



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 23rd day of July, 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. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy</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>) | 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. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i>) |
| | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| | 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*), Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A., Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*), 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*), Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*), 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., Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*) and Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*).

The absence of His Honour the Speaker was announced by the Deputy Clerk; and Her Honour the 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, 16th July, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

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. 8****HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Health Services Act, Cap. 44 to make provision for the imposition of administrative penalties and the removal and sanitary disposal of offensive matter;

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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 concluded his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams began to speak.

Mr. R. A. Thorne rose and spoke.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams concluded his speech.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Further consideration of the Bill was deferred and the same referred to the Committee on Social Sector and Environment with a proviso to report back to the House of Assembly within a period of three months on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 30th July, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 1.35 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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