



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Friday the 9th day of August, 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*)
- 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*)
- 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. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*)
- 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. 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*)
- Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)
- 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. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*)
- Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*)

ABSENT

Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S., Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*) and Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Dr. Monrelle Williams.

Honourable Members observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Mr. Rudolph N. Greenidge, former Member of Parliament and Minister of Government and former Deputy President of the Senate.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 30th July, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. C. E. Jordan made a Statement on Establishing Minimum Rates of Pay and Conditions of Work in the Accommodation Sector.

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 6****2023-2028 NATIONAL POLICY ON AGEING RESOLUTION**

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke on the Resolution following and moved, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Resolution be passed:

WHEREAS the Government has signaled its intention to promote healthy and active ageing for the elderly and to ensure that they live with dignity in their remaining years having made a significant contribution to the development of the country;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados is cognizant that Barbados is now an aged society;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados recognizes that by 2050 one in every five persons will be over the age of 65;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that there is abuse of the elderly in various ways including financial abuse;

AND WHEREAS the policy recognizes the significant role that the elderly can continue to play in national development if they are given more opportunities to contribute in various ways according to their abilities as the Government seeks to expand the silver economy;

AND WHEREAS the Government has engaged in extensive consultations with stakeholders within the social policy space on the National Policy on Ageing;

AND WHEREAS the Cabinet has approved the National Policy on Ageing;

AND WHEREAS the Policy has been laid in Parliament to foster parliamentary debate on this document;

AND WHEREAS the policy recognizes eight thematic areas which are fundamental to promoting healthy and active ageing and protecting the rights of the elderly and preventing their abuse, namely:

- i) Financial and economic security;
- ii) Social security;
- iii) Health and health systems;
- iv) Physical and built environment;
- v) Social environment;
- vi) Legislation;
- vii) Long term care; and
- viii) Pandemics, disasters and emergency situations.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados take note of the 2023-2028 National Policy on Ageing.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Dr. Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended at 1.20 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)

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

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael further consideration of the Resolution was postponed.

PAPERS (recommitted)

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

- The 2023-2028 National Policy on Ageing for Barbados.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 4.18 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2024.

day of

Speaker.

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FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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