



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 30th day of May, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)
His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M. | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</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, Works and Water Resources</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i>) |
| | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (<i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |

ABSENT

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*) and Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 23rd May, 2023 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. 5****GREEN PAPER ON THE NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY**

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Barbados has signaled its intention to give new impetus to the sports sector to provide communities with ownership in the development of sports and to ensure sports generates revenue for athletes, communities and the youth through the creation of a comprehensive and inclusive sports policy;

AND WHEREAS the policy aims to utilize sports as a means to foster youth and community development, and as a tool for social development and nation building;

AND WHEREAS the policy recognizes the significant economic potential of sports and supports the need to build a sports industry which can contribute to economic development in a meaningful way;

AND WHEREAS the Government has engaged in extensive consultations with direct stakeholders within the sports arena on the draft National Sports Policy;

AND WHEREAS the Cabinet has given favourable consideration to the draft National Sports Policy;

AND WHEREAS a Green Paper has been prepared to inform the finalization of a National Sports Policy;

AND WHEREAS the policy recognizes twelve thematic areas which are fundamental to sports development, namely Building a More Active Barbados, Sports for Community Development, Physical Education, Sports and the Education System, Sports and Penitentiary Reform, Development of a Sports Economy, Sports Tourism, Intellectual Property and Sports, Digital Sports Sector, Development of a High-Performance System, Specialists' Sports Centre, Institutional Strengthening and Governance, and Incentives and Concessions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados take note of the Green Paper on the National Sports Policy,

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Resolution be approved.

Hon. C. A. Lane began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane concluded his speech.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

SUSPENSION

At 12.28 p.m., on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Sitting was suspended to 3.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 5 (resumed)

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

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT (recommitted)
Mr. Speaker read the following message:



Ref. No. PB: 2/S. 1 A

25th May, 2023

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I wish to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, with the approval of The Honourable Prime Minister, I shall be out of the island from 26th to 29th May, 2023 in order to attend a private function in St. Lucia.

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 the President during my absence.

As The Honourable The House of Assembly will not be meeting prior to my departure, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The House of Assembly when next it meets.

Yours faithfully,



PRESIDENT

His Honour
The Speaker of The House of Assembly
Parliament Buildings
BRIDGETOWN

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair, the passing of the Resolution in Standing Finance Committee.

On the separate motion of Hon. C. McD. Griffith the Resolution was read a first and second time and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 6th June, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Speaker.

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