



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 July, 2026, 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*)
His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister; Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) |
| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Finance</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Deputy Prime Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) | Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Attorney General</i>) | Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Public and Private Investment</i>) | Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) | Dr. the Hon. D. I. Ishmael, D.B.A., M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Education Transformation</i>) |
| | Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (<i>Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice</i>) |
| | Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| | Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) |
| | Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C. |

ABSENT

Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min., Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*) and Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

OBITUARY

The House observed a moment of silence in tribute on the passing of Mrs. Margaret Rose Knight, mother of the late Prime Minister, the Right Honourable David J. H. Thompson, deceased.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026 and Tuesday, 21st July, 2026 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker read the following Message from His Excellency the President:



**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS**

MESSAGE No. /2026

***HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT
TO
THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY***

***His Excellency the President wishes to inform the
Honourable The House of Assembly of the death of the Right Excellent
Sir Garfield St. Auburn Sobers, OCC, National Hero of Barbados, on
Friday, 17th July, 2026.***

PRESIDENT

**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS.**

27th July, 2026

ORDERS OF THE DAY
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Mr. Speaker spoke, thanking all those responsible for the seamless transition from the Lying-in-State of the late Right Excellent Sir Garfield St. Auburn Sobers, National Hero of Barbados, which was held on 27th July, 2026 to facilitate the day's Sitting of the Honourable the House.

ORDER NO. 9

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY AND REGISTER BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. Symmonds to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the establishment of a Beneficial Ownership Register and matters related thereto,

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

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

SUSPENSION

At 1.19 p.m. the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m. on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 39 were called in 7 parts and the Schedule, and were passed on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, 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. K. D. Symmonds, 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. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Friday, 7th August, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 2.50 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031

MINUTES

Tuesday, 28th July, 2026.

Government Printing Department.