



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 28th day of January, 2025, 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*)

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</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. 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>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | 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>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. |
| | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</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>) |
| | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |

ABSENT

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. and Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 17th January, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 11**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
(STANDING) ON THE SOCIAL SECTOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT
ON THE HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024
AND THE PROPOSED HEALTH SERVICES
(NUISANCES) REGULATIONS, 2024**

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, that the Resolution be passed.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke when Mr. R. A. Thorne gave way.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 1.10 p.m. to 2.25 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)

Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.

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

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 4**HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024 (resumed)**

On the Order being called for, Hon. D. D. Marshall to resume the debate on the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Health Services Act, Cap. 44 to make provision for the imposition of administrative penalties and the removal and sanitary disposal of offensive matter, 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.

The objects and reasons to the Bill were amended on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 1 was called and passed with amendment on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 2 was called and passed with amendment on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 3 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 4 was called and on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall who spoke, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams was passed with amendment.

Clause 5 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 6 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall who spoke, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

Clause 7 was called and passed on the 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.

ORDER NO. 5

FOREIGN CURRENCY PERMITS BILL, 2024

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn, to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make better provision for the grant of a foreign currency permit to any qualified person that earns 100 per cent of its annual income in foreign currency and for related matters, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak and gave way.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, the Sitting was suspended at 6.20 p.m. to 6.25 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 5 (resumed)

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed and concluded his speech.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Part 1 Clauses 1 (as amended) and 2 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

Part 2 (Clauses 9 to 16) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

The First and Second Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan 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. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the House was adjourned to Friday, 7th February, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.20 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.

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