



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 10th day of December, 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. 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. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | 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. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| 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. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</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. |
| | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| | and |
| | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i>). |

ABSENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*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. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister (Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade)*), Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*), 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*), Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*) and Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs.

The Absence of His Honour the Speaker was announced by the Clerk and Madam Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024 and Tuesday, 5th November, 2024 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 26th November, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

PAPERS

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid:

- The Financial Statements of the Engineers Registration Board for the Fiscal Years ending March 31, 2020, March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022.
- The Audited Financial Statements of the Grantley Adams International Airport for the year ended March 31, 2024.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

- The Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall, the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 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. W. A. Abrahams, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 10****MARITIME AND UNDERWATER HERITAGE BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for:

- (a) the protection, management, sustainable development and regulation of maritime and underwater heritage in Barbados;
- (b) the advancement of sustainable maritime heritage tourism;
- (c) the regulation of vessels engaged in maritime heritage activities;
- (d) the recognition and protection of traditional cultural expressions associated with the sea and marine-specific traditional knowledge which are held by fishing communities and coastal communities in Barbados;
- (e) the regulation of marine-specific research in fishing communities and coastal communities;
- (f) the regulation and sustainable economic development of marine genetic resources;
- (g) the regulation of underwater cultural heritage;
- (h) the regulation of deep-sea natural heritage activities; and
- (i) 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. A. R. Forde spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended at 12.46 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)

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. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 243 were called in Seven Parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

The First to the Fourth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 8

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Tourism Development Act, Cap. 341 to make provision for the extension of the definition of a tourism project to include the renovation of a villa, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.
 Hon. A. R. Forde spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.
 Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw 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.
 Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid 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. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey 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. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday 17th December, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.30 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 _____, 2025.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

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