



# 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 Tuesday the 22nd day of October, 2019, 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> )  | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade</i> )   |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )                             | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology   |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                             | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )   |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )                                     | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i> )  |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )                                | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> )  |
| Hon. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i> )  | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i> )   |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce</i> )    | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill   |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )  | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations</i> )  |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )                                       | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</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 Transport, Works and Maintenance</i> ) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )   |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</i> )  | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i> ) and<br>Mr. N. G. H. Rowe ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> ) |

**ABSENT**

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. 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*), Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development*) and 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, 8th October, 2019 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL**

Mr. Speaker read the following:



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
BARBADOS

MESSAGE NO. /2019

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Her Excellency the Governor-General has the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that she will be absent from the country during the period 18th to 31st October, 2019 on duty leave followed by vacation leave.

Her Excellency further has the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29(1)(a) of the Constitution, Sir Kenneth Rudolph Hewitt, KA, CBE, BJH, will perform the functions of the Office of Governor-General for the period of Her Excellency's absence.

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Government House  
BARBADOS.  
17th October, 2019

**PAPERS**

Hon. W. A. Abrahams by command laid the following:

Audited Financial Statements for Barbados Water Authority for the Financial Years:

March 31, 2009, March 31, 2010, March 31, 2011, March 31, 2012, March 31, 2013, March 31, 2014.

the Hon. Member began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams completed his speech.

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

1. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (H. N. Rogers (Stationery) Limited) Order, 2019.
2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (University of the West Indies) (Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination) (No. ) Order, 2019.

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

2018 Annual Report of the Department of Emergency Management.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

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

Resolution to adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Medicinal Cannabis Industry Bill, 2019.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 8**

**AWARD OF PRIDE OF BARBADOS BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the conferment of the Award of Pride of Barbados on persons who are deserving of recognition by virtue of their humanitarian, social, religious or educational contribution to the development of each parish in Barbados and for related matters, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic the Sitting was suspended at 12.23 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 8 (resumed)**

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. J. A. King spoke.

Hon. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw began to speak.

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

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw resumed her speech.

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

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw resumed her speech.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. Speaker spoke.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak on a point of order.  
 Mr. Speaker spoke.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley resumed his point of order.  
 Mr. Speaker spoke.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. Speaker spoke.

#### **SUSPENSION**

The Sitting was suspended for 15 minutes on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic.

At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 8 (resumed)**

Mr. Speaker spoke having read an extract from the transcript of the speech of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw resumed her reply.  
 Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke on a point of order.  
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw concluded her reply.  
 The Bill was read a second time.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill was appointed temporary Chairman of Committees.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the House went into Committee, Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 6 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw 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. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

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

1. Police (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
2. Economic Partnership Agreement (Agreement between the Caribbean Community, the Dominican Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) Bill, 2019.

#### **FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)**

On the motion of Hon. E. G. Hinkson seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Police (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was read a first time.

On the motion of Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the Economic Partnership Agreement (Agreement between the Caribbean Community, the Dominican Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) Bill, 2019 was read a first time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the House was adjourned to Monday, 29th October, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.10 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023**

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**MINUTES**

Tuesday, 22nd October, 2019.

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