



# 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 5th day of November, 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. 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> ) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</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. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                            |
| 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> ) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.   | 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> )   |
| 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. 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> )             |
|   | 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> )                |
|   | 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*), Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A., 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*), Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*), 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*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S., Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*), 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*) and Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs.

**PRAVERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 29th October, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

Madam Deputy Speaker welcomed all visitors to Parliament and the Sitting.

**PAPERS**

Hon. D. D. Marshall by command laid:

- Barbados' Medium-Term Fiscal Framework 2025-2026 to 2027-2028.

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

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, 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. 10 (resumed)**

Resolution that Parliament approve the National Policy for Improving the Lives of Persons with Disabilities and the 2023 National Report of the National Advisory Committee to Guide the Establishment of a Commission for Improving the Lives of Persons with Disabilities.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 12.30 p.m. to 12.40 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Sitting was suspended at 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Hon. C. A. Layne spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

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

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was adjourned to Tuesday, 19th November, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.05 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Speaker.

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