



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 7th day of May, 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>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</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>acting Prime Minister wef 5th May, 2024 to 8th May, 2024</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Transport and Works</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</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. 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>) | 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>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. |
| | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| | 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>) |
| | 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*), 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. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S., Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*), Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*) and Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs.

The Clerk announced the absence of His Honour the Speaker and Madam Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 23rd April, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

MESSAGES FROM THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

Madam Deputy Speaker read the following:

MESSAGE

From

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

To

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly that at its sitting on **Friday 3rd May, 2024** the **ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies Bill, 2024** was amended in the following terms:

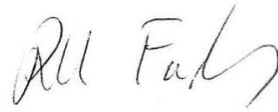
Clause 3 was deleted from Part II and inserted under PART I;

In Clause 39(1) the words 'Parts IV and V' were deleted and the words "**23 to 26, 27, 28 and 32**" substituted therefor; and

Clauses 47 to 51 originally in PART V under the heading REMEDIES have now been placed under a new "**Part VI**" with the heading "**MISCELLANEOUS**".

AND the Honourable the Senate transmits the amended Bill to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendment to the Bill.

Dated the 3rd day of May, 2024.



PRESIDENT

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Madam Deputy Speaker read the following:

**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS**

MESSAGE No. /2024

***HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT
TO
THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY***

Her Excellency the President wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that she will be absent from the country during the period 7th to 11th May, 2024 on vacation leave.

Her Excellency further wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson will perform the functions of the Office of President for the period of Her Excellency's absence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. L. M.'.

PRESIDENT

**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS.**

6th May, 2024

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

- Resolution that the Honourable the House of Assembly concur in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies Bill, 2024.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7

CORPORATION TOP-UP TAX BILL, 2024

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to established an effective tax rate of 15 per cent for qualifying entities through the imposition of a top-up tax,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill together with the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2024 Order No. 8 in a cognate debate.

Hon. R. R. Straughn 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.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on a point of order.

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 began to speak.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid resumed his speech.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid resumed his speech.

Mr. R. A. Thorne rose to speak on a point of elucidation.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid did not give way and resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid resumed his speech.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid resumed his speech.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid resumed his speech.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke on a point of order.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid concluded his speech.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

The Bill was called in Parts and passed with amendments to Clauses 5 and 69 (new additional clause) all on the same separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the First and Second Schedules were also called and passed on the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn 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. R. R. Straughn 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
INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

On the Order being called Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Income Tax Act, Cap. 73 to make provision for the reform of corporation tax in Barbados and other related matters,

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

The motion was passed.

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

The Bill, Clauses 1 to 13 and section 13 were called in parts and on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey were passed with amendments to Clauses 5 and 13 renumbered 14 and the insertion of an additional Clause 15.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn 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. R. R. Straughn 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. 13

Resolution that the Honourable the House of Assembly concur in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies Bill, 2024.

On the Order being called moved seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, that the Resolution, be passed.

The motion was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 14th May, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 2.30 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
, 2024.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 7th May, 2024.

Government Printing Department.