



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 7th day of January, 2025, 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*)

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

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. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*)

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)

Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*) (*Leader of Government Business*)

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office*)

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (*Leader of the Opposition*)

Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*)

Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy*)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*)

Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*)

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*)

Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*)

Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*)

Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*)

Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*)

Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*)

Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs

ABSENT

Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*) and Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

Mr. Speaker spoke and welcomed back all Honourable Members of the Chamber and he trusts that they will strive and endeavour to conduct the people's business with a degree of civility for 2025.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17th December, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands.

PAPERS

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

Loan Contract No. 5908/OC-BA between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank: Barbados Climate Resilient South Coast Water Reclamation Project, December 12, 2024.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore laid the Report of the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on the Health Services (Amendment) Bill, 2024 and the Health Services (Nuisances) Regulations, 2024.

The Report was laid.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss K. S. McConney seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the Student Revolving Loan Fund Bill, 2025 was read a first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 11

RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL, 2024

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide certain rights to persons living with disabilities, for the promotion and protection of full equal enjoyment of rights, for the elimination of discrimination on the basis of disability, for the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and to provide for related matters,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak and gave way.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson rose and spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech and gave way.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended until 2.25 p.m.

At 1.07 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds Standing Order 30(1) was suspended on behalf of the Honourable Member for St. James North, Mr. E. G. Hinkson.

The motion was passed.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson began to speak and gave way.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended until 4.10 p.m.

At 4.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of Her Honour Madam Deputy Speaker who assumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)

Mr. E. G. Hinkson concluded his speech.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 (as amended) to 4), Part 2 (Clauses 5 to 12), Part 3 (Clauses 13 to 20), Part 4 (Clauses 21 to 26), Part 5 (Clauses 27 to 34), Part 6 (Clauses 35 to 46), Part 7 (Clauses 47 to 52), Part 8 (Clauses 53 to 55), Part 9 (Clauses 56 to 61), Part 10 (Clauses 62, 63 (as amended) to 66), Part 11 (Clause 67), Part 12 (Clauses 68 to 72), Part 13 (Clauses 73 to 75), Part 14 (Clauses 76 to 82), Part 15 (Clauses 83 to 84), Part 16 (Clauses 85 to 91) and Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee with amendments to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 10

ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Road Traffic Act, Cap. 295 to increase the fines imposed under section 88A of the Act relating to parking for the disabled, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds Clause 1 (as amended) and Clause 2 were called and passed.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee with an amendment to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

Resolution to adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on the Social Sector and the Environment on the Health Services (Amendment) Bill, 2024 and the proposed Health Services (Nuisances) Regulations, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned until Friday, 17th January, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.12 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, J.P.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Speaker.

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