



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 22nd day of October, 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. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</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>) (<i>Acting Prime Minister wef 20th October, 2024</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) (<i>Acting Attorney General from 21st October to 26th October, 2024</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i>) |
| | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. |
| | 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>) |
| | and |
| | 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. 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., Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., 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. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*) Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S., Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*), Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A., Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*) and Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*).

The Clerk announced the absence of Mr. Speaker and Madam Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

OBITUARY

The Honourable The House observed a minute of silence as a mark of respect on the passing of Sir Henry deB Forde, K.A., K.C., former Member of Parliament and Minister of Government.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 8th October, 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:

- Report on the St. George North By-Election 2020.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Business Barbados Bill, 2024 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. 11 the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024 was called.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill sought and obtained leave to introduce Order Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in a cognate debate.

MERCHANT SHIPPING BILL, 2024

An Act to provide for the regulation of shipping activities in respect of international sea-going ships in Barbados waters, the regulation of international sea-going Barbados ships in any waters.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. G. Sutherland that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke on a point of order.

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.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Sitting was suspended at 2.16 p.m. to 3.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke in reply and on his motion, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Bill was read a second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 1488 of the Bill were called in 34 separate Parts, and on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey and seconded, were passed.

Schedules 1 to 14 respectively of the Bill were called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds 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. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 12**MERCHANT SHIPPING (LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the limitation of the liability ship-owners in relation to certain maritime claims and ensure that victims are reasonably compensated in relation to maritime claims,

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey moved, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

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

Clauses 1 to 118 of the Bill were called in 13 parts and on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey and seconded, were passed.

The Schedule to the Bill was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam Deputy Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland sought to speak on a matter of privilege.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

On the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 13**MERCHANT SHIPPING (LINER CONFERENCES) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to establish a regulatory environment for advancement of the liner conference system and facilitate the orderly expansion of liner shipping in Barbados,

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey moved, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

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

Clauses 1 to 41 of the Bill were called in 11 parts and were passed on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

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

ORDER NO. 14
MERCHANT SHIPPING (MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT) BILL, 2024

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to regulate the carriage of goods by sea when combined with other modes of transport and to support and promote maritime-connected multimodal transport,

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 149 of the Bill were called in 20 parts and on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey and seconded, were passed.

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

ORDER NO. 15
MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME MARRIAGE) BILL, 2024

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the conduct and formalities of marriages on board ships,

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

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

Clauses 1 to 54 of the Bill were called in 6 parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey and seconded.

The Schedule was called and passed on the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. K. D. M. Humphrey seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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, 29th October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.37 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
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Speaker.

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