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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
(First Session of 2022-2027)**

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on **Friday the 17th day of January, 2025, at 10 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)

HER HONOUR MISS C. Y. FORDE, J.P., L.C.P. (Deputy 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)

Hon. D. D. **MARSHALL, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.),**
L.E.C., (Attorney General and Minister of Legal
Affairs) (Senior Minister)

Mr. T. A. **PRESCOD, J.P., B.A.**

Hon. K. D. **SYMMONDS, B.A., LL.B (Senior**
Minister) (Minister of Foreign Affairs and
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M.B.A. (dist.) (Minister of Housing, Lands and
Maintenance)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. **BRADSHAW, LL.B. (Hons.)**
L.E.C., (Deputy Prime Minister) (Senior
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(Leader of Government Business)

Dr. the Hon. W. F. **DUGUID J.P., B.D.S.,**
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(Minister of Planning and Development in the
Prime Minister's Office)

Hon. W. A. **ABRAHAM, S.C., LL.B. (Minister**
of Home Affairs and Information)

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. **HUSBANDS, B.A. (Hons),**
M.Sc. (Minister of State in the Ministry of
Education, Technological and Vocational
Training)

Mr. R. A. **THORNE, K.C., LL.B. L.E.C., Dip.**
Theology (Leader of the Opposition)

Hon. I. A. **WEIR, M.B.A. (Minister of**
Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security)

Hon. A. R. **FORDE, Rph. (Minister of**
Environment and National Beautification, Green
and Blue Economy)

~~Hon. C. McD. **GRIFFITH, B.Sc. (Minister of**~~
~~Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment)~~

Mr. P. R. **PHILLIPS, J.P. (Chairman of**
Committees)

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Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. **CADDLE**, B.A., M.Sc. (Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology)

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Dr. R. O. **SPRINGER**, J.P., Ph.D. (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works)

Hon. D. I. **ISHMAEL**, M.B.A., M.Sc. (Minister of State in the Ministry of Health & Wellness)

~~Hon. C. A. **LANE**, J.P. (Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney-General)~~

~~Mr. C. D. L. **GIBBS**~~

ABSENT

(See names deleted)

Mr. Speaker took the chair at

Prayers were taken by ^{PRAYERS} *Rev. Julian S. Crawford*

~~MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT~~

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

~~Message from the Honourable the Senate to the Honourable the House of Assembly~~