



# 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 25th day of July, 2017, pursuant to the adjournment.

### PRESENT

- His Honour M. A. Carrington, Q.C., B.A., LL.B. (*Speaker*)  
Her Honour Mrs. M-J. M. Thompson, B.A., M.Sc. (Ph.Ed.) (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C.   | Hon. J. D. E. Boyce, M.Sc., C. Eng. ( <i>Minister of Health</i> ) ( <i>Leader of the House</i> )                                    |
| Mr. G. A. Clarke, J.P., B.Sc., Dip. Ed.   | Hon. S. D. Blackett ( <i>Minister of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Community Development</i> )                          |
| Mr. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.)   | Mr. J. D. Paul, B.Sc. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )   |
| Hon. D. St. E. Kellman ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development</i> )  | Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe, Dip. Theology, B.A., M.Ed., Ed.D. ( <i>Minister of Environment and Drainage</i> )                          |
| Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )   | Hon. A. D. Brathwaite, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs</i> )                                 |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.  | Hon. S. A. Lashley, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth</i> )                                   |
| Hon. R. D. Jones, J.P., B.A. (Hons.), M.A. Ed. ( <i>Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation</i> )                         | Hon. D. O'N. Inniss, B.Sc., M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce and Small Business Development</i> ) |
| Dr. the Hon. D. C. Estwick, B.Sc., M.B., B.S. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management</i> )             | Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs</i> )  |
| Mr. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.   | Mr. T. A. Prescod, B.A.   |
| Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Transport and Works</i> )  | Mr. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B.   |
| Hon. R. L. Sealy, B.Sc., M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )  | Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.)  |
| Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart, Q.C., B.A., LL.M. ( <i>Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, The Public Service and Urban Development</i> ) | Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.   |
|   | Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) and  |
|   | Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.)   |

**ABSENT**

Rt. Hon. O. S. Arthur, M.Sc. (Econ.) and Dr. M. M. Agard, J.P., B.Sc., M.Sc., D.D.S. (*on leave*).  
Mr. Speaker took the Chair at 10.15 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 18th July, 2017 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones.

**PAPERS**

By command the Hon. C. P. Sinckler and the Hon. D. St. E. Kellman laid the following:-

A. Hon. C. P. Sinckler:

1. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc.) Order, 2017.
2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (University of the West Indies) (Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination Film Club) Order, 2017.

B. Hon. D. St. E. Kellman:

National Housing Corporation Thirty-Eighth Annual Report for Financial Year 2010-2011.

**MOTIONS FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE****ON DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

Mr. K. D. Symmonds read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS on Monday, 24th July 2017, residents of this Island, through the agency of two of the three important constituent members of the Social Partnership, namely the Trade Unions and the Private Sector Agency, protested and demonstrated their opposition to the fiscal and economic policies being pursued by the Government and the lack of meaningful consultation thereon;

AND WHEREAS the said fiscal and economic policies have proven to be excessively burdensome on the working class, the middle class, pensioners and the people generally and has had the potentiality to cause further deterioration of the standard of living of residents of this Island;

AND WHEREAS the said two members of the Social Partnership have made it clear that they were obliged to take demonstrative action by reason of the tardy response of the Prime Minister to their entreaties for further urgent consultations to discuss the debilitating and oppressive effects of the fiscal and economic policies of the Government;

AND WHEREAS it is urgent, imperative and in the best interests of Barbados that the Prime Minister and the Government take steps forthwith to meet with the said other two members of the Social Partnership to forestall further escalation of industrial action and protest which will cause damage to the economy;

AND WHEREAS Parliament is part of the Government of Barbados and is the highest forum in this Island for the discussion of issues affecting the people of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS some Members of the Cabinet, notwithstanding their constitutional obligation to be collectively responsible therefor, and many Members of Parliament, including Members of the Opposition, have publicly, voiced their disquiet concerning some of the said policies;

AND WHEREAS on 3rd July, 2017 the Government set an ordinary meeting of the Social Partnership for 18th August, 2017 almost another four weeks from today's date;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House calls upon the Prime Minister and the Government to convene a meeting of the Social Partnership without further delay to address the legitimate concerns of the two members of the Social Partnership, other Social Partners and the people of Barbados generally.

Mr. Speaker spoke informing the House that the debate on the Resolution would commence after lunch.

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

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 18**

**VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017**

On the Order being called for Hon. C. P. Sinckler to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman began to speak.

Mr. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.

Hon. D. St. E. Kellman concluded his speech.

Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the Sitting was suspended to 2.00 p.m.

At 12.30 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption, Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite further consideration of Order 18 was postponed.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICE (recommitted)**

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce gave notice of the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) (No. ) Bill, 2017, was read a first time.

**DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

Mr. K. D. Symmonds spoke on the following Resolution:

**MOTION FOR DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC  
IMPORTANCE**

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Hon. R. D. Jones spoke.

Mr. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke.

Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw concluded her speech.

Hon. R. L. Sealy spoke.

Lt. Col. J. D. Bostic spoke.

Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

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Hon. C. P. Sinckler spoke.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart began to speak.

Mr. G. W. Payne spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke ruling no point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. G. W. Payne spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart resumed his speech.

Mr. D. D. Marshall spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart resumed his speech.

Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart resumed his speech.

Miss M. A. Mottley spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart concluded his speech.

Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. J. D. E. Boyce seconded by Hon. R. D. Jones the Sitting was suspended to 5.45 p.m.

At 5.22 p.m. the Speaker suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House reverted to Government Business.

#### **ORDER NO. 18 (resumed)**

#### **VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017 (resumed)**

Mr. E. G. Hinkson began to speak.

Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke a point of order.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke a point of order.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart began to speak on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart concluded his point of order.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Hon. A. D. Brathwaite spoke a point of order.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson resumed his speech.

Hon. A. D. Brathwaite rose to speak on a point of elucidation.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson withdrew certain remarks and concluded his speech.

Mr. J. D. Paul began to speak.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled no point of order.

Mr. J. D. Paul concluded his speech.

Hon. D. O'N. Inniss spoke.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler began to speak.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler resumed his speech.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. C. P. Sinckler concluded his speech.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss the House went into Committee, Mr. J. D. Paul in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 6 and the Schedule were passed on the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Hon. D. O'N. Inniss.

On the motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Rt. Hon. F. J. Stuart the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. C. P. Sinckler seconded by Dr. the Hon. D. S. Lowe the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. J. D. E. Boyce spoke and moved the adjournment of the House to Tuesday, 26th September 2017. The motion was seconded by Hon. A. D. Brathwaite.

Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke and at 7.45 p.m. adjourned the House.

**RICHARD P. BYER**  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Speaker.

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