 2025; and
- Immigration Bill, 2025

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bills following were read a first time:

1. Barbados Citizenship Bill, 2025
2. Immigration Bill, 2025
3. Barbados Tourism Product Authority (Repeal) (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Bills, 2025; and
4. Tourist Accommodation Bill, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was adjourned.

At 7.35 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 _____, 2025.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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Friday, 8th August, 2025.

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