



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, the 19th day of May, 2026, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

### PRESENT

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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> ) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.  |
| Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage</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> )  |
| Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min.   | 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> )  | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i> )                     |
| Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )  | Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )   |
| Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )  | Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice</i> )                               |
| Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )  | Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                  |
| Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i> )  | Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> ) |
|   | Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc.   |
|   | Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C.   |

**ABSENT**

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*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce*), Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries*) (*Leader of Government Business*) and Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister of Education Transformation*).

The Clerk announced the absence of His Honour the Speaker and His Honour the Deputy Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order 5(2), on the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, Mr. D. G. Sutherland was selected to take the Chair.

Mr. D. G. Sutherland took the Chair.

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 8th May, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

MESSAGES 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 has the honour to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Ombudsman Act, CAP.8A, he proposes to re-appoint Dr. Nigel Taylor, S.C.M., J.P., to the Office of the Ombudsman established by Section 2 of the said Act.*

*His Excellency further has the honour to seek the approval of The Honourable The House of Assembly for the proposed appointment pursuant to Section 3(2) of the said Act.*

  
PRESIDENT

STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS.

11<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

**PAPERS**

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill by command laid:

- Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements for Needham's Point Development Inc. and Needham's Point Holdings Limited for the years ending March 31, 2024 and 2025.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael by command laid:

- Barbados Health Report (BHR) 2024.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney gave notice of a Resolution that the address be presented to His Excellency the President approving the proposed reappointment of Dr. Nigel Taylor, J.P., S.C.M., to the office of Ombudsman.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, Standing Orders Nos. 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 11.10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. D. G. Sutherland resumed the Chair.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)**

Resumption of the debate on the passing of a Resolution that the Honourable the House:

- (a) supports the establishment of a National Portable Benefits framework through the National Insurance Social Security Service that ensures that social security follows the worker, and not the job;
- (b) calls for the development and implementation of the supporting administrative, technological and enforcement measures necessary to ensure that the framework is effective, equitable and accessible;
- (c) commits Barbados, in its fifth year as a Republic, to affirming that Portable Benefits constitute an act of nation-building and a people-centred investment in fairness, resilience and social stability, so that no worker is rendered invisible, and no worker is left behind.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 1.25 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 3**

**CIVIL AVIATION BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make better provision for civil aviation and to revise the law relating to Civil Aviation to accord with the Chicago Convention and to provide for related matters, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clause 1; Part 1 (Clauses 2 and 3); Part 2 (Clauses 4 to 7); Part 3 (Clauses 8 to 14); Part 4 (Clauses 15 to 20) were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Part 5 (Clauses 21 to 27) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. I. A. Weir.

Part 6 (Clauses 28 to 36); Part 7 (Clauses 37 to 47); Part 8 (Clauses 48 to 75); Part 9 (Clauses 76 to 81); Part 10 (Clauses 82 to 88); Part 11 (Clauses 89 to 97); Part 12 (Clauses 98 to 111); Part 13 (Clauses 112 to 114); Part 14 (Clauses 115 to 121) were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Part 15 (Clauses 122 to 140) was called.

Clause 129 was amended as follows on the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**Clause 129** Delete this clause and substitute the following:

**“Security pass**

- 129.** 1) *A person shall not*
- (a) *use his office to influence the issuance of a security pass to a person who is not properly entitled to such a security pass;*
  - (b) *knowingly make a false statement for the purpose of obtaining a security pass or retaining the use of a security pass;*
  - (c) *knowingly use a false or an unauthorized security pass to*
    - (i) *gain entry into a secured or restricted area of an aerodrome; or*
    - (ii) *gain access to an aircraft or an air navigation installation;*
  - (d) *use a security pass which has been issued to another person.*
  - (e) *use security pass*
    - (i) *when the holder is not on Official duty;*
    - (ii) *for personal use or for activities unrelated to official duties; or*
    - (iii) *for any private or personal benefit of any kind;*
  - (f) *permit or allow any other person to use his security pass for any purpose; or*
  - (g) *use a security pass to escort or facilitate access for any person not authorized for unescorted access, unless such escort is permitted and conducted in accordance with documented escort procedures.*
- (2) *A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 5 years or to both.*
- (3) *A holder of a security pass who*
- (a) *fails to comply with a condition or term which relates to the use, wearing or display of the security pass;*
  - (b) *fails to wear or display the security pass at an aerodrome in accordance with the terms of issue when required to do so by an aerodrome operator;*

- (c) *fails to promptly return a security pass after*  
 (i) *its expiry; or*  
 (ii) *he is no longer authorized to possess it;*  
 (d) *continues to use the security pass after it has expired;*  
 (e) *fails to immediately produce the pass for inspection or verification upon request by*  
 (i) *any member of the Barbados Police Service;*  
 (ii) *an aviation security inspector of the Authority;*  
 or  
 (iii) *airport security personnel,*  
*is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 3 months or to both.'*

Part 15 (Clauses 122 to 129 (as amended) and Clauses 130 to 140) was passed on the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Part 16 (Clauses 141 to 165) was called and passed on the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Schedules 1 to 6 inclusive were called and passed on the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the Acting Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **ORDER NO. 7**

Resolution that an Address be presented to His Excellency the President approving the proposed reappointment of Dr. Nigel Taylor, J.P., SCM, to the office of Ombudsman.

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Resolution was passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Friday, 29th May, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.55 p.m. the Sitting was adjourned.

N. R. JONES, K.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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day of

Speaker.

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031**

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**MINUTES**

Tuesday, 19th May, 2026.

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