



# 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 1st day of December, 2020, 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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| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )                            | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology  |
| 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> )   |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )                               | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )  |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.  | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office with Responsibility for Culture and the National Development Commission</i> ) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )         | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> )   |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> ) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector</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 Housing, Lands 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 Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs</i> )                             | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</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 M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i> )                                    |
|  | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.  |

**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*) and Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship*).

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, 17th November, 2020 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Central Bank of Barbados Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips leave was sought and obtained to withdraw the Central Bank of Barbados Bill, 2020 dated 16th November, 2020 and substitute it with the Central Bank of Barbados Bill, 2020 dated 19th November, 2020.

The Bill was withdrawn.

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

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

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 2****CENTRAL BANK OF BARBADOS BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to revise the Central Bank of Barbados Act, Cap. 323C to strengthen the Central Bank's governance and independence while maintaining accountability, to ensure the compliance of the Central Bank with internationally recognised accounting standards and for other related matters, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle that the Bill be read a second time.

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

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on a point of order.

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

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the Sitting was suspended until 2.00 p.m.

At 1.50 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)**

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

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

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. C. E. Jordan the House went into Committee, Dr. S. E. Browne in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1-2); Part 2 (Clauses 3-6); Part 3 (Clauses 7-10); Part 4 (Clauses 11-32); Part 5 (Clauses 33-39); Part 6 (Clause 40); Part 7 (Clauses 41-43); Part 8 (Clauses 44-55); Part 9 (Clauses 56-63); Part 10 (Clauses 64-68); Part 11 (Clauses 69-79); and the Schedule 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. P. R. Phillips the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommended)**

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

- Drug Abuse (Prevention and Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2020.
- Resolution to adopt the Report of the Standing Orders Committee dated 1st December, 2020.

**REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE (recommended)**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and laid the Report of the Standing Orders Committee dated 1st December, 2020.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommended)**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Drug Abuse (Prevention and Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (recommended)**

**ORDER NO. 3**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF  
THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE DATED 1ST DECEMBER, 2020**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw who spoke seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Report was adopted.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. P. R. Phillips the Sitting was suspended to 4.15 p.m.

At 4.05 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**PAPERS (recommended)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid:-

Government of Barbados Mid-Year Review Report for the period of April-September, 2020.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS (recommended)**

Hon. R. R. Straughn delivered a Statement on the Government of Barbados Mid-Year Review Report for the period of April-September, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde the Sitting was adjourned to Tuesday, 8th December, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.40 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.

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