



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Monday the 30th day of September, 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> )                  | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</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. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )               |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )   | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )  |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.  | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )                  |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )  | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</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> ) | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.  |
| 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> )  |
| 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. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )                          |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )   | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> )  |
|  | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.   |
|  | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</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> )     |
|  | 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., Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister*)(*Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office*), Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy*), Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. and Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs.

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 17th September, 2024 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss. S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Electricity Supply Bill, 2024.
2. Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
3. Health Services (Medical Reports) (Fees) (Validation) Bill, 2024; and
4. Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024.

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

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 13****ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called for Hon. K. D. Symmonds, to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to regulate the generation, storage, transmission, distribution, dispatch, supply and sale of electricity, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Bill be read a second time.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 12.50 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Madam Deputy President resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO.13 (resumed)**

Mr. R. A. Thorne began to speak.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.  
 Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke when Mr. Thorne gave way.  
 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 resumed his speech.  
 Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.  
 Dr. S. E. Browne spoke.  
 Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

The Clauses of the Bill, 1 to 79 were called in 13 parts and on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, were passed.

The First to the Fourth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. K. D. Symmonds 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 of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 8th October, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.05 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  
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day of

Speaker.

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Monday, 30th September, 2024.

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