



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a virtual meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 23rd day of February, 2021, at 10.00 a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)

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

Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (*Minister of International Business and Industry*)

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*) (**Online**)

Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*)

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. (*Leader of the Opposition*)

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs*) (**Online**)

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)

Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology

Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture and Food Security*)

Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification*) (**Online**)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources*)

Hon. P. R. Phillips (*Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security*)

Hon. J. A. King, BSS (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office with Responsibility for Culture and the National Development Commission*)

Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector*)

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Chairman of Committees*)

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy*)

Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*)

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*)

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. (**Online**)

ABSENT

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C., 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. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship*), Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*) and Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Mr. Speaker read the following letter:



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
BARBADOS

Ref. No. GG: 2/S. 1A Vol. II

19th February, 2021

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I have the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that the Governor-General, Her Excellency Dame Sandra Mason, GCMG, DA, QC, has been granted vacation leave for the period 6th to 22nd February, 2021.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 29(1)(a) of the Constitution, I have taken the necessary Oaths to perform the functions of the Office of Governor-General during Her Excellency's absence.

As The Honourable The House of Assembly is not meeting at this time, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring the absence of Her Excellency formally to the attention of The Honourable The House of Assembly when next it meets.

*I have the honour to be,
Yours faithfully,*

ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL

*His Honour
The Speaker of The House of Assembly*

PAPERS

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

1. Post Office (Delivery) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
2. Post Office (Miscellaneous Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and on her motion seconded by Hon. J. A. King the National Payment System Bill, 2021 notice of which was given on 2nd February, 2021, was withdrawn and the revised Bill, notice of which was given on 20th February, 2021, was substituted therefor.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. J. A. King the revised National Payment System Bill, 2021 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. J. A. King Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 5

NATIONAL PAYMENT SYSTEM BILL, 2021

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to modernize the National Payment System and provide for its regulation and oversight and to provide for related matters,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill and the Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill, 2021 in a cognate debate.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall that the Bill be read a second time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle began to speak and gave way.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle resumed and concluded her 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. J. A. King the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 3); Part 2 (Clauses 4 to 7); Part 3 (Clauses 8 to 17); Part 4 (Clauses 18 to 27); Part 5 (Clauses 28 to 31); Part 6 (Clauses 32 to 35); Part 7 (Clauses 36 to 38); Part 8 (Clauses 39 to 43); Part 9 (Clauses 44 to 49); Part 10 (Clauses 50 to 51) were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

Part 11 (Clauses 52 to 53) (as amended) was passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

Part 12 (Clauses 54 to 57); Part 13 (Clauses 58 to 63);

The Schedule (as amended) was passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King 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. J. A. King the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 4

BILLS OF EXCHANGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, Cap. 304,

the Hon. Member moved, seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill was read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn 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. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. J. A. King the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Sitting was suspended to 2.15 p.m.

At 1.37 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3

BARBADOS IDENTITY MANAGEMENT BILL, 2021

On the Order being called Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the establishment, maintenance and regulation of a National Identity Management System and matters related thereto,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. J. A. King that the Bill be read a second time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore 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. J. A. King the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 3); Part 2 (Clauses 4 to 9); Part 3 (Clauses 10 to 15); Part 4 (Clauses 16 to 18); Part 5 (Clauses 19 to 21); Part 6 (Clauses 22 to 23); Part 7 (Clauses 24 to 28); Part 8 (Clauses 29 to 34); the First Schedule, the Second Schedule, the Third Schedule, the Fourth Schedule, the Fifth Schedule and the Sixth Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. J. A. King 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. J. A. King 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. D. D. Marshall the House was adjourned to Friday, 5th March, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

At 3.44 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 _____, 2021.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION OF 2018 – 2023

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