



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Tuesday the 29th day of September, 2020, 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. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )   | Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs</i> )  |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. ( <i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service</i> ) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )                        |
| 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. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )  | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )   |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.   | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources</i> )   |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship</i> )   | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )  |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )  | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office with Responsibility for Culture and the National Development Commission</i> ) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.   | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> )   |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )  | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector</i> )                            |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )  | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</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 Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )  | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )  |
|   | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i> )                                    |
|   | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J. P.  |

**ABSENT**

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C. and Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology.  
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, 22nd September, 2020 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

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

Mr. Speaker read the following Proclamation:



By Her Excellency Dame Sandra Prunella  
Mason, Dame Grand Cross of the Most  
Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint  
George, Dame of St. Andrew, Queen's Counsel,  
Governor-General of Barbados.

S. MASON  
Governor-General

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** by section 28A of the *Emergency Management Act*, Cap. 160A it is provided that where the Governor-General is satisfied that a public health emergency has arisen as a result of a person or an animal having a communicable disease or a notifiable disease, the Governor-General may by Proclamation declare that a public health emergency exists;

**AND WHEREAS** I am satisfied that a public health emergency has arisen as a result of the presence of a communicable disease or a notifiable disease;

**NOW THEREFORE** by virtue of the power and authority vested in me I do hereby declare that a public health emergency exists in Barbados.

Given under my hand and the  
Public Seal of Barbados, this 28th day of  
September, 2020, and in the sixty-ninth  
year of Her Majesty's Reign.

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

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 3**

**RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER**

Mr. Speaker spoke and directed that in accordance with the Standing Orders that the letter received from the Honourable Member be recorded in the Minutes. Mr. Speaker thereby declared that the seat of the Honourable Member for Saint George North vacant with effect from 30th September, 2020.

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw to move that the following Address:

**ADDRESS**

from

**THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

to

**HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL**

The House has the honour to present our humble duty.

By reason of the resignation of His Honour Gline Arley Clarke, JP., a vacancy has on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, arisen for a member of the House of Assembly for the constituency of Saint George-North.

Accordingly, the House has this day passed this Address to be forwarded to Your Excellency asking you to issue a writ for an election to fill the vacancy, pursuant to section 5(2) of the Representation of the People Act, Cap.12.

Approved by the House of Assembly this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

be sent to Her Excellency the Governor-General asking her to issue a writ for an Election.

The Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that an Address be sent to Her Excellency the Governor-General asking her to issue a writ for an Election to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honourable Member for the Constituency of Saint George North.

The motion was passed.

**ORDER NO. 2**

**PUBLIC SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS) BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to alter the Constitution to make provision for the appointment or promotion, as the case may be, of persons who have been temporarily employed or acting in a post in the Public Service for a period of 3 years or more on the date immediately preceding 1st October, 2020,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley began to speak.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of elucidation.

Bishop J. J. S. Atherley concluded his speech.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde the Sitting was suspended until 2.30 p.m.

At 1.10 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

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

A Resolution to grant the sum of SIXTEEN MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020-2021 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 6, 2020-2021.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (recommitted)****ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

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

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde Arrangement of Sections was amended.

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

Clause 2 was called and passed as amended on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

Clause 3 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

Clauses 4 to 5 were called and passed as amended on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

Clause 6 was called and passed as amended on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde.

Clause 7 was called and passed as amended on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

Clauses 8 to 9 were called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill as amended in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to.

The Members voting as follows:-

*Ayes:* Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, Hon. D. D. Marshall, Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, His Honour G. A. Clarke, Mr. E. G. Hinkson, Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, Hon. I. A. Weir, Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, Hon. A. R. Forde, Hon. P. R. Phillips, Dr. S. E. Browne, Hon. C. E. Jordan, Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, Mr. T. A. Prescod, Hon. W. A. Abrahams, Hon. K. D. Symmonds, Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, Hon. C. McD. Griffith, Hon. J. A. King and Hon. R. R. Straughn.

The Bill was passed in accordance with Section 49 of the Constitution.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the previous Resolution of which notice was given be withdrawn and replaced with the following:

A Resolution to grant the sum of EIGHTEEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2020-2021 as shown in Supplementary Estimates No. 6, 2020-2021.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS  
ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and moved seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the House be adjourned until Tuesday, 13th October, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

On the adjournment Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke and paid tribute to the Member for St. George North. Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Hon. R. St. C. Toppin spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke.

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

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

His Honour G. A. Clarke began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

His Honour G. A. Clarke concluded his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 8.45 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
WORTHING CORPORATE CENTRE  
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**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**SECOND SESSION OF 2018 – 2023**

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Tuesday, 29th September, 2020.

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