



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 July, 2024, 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*)
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 Foreign Trade*)
- Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*) (*Leader of Government Business*)
- 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. W. A. Abrahams, 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 and the Green and Blue Economy*)
- Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*)
- Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*)
- Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector*)
- Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.
- Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)
- 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.
- Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)
- 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 and Wellness*)
- Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs

ABSENT

Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), 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*) and Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 23rd July, 2024 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 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Port Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2023.
- Audited Statement of Accounts of the Board of Management of The Lodge School for the year ended March 31, 2022.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

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

1. The Bail Bill, 2024; and
2. The Foreign Currency Permits Bill, 2024.

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

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 9****BAIL BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to revise the law relating to the provision of bail in or in connection with criminal proceedings and to provide for related matters;

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

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

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

Mr. R. A. Thorne resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. R. A. Thorne concluded his speech.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams began to speak.

Mr. R. A. Thorne rose to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams resumed his speech.

Mr. R. A. Thorne rose to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 2.25 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 5.49 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

Parts 1 to 4 (Clauses 1 to 18) were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

Part 5 (Clauses 19 to 29) was called on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds Part 5 was amended by the deletion of Clause 29.

Part 5 (as amended) was passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

The Schedule was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. K. D. Symmonds.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall 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. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed in accordance with Section 49 of the Constitution; twenty-two Honourable Members voting Aye.

There were no Noes or abstentions.

The title of the Bill was read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 7**CRIMINAL JUSTICE (PLEA NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for plea negotiations and plea agreements in criminal cases and for related matters, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

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

Clauses 1 to 35 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

The Schedule was called and passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall 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 Hon. D. D. Marshall 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 who spoke, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the House was adjourned to Friday, 9th August, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 8.36 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 _____, 2024.

Speaker.

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