



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 26th day of November, 2024, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

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

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| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</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, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</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</i>) (<i>Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy</i>) | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</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

His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*), Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*) (*Senior Minister*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), 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*) and Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.

The Clerk of Parliament announced the absence of His Honour the Speaker.

Madam Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 29th October 2024 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 19th November, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

PAPERS

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid:

- Government of Barbados Mid-Year Review Report for the period April – September 2024.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon W. A. Abrahams gave notice of:

- A Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 the vesting in National Housing Corporation of the parcels of land situate at Holders Hill in the parish of Saint James in this Island described in the *Schedule* to the Resolution for residential purposes.

REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore sought and obtained leave for an extension to 17th December, 2024 to lay the Report of the Committee on the Social Sector and Environment on the Health Services (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. R. R. Straughn delivered a Ministerial Statement on the Government of Barbados' Mid-Year Review Report for the period April – September, 2024.

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

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 10****BUSINESS BARBADOS BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called for Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to establish a body corporate to be known as Business Barbados by coordinating and carrying out functions in relation to specified corporate and intellectual property enactments and to provide for related matters,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke on a point of elucidation.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. D. G. Sutherland the Sitting was suspended at 2.20 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.
 Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.
 Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke in reply.
 The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 43 were called in 4 parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

The First to the Fifth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

On the motion of Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 14

On the Order being called, Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in National Housing Corporation of the parcels of land situate at Holders Hill in the parish of Saint James in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for residential purposes.

SCHEDULE

FIRSTLY ALL THAT land the property of the State (being part of a larger area of 46765.6 square metres on the Key Plan of Holders Hill situate in the parish of Saint James in this Island) being Lot B containing by admeasurement 12054.4 square metres of land (including 2242.8 square metres in road reserve) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Cephias Welch on a concrete road on three sides or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 11th day of November, 2024 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 18th November, 2024 as Plan No. 1843/2024: **SECONDLY ALL THAT** land the property of the State (being part of a larger area of 46765.6 square metres on the Key Plan of Holders Hill situate in the parish of Saint James in this Island) being Lot C containing by admeasurement 2815.0 square metres of land (including 378.5 square metres in road reserve) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on other lands now or formerly of the State (Lot A) on a concrete road on other lands now or formerly of the State (Lot E) on lands now or late of Winfield Parris (Lots 1 & 2) on lands now or late of Stanley Payne (Lot 2) on a road 1.83 metres wide and on lands now or late

SCHEDULE – Cont'd

of Hugh Belgrave or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 11th day of November, 2024 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 18th November, 2024 as Plan No. 1843/2024;

THIRDLY ALL THAT land the property of the State (being part of a larger area of 46765.6 square metres on the Key Plan of Holders Hill situate in the parish of Saint James in this Island) being Lot D containing by admeasurement 5391.5 square metres of land (including 269.5 square metres in road reserve) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Cephas Welch on lands now or formerly Morlais Estates Services Ltd. (Lot 1) on lands now or formerly Antares Inc. (Lots 2 & 3) on lands now or formerly Melody Ltd. (Lot 4) on lands now or formerly Larade Property Holdings Ltd. (Lot 5) on other lands now or formerly of the State (Open Space) and on a concrete road or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 11th day of November, 2024 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 18th November, 2024 as Plan No. 1843/2024; and **FOURTHLY ALL THAT** land the property of the State (being part of a larger area of 46765.6 square metres on the Key Plan of Holders Hill situate in the parish of Saint James in this Island) being Open Space containing by admeasurement 5482.6 square metres of land (including 520.6 square metres in road reserve) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a concrete road on other lands now or formerly the State (Lot D) on lands now or late of Christopher Towner (Lots 16 & 19) on other lands now or formerly of the State (Lot F) and on a concrete road on two sides or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 11th day of November, 2024 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 18th November, 2024 as Plan No. 1843/2024,

and moved, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that the Resolution be passed.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

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

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid who spoke, seconded by Hon. D. G. Sutherland the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 10th December, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 10.32 p.m. Madam Deputy Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Speaker.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

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FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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