



# 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 11th day of June, 2024, 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*)
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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. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                            |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> ) ( <i>Senior Minister</i> )  | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy</i> ) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )   | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )                          |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )  | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )   |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Deputy Prime Minister</i> ) ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Transport and Works</i> ) ( <i>Leader of Government Business</i> ) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</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> )                     | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )             |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</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 of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )   | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> )             |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )   | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.  |
|  | 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**

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A., Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 7th June, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

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

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 5****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Criminal Procedure Act, Cap. 127 in order to enable an accused person to opt to elect to be tried by a judge sitting alone, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 10 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The First and Second Schedules were also called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, 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. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Sitting was suspended at 1.04 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 8****BARBADOS BLUE GREEN BANK BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the facilitation of the financing of the sustainable green and blue sectors of the economy for the assistance of creditors and investors; the stimulation of innovation within the financial sector to mobilise the securities and loans markets; and mobilising private sector investments and directing international finance to projects aligned with national priorities, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

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

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

### SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Sitting was suspended at 6.35 p.m. to 6.40 p.m.

### RESUMPTION

On resumption, Madam Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

#### ORDER NO. 8 (resumed)

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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. D. I. Ishmael the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 19 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

Clauses 20 to 28 (as amended), 29 (as amended) and 30 (as amended) were called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn.

Clauses 31 to 38 were called in parts and the Schedule, and were passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael 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. D. I. Ishmael the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### ORDER NO. 9

### RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BORROWING OF UP TO US \$12,400,000.00 FROM THE CARICOM DEVELOPMENT FUND

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution and moved, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Resolution be passed:

**WHEREAS** by virtue of section 2 of the *Special Loans Act*, Cap.105 the Government is authorised from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company or other institution sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate BBD 2,500,000,000 on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the lender of any such sum of money;

**AND WHEREAS** by section 3 of the said Act it is provided that any money borrowed under the authority of the Act shall be appropriated and applied to such purposes as Parliament may approve by resolution and that such money and any interest payable thereon is charged upon the general revenues and assets of Barbados;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government considers it necessary to borrow the sum of up to USD 12,400,000 from the CARICOM Development Fund to co-finance and augment the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) for the Climate Resilient Wastewater Systems Project;

**AND WHEREAS** the said sum of up to USD 12,400,000 is borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

**AND WHEREAS** the said sum of up to USD 12,400,000 is within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the said Act;

**AND BE IT RESOLVED** therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the said sum of up to USD 12,400,000 from the CARICOM Development Fund to co-finance and augment the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) for the Climate Resilient Wastewater Systems Project on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*.

## SCHEDULE

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Borrower:	Government of Barbados
Lender:	CARICOM Development Fund
Executing Agency:	Barbados Water Authority
Purpose:	To co-finance and augment the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) for the Climate Resilient Wastewater Systems Project
Amount:	USD 12,400,000
Term Period:	12 years including the Grace Period
Grace Period:	2 years applied to principal payments
Repayment Period:	10 years
Repayment:	40 equal and consecutive quarterly payments
Interest rate:	Fixed - 3% per annum
Frequency of Payment:	Quarterly

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.  
Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.  
Hon. K. D. Symmonds began to speak.  
Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.  
Hon. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech.  
Mr. Speaker spoke.  
Hon. K. D. Symmonds resumed his speech.  
Mr. Speaker spoke.  
Hon. K. D. Symmonds concluded his speech.  
Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.  
The Resolution was passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 25th June, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 9.22 p.m. Mr. 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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