



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 30th day of April, 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. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Youth and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i>) |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Hon. P. R. Phillips (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, B.A. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. J. A. King, BSS (<i>Minister of Creative Economy, Culture and Sports</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Mr. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</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>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Chairman of Committees</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. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Energy and Water Resources</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology | Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i>) | and
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. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. (*Minister of Home Affairs*), Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce*), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*) and Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade*).

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, 23rd April, 2019, were taken as deferred on the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic gave notice of the Resolution pertaining to the lease of 5,957.1 square metres of Crown land at Government Hill, St. Michael to the Maria Holder Memorial Trust.

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

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic 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. 9**

**DEBT HOLDER (APPROVAL OF DEBT RESTRUCTURING)
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Debt Holder (Approval of Debt Restructuring) Act, (Act 2018-24)

- (a) to make provision for instruments issued to the Central Bank of Barbados;
- (b) to provide for more equitable treatment for estate and legacy accounts and individuals who hold debt issued by state owned enterprises;
- (c) to authorise the Government of Barbados to prepay all or part of the principal and interest accrued on a specified debt instrument; and
- (d) for related matters;

the Hon. Member spoke, sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill in cognate debate with Resolution to approve the amount of 1.5 billion dollars as the amount to be raised by the issue of treasury bills, tax reserve certificates and tax refund certificates, in accordance with the treasury bills and tax certificates Act, Cap. 106.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

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

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the House was suspended until 2.00 p.m.

At 12.48 p.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker assumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 were passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

The Schedule was called and passed as amended on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

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

ORDER NO. 2

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the passing of a Resolution to approve the amount of 1.5 billion dollars as the amount to be raised by the issue of treasury bills, tax reserve certificates and tax refund certificates.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2(1) of the *Treasury Bills and Tax Certificates Act*, Cap. 106, the Minister may, under the authority of a resolution of Parliament, raise in Barbados, sums not exceeding the amount specified in the resolution by the issue of

- (a) treasury bills; and
- (b) tax reserve certificates and tax refund certificates;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of section 2(2) of the Act, the Minister may also raise monies by the issue of treasury bills for the purpose of paying off, at maturity, bills already issued and outstanding;

BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament approve the amount of 1.5 billion dollars as the amount to be raised by the issue of treasury bills, tax reserve certificates and tax refund certificates, in accordance with the Act.

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution be passed. The motion was passed.

ORDER NO. 10

On the Order being called for Hon. C. McD. Griffith to move the passing of a Resolution to approve the vesting and disposal of lands at Government Hill, St. Michael to lease to the Maria Holder Trust.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament, in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to the Maria Holder Memorial Trust of a parcel of land the property of the Crown situate at Government Hill in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 5,957.1 square metres more particularly described in the *First Schedule* to this Resolution on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* to this Resolution for the purpose of the construction of a nursery school.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT certain piece or parcel of land the property of the Crown known as Grand View situate at Government Hill in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 5,957.1 square metres or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on an access road leading to Highway #5 on lands of the Barbados Government (Charles F. Broome Memorial Primary School) inclusive of an easement of 457.0 square metres (water main) on lands of the Barbados

Government (Barbados Water Authority) and on the public road known as Highway #5 or however else the same may abut or bound as delineated and shown on a Plan certified on the 24th day of August, 2018 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 17th day of April, 2019 as Plan No. 469/2019.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Terms and Conditions:

The Cabinet agreed:

- (a) to the lease of 5,957.1 square metres of Crown land at Grand View, Government Hill, St. Michael to The Maria Holder Memorial Trust under the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) the lease to be for a term of 30 years;
 - (ii) the rent shall be a one-time payment of \$200.00 plus value added tax payable in advance;
 - (iii) the premises are being leased for the purpose of the construction of a nursery school;
 - (iv) the land together with all improvements shall be leased back to the Crown;
 - (v) the lessee shall be responsible for the costs of development of the site;
 - (vi) the lessee shall comply with the requirements of all planning, building, safety and health and related legislation throughout the term;
 - (vii) the lessee shall indemnify the Crown from all actions arising from its use of the premises;
 - (viii) the lessee shall not assign, mortgage, demise, underlet or otherwise part with possession of any part of the demised premises without the landlord's consent;
 - (ix) the lessee reserves the right to surrender its lease with improvements thereon at any time by giving 8 months' notice;
 - (x) the lease shall terminate on the transfer of the ownership of the nursery school to the Crown;
 - (xi) the premises shall revert to the Crown for nil consideration at the end of the lease or its sooner determination;
 - (xii) the lessee shall not use, permit or suffer the demised premises or any part thereof to be used for any purpose other than a nursery school; and

(b) to the leaseback of 5,957.1 square metres of land with a nursery school developed thereon from The Maria Holder Memorial Trust, on the following terms and conditions:

- (i) the lease to be for a term of 30 years less one day;
- (ii) the rent shall be \$1, 500.00 plus value added tax per annum, payable annually in advance;
- (iii) the Crown as lessee shall be responsible for keeping the demised premises insured under a comprehensive policy in the joint names of the Crown and The Maria Holder Memorial Trust;
- (iv) the Crown as lessee shall keep the interior and exterior of the premises inclusive of drains, sanitary and water apparatus, gates and fences in good and tenantable repair;
- (v) the Maria Holder Memorial Trust to be responsible for the repair of any latent defect in the structure of the premises or repairs arising therefrom;
- (vi) the Crown as lessee shall not carry out any additions or extensions to the premises without the approval of the lessor;
- (vii) the Crown as lessee shall use the premises as a nursery school and for ancillary educational purposes, unless written consent by the lessor is given to do otherwise;
- (viii) the Crown as lessee shall not assign, sublet nor further lease any part of the demised premises;
- (ix) the Crown as lessee shall permit The Maria Holder Memorial Trust as lessor or its authorized agent, with 2 days' written notice, to inspect the premises, and thereafter giving the lessee in writing specifying any repairs, maintenance and replacement necessary to be done and require said lessee to execute said repairs within 21 days. If unable to do so, the lessor will execute such repairs and costs thereof to be treated as a debt to the lessor as additional rent and is to be settled within 2 months of the date of the lessor's invoice for the work undertaken;
- (x) the Crown as lessee, through the occupying agency shall be responsible for maintaining Public Liability Insurance of not less than \$2,000,000.00, subject to an annual review by the lessor's brokers, and indemnify the lessor in the event of any liability;
- (xi) the Crown through the occupying agency to be responsible for all outgoings arising from the use of the site as a nursery school;
- (xii) the Crown is bound to give 8 months' notice should it wish to terminate the lease before its expiry date; and
- (xiii) the Crown, through the occupying agency shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the premises.

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke in reply moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution be passed.

The motion was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde that the House be adjourned until Tuesday, 7th May, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

At 3.47 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2019.

Speaker.

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