



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Friday the 22nd day of September, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)
His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*) (**Online**)
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| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.),
L.E.C. (<i>Attorney General and Minister
of Legal Affairs</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism
and International Transport</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour,
Social Security and the Third Sector</i>) |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.),
L.E.C., LL.M. | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (<i>Minister of
State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A.
(Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and
Maintenance</i>) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A.
(<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder
Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.),
L.E.C. (<i>Acting Prime Minister wef
14th Sept, 2023</i>) (<i>Senior Minister</i>)
(<i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water
Resources</i>) | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc, M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the
Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister
of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| 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. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. (<i>Minister of
Environment and National Beautification</i>) | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Education,
Technological and Vocational Training</i>) |
| Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister
of Youth, Sports and Community
Empowerment</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. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), 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*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip Theology, Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*).
Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 27th June, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 12th September, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

PAPERS

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid the following:

- Comprehensive Disaster Management Policy for Barbados, 2022.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne seconded by Hon. R. R. Straughn the Human Tissue Transplant Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

On the motion Hon. S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the Barbados Water Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023 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 Dr. the Hon. D. I. Ishmael Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 2****BARBADOS WATER AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022**

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Barbados Water Authority Act, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Bill be withdrawn.

The motion was passed.

ORDER NO. 9

Resumption of debate on Resolution that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to the Autism Association of Barbados, a charity registered under the *Charities Act*, Cap. 243 as Chartiy No. 612 of a parcel of land, the property of the State situate at the Garrsion in the parish of Saint Michael, in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* to the Resolution on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* to the Resolution for its Basic Life Skills Programme.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 7

Hon R. R. Straughn spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by section 4A(1) of the *Latin American Development Bank Act, 2015* (Act 2015-24) the Government of Barbados may, in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Government and the Latin American Development Bank (*Corporación Andina de Fomento*), subscribe to 1,080 additional Series "C" shares of Common Capital Stock in the Bank for a value of USD 14,200 each;

AND WHEREAS by section 4A(2) of the Act, the Government may, subject to the approval of Parliament, subscribe to further additional shares of Common Capital Stock of the Bank;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it expedient to subscribe to 3,522 further additional Series “C” shares of Common Capital Stock of the Bank for a value of USD 14,200 each and a total value of USD 50,012,400 in order to increase the level of participation of Barbados in the ownership of the Bank and increase access to funding for sustainable development projects from USD 200,000,000 to USD 400,000,000;

AND WHEREAS the subscription to 3,522 further additional Series “C” shares of Common Capital Stock of the Bank are on the terms and conditions contained in an Ordinary Capital Share Subscription Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the subscription to 3,522 further additional Series “C” shares of Common Capital Stock of the Bank for the value of USD 50,012,400.

SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Bank:	Latin American Development Bank (<i>Corporación Andina de Fomento</i>)
Subscriber:	Government of Barbados
Number and Type of Shares:	3,522 Series “C” shares of Common Capital Stock
Share Value:	USD 14,200
Total Share Value:	USD 50,012,400
Payment Period:	3 years
Payment Schedule:	Installment 1 - USD 16,670,800 comprising 1,174 Series “C” shares of Common Capital Stock payable before November 30, 2023.
Payment Schedule:	Installment 2 - USD 16,670,800 comprising 1,174 Series “C” shares of Common Capital Stock payable before September 30, 2024.
	Installment 3 - USD 16,670,800 comprising 1,174 Series “C” shares of Common Capital Stock payable before September 30, 2025.

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Ms. M. K-A. Caddle that the Resolution be passed.
 Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.
 Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.
 The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 6
NATIONAL PAYMENT SYSTEM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called for Hon. R. R. Straughn to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Payment System Act (Act 2021-1),

the Hon. Member spoke and on his motion, seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan.

On the motion of R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. C. E. Jordan the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 12.58 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY SPEAKER

On resumption the Deputy Clerk announced the temporary absence of Mr. Speaker and Mr. Deputy Speaker.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore was elected temporary Speaker pursuant to Standing Order 5(3).

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid the following:

- Loan Number 9469-BB – Loan Agreement: Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Loan between the Government of Barbados and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- Barbados Medium-Term Fiscal Framework 2024/2025 to 2026/2027.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

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

- Resolution that the Barbados Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 be debated in Parliament and that any recommendations made in respect of the Fiscal Framework 2024-2025 to 2026-2027 be considered by the Cabinet.

The acting Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 11

BARBADOS WATER AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Barbados Water Authority Act, Cap. 274A, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Dr. R. O. Springer seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 23 and the First and Second Schedules were called and passed on the motion of Dr. R. O. Springer seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

On the motion of Dr. R. O. Springer seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Dr. R. O. Springer seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 17th October, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.20 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.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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Friday, 22nd September, 2023

Government Printing Department.