



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 14th day of February, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock 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*)
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| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Acting Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</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 in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</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

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*) and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 7th February, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker read the following:

MESSAGE

From

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly that at its sitting on **Wednesday, 25th January, 2023** the **Animal Health and Veterinary Public Health Bill, 2022** was amended in the following term:

Clause 1 was amended by deleting the word “2022” and substituting the word “**2023**” therefor and that Clause should now read “**This Act may be cited as the Animal Health and Veterinary Public Health Act, 2023.**”;

FURTHER The Honourable the Senate has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly that at its sitting on **Wednesday, 8th February, 2023** the **Final Appropriation (2021-2022) Bill, 2022** was amended in the following term:

Clause 1 was amended to read as follows: “**This Act may be cited as the Final Appropriation (2021–2022) Act, 2023.**”;

AND the Honourable the Senate transmits the Amended Bills to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendment to the Bills.

Dated the 8th day of February, 2023.

**R. R. FARLEY
PRESIDENT**

PAPERS

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

1. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure 2023–2024.
2. Schedules of Personal Emoluments 2023–2024.
3. The Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of Hotels and Resorts Limited for the year ended March 31, 2022.
4. Annual Reports of the National Insurance Board Audit of Accounts of the Retraining Account for the years 2016–2020.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

1. Appropriation Bill, 2023.
2. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the Land Acquisition Act, Cap. 228 the compulsory acquisition by the State of the parcel of land situate at Lot 5A, Waterford in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island for a public purpose, namely the construction of a District Hospital.
3. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 28(c) of the Land Acquisition Act, Cap. 228 the sale of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Lot 13, Lower Estate in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island to Edgstrong Holdings Ltd., a company incorporated under the Companies Act, Cap. 308.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Appropriation Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 4****BARBADOS FISCAL FRAMEWORK 2023–2024 TO 2025–2026**

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Public Finance Management Act requires the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment to prepare a Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026;

AND WHEREAS the Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026: review the performance of the previous financial year against the fiscal objectives; present a macro-economic outlook and; sets out the fiscal objectives and policies for the medium term;

AND WHEREAS the Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026 includes the information and statements set out in the Third Schedule of the Public Finance Management Act;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Barbados Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026 be debated in Parliament;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any recommendations made in respect of the Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026 be considered by the Cabinet.

and moved seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Resolution be passed.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.
Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.
Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.
The Resolution was passed.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 1.17 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 10

**COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT LOT 5A, WATERFORD,
ST. MICHAEL FOR PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION
OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

On the Order being called Hon. D. G. Sutherland sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders Nos. 10 & 11 in a cognate debate.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland began to speak on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the compulsory acquisition by the State of the parcel of land situate at Lot 5A, Waterford in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* to this Resolution for a public purpose, namely the construction of a District Hospital.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Caribbean Consultants Ltd., a company incorporated under the *Companies Act*, Cap. 308 situate at Lot 5A, Waterford in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 13 025.7 square metres (inclusive of 265.4 square metres of verge) abutting and bounding on the ABC Highway Road Reserve (which separates the said land from the ABC Highway) on lands now or formerly the Barbados Government on a road and on a road reserve 7.92 metres wide or however else the same may abut and abound as delineated and shown on a Plan certified on the 8th day of February, 2023 by Alex Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 9th day of February, 2023 as Plan No. 216/2023.

Mr. Speaker spoke.
Hon. D. G. Sutherland concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution be passed.
Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey began to speak.
Mr. Speaker spoke.
Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey resumed his speech and gave way.
Mr. Speaker spoke.
Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey concluded his speech.
Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.
Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.
Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.
Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.
The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 11
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SALE OF LAND AT LOT 13
LOWER ESTATE, ST. MICHAEL TO
EDGSTRONG HOLDINGS LTD.

On the motion of Hon. D. G. Sutherland seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 28(c) of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the sale of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Lot 13, Lower Estate in the parish of Saint Michael and more particularly described in the *Schedule* to this Resolution, to Edgstrong Holdings Ltd., a company incorporated under the *Companies Act*, Cap. 308.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Lower Estate in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island, namely, Lot 13 containing by admeasurement 24 295.0 square metres (inclusive of 3 891.0 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (Section A, Lots 2 and 3) on a carriageway 6.96 metres wide with verges 1.52 metres wide and on a public road leading to a roundabout in one direction and to Errol Barrow Highway in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 18th day of June, 2009 by Camille Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 29th day of June, 2009 as Plan No. 797/2009.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

1. Resolution to grant the sum of FORTY-SEVEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE DOLLARS from the Consolidated Fund and to place it at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2022–2023 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 4, 2022–2023.
2. Resolution to seek the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Animal Health and Veterinary Public Health Bill, 2023 and the Final Appropriation (2021–2022) Bill, 2023.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 13**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House resolved itself into Standing Finance Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair, on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the sum of FORTY-SEVEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE DOLLARS be granted from the Consolidated Fund and be placed at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 2022–2023 as shown in the Supplementary Estimates No. 4, 2022–2023 which form the Schedule to this Resolution.

SCHEDULE**Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 4**

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 3	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE Program 276: Culture Subprogram 7005: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>	132767005			3,932,772
HEAD 15 – CABINET OFFICE Program 070: Cabinet Secretariat Subprogram 7020: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	150707020	1,789,633	8,477,911	3,568,722
Program 071: Constitutional and Statutory Authority Subprogram 0073: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i>	150710073	457,420		1,326,310

SCHEDULE – Cont'd

Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 4 – Cont'd

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1-3	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL Program 040: Direction & Policy Formulation Services Subprogram 7075: General Management and Coordination Services <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i> <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i> <i>Account Code: 226 – Professional Services</i>	300407075	50,993		8,000
		425,876		20,000
		1,509,783		241,873
Program 244: Police Services Subprogram 0255: Police Headquarters and Management <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i> <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	302440255	529,690		598,780
		507,358		283,870
HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER RESOURCES Program 510: Road Networks Services Subprogram 0495: Tenantry Roads <i>Account Code: 752 – Machinery and Equipment</i>	815100495			3,245,611
Subprogram 0511: Highway Construction and Maintenance Services <i>Account Code: 211 – Maintenance of Property</i>	815100511			
		25,842,388		20,655,313
HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL BEAUTIFICATION Program 650: Preservation and Conservation of the Terrestrial and Marine Environment Subprogram 0117: National Clean-up Program <i>Account Code: 210 – Supplies and Materials</i> <i>Account Code: 212 – Operating Expenses</i>	826500117	40,000		40,000
		5,819,662		6,983,148

SCHEDULE – Concl'd

Supplementary Estimates 2022 – 2023 No. 4 – Concl'd

HEAD	Code Number	Provision in Approved Estimates 2022 – 2023	Provision in Supplementary Estimates Nos. 1– 3	Supplementary Provision Required
		Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure	Other Expenditure
		\$	\$	\$
HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY Program 160: Measures to Stimulate Increased Crop Production Subprogram 0637: Barbados Agricultural Management Company <i>Account Code: 316 – Grants to Public Institutions</i> <i>Account Code: 416 – Capital Grants to Public Institutions</i>	831600637	7,000,000	5,163,063	1,536,000 5,000,000

HEAD 13 – PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE – \$3,932,772.00

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey Head 13 was passed.

HEAD 15 – CABINET OFFICE – \$4,895,032.00

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan Head 15 was passed.

HEAD 30 – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – \$1,152,523.00

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 30 was passed.

HEAD 81 – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WORKS AND WATER

RESOURCES – \$23,900,924.00

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 81 was passed.

HEAD 82 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIONAL

BEAUTIFICATION – \$7,023,148.00

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan Head 82 was passed.

HEAD 83 – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND

NUTRITIONAL SECURITY – \$6,536,000.00

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Head 83 was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Chairman reported the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair.

The Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to on the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

ORDER NO. 14
RESOLUTION SEEKING CONCURRENCE OF THE HOUSE IN THE AMENDMENTS
MADE BY THE SENATE TO THE ANIMAL HEALTH AND VETERINARY
PUBLIC HEALTH BILL, 2023 AND THE FINAL
APPROPRIATION (2021–2022) BILL, 2023

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. C. A. Lane the House was adjourned to Monday, 20th February, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.07 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 _____, 2023.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 14th February, 2023.
