



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the House of Representatives held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 17TH June, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

House of Representatives

Mr. Speaker
The Honourable Leo Cato, MP
in the Chair

Honourable Dickon Mitchell, MP
(St. David)

- Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation, Transportation and Communications Technology

Honourable Philip Telesford, MP
(St. George South-East)

- Minister for Health & Leader of Government's Business

Honourable Joseph Andall, MP
(St. Patrick West)

- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade & Export Development

Honourable Lennox J. Andrews, MP
(St. Andrew South-West)

- Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine

Resources and Cooperatives

Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP (Carriacou & Petite Martinique)	- Minister for Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government
Honourable Kerryne Z. James, MP (St. John)	- Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy
Honourable Delma Thomas, MP (St. Andrew North-West)	- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health & Religious Affairs
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith C. Mitchell, PC, MP, JP (St. George North-West)	- Member
Honourable Peter David, MP (Town of St. George)	- Member

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Honourable Dennis Cornwall, MP (St. Patrick East)	- Minister for Finance
Honourable Ron Livingston Redhead, MP (St. George North-East)	- Member
Honourable Andy Williams, MP (South St. George)	- Minister for Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation
Honourable Emmalin Pierre, MP (St. Andrew South-East)	- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition
Hon. Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP (St. Mark)	- Deputy Speaker
Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters, MP (St. Andrew North-East)	- Member

PRAYERS

Prayers were said.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OR AFFIRMATION OF A NEW MEMBER

There was no Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation of a New Member.

MINUTES

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the House of Representatives held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 13th May, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. be taken as read.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Minutes taken as read.

The Leader of Government's Business moved the confirmation of the Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the House of Representatives held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 13th May, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Minutes confirmed.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

There was no message from the Governor-General.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker made the following announcements:

“Honourable Members, I have information in my possession to show that a number of Members of Parliament are absent from this House, because they are on official State Business. They include the Honourable Dennis Cornwall, Honourable Ron Redhead, Honourable Andy Williams. They also include the Leader of His Majesty’s Opposition, Honourable Emmalin Pierre, Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters and Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, whom are on over-seas official State Business.

I also wish to announce in this House that June 30th of this year is **World Parliament Day** and the theme for this year’s celebration is “**Parliamentary Democracy, Building Bridges for Peace and Understanding**”.

Those are my announcements. Thank you.”

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There was no presentation of Petitions.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no Papers and Reports from Select Committees.

UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS

There was no unopposed private business.

QUESTIONS

There were no Questions.

**URGENT QUESTIONS UNDER THE PROVISIONS
OF STANDING ORDER NO. 20 (1) – NOTICE OF QUESTIONS**

There were no urgent questions.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

The under-mentioned Minister made statements:

- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health, Wellness & Religious Affairs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

The under-mentioned Members made statements:

- Member for St. George North-West.

The Speaker indicated that the statements made by the Member for St. George North-West was noted.

MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

BILLS

BANKING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the Banking (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in accordance with Section 65 of the Standing Order be withdrawn.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

The Bill was withdrawn.

BANKING HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

The Leader of Government's Business introduced the above-mentioned Bill for its First Reading.

The Bill was read a first time.

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the relevant Standing Order of the House be suspended to enable the Bill to be taken through all its stages at that Sitting.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Relevant Standing Order suspended.

The Leader of Government's Business moved the second reading of the Bill.

Question proposed.

The under-mentioned Members spoke on the Bill:

- The Leader of Government's Business;
- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health, Wellness & Religious Affairs;
- Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy;
- Parliamentary Representative for the Town of St. George;
- Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation, Transportation and Communications, Technology.

The Leader of Government's Business thanked Members for their contributions and commended the Bill for its second reading.

Question put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the Bill Clause by Clause.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

House in Committee.

Clause 2 Amendment of Schedule to principal Act - agreed to

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the House resume and the Chairman of the Committee report progress on the Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Bill was considered by a Committee of the whole House and passed without amendment.

Question put and agreed to.

The Leader of Government's Business moved the third reading of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

GRENADA TOURISM AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

The Bill was read a first time.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Relevant Standing Order suspended.

The Leader of Government's Business moved the second reading of the Bill.

Question proposed.

The under-mentioned Members spoke on the Bill:

- The Leader of Government's Business
- Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives;

Question put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the Bill Clause by Clause.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

House in Committee.

Clause 2	-	Amendment of section 38 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 3	-	Amendment of section 39 of the Principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 1	-	Short title	-	agreed to

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the House resume and the Chairman of the Committee report progress on the Bill.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

House resumes.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that the Bill was considered by a Committee of the whole House and passed without amendment.

The Leader of Government's Business moved that the Chairman's Report be adopted.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman's Report adopted.

The Leader of Government's Business moved the third reading of the Bill.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The Honourable Leader of Government's Business moved the adjournment of the House *sine die*.

Question Proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

The Sitting of the House adjourned sine die at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted to the Speaker for his signature in accordance with Section 6 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives.



Andrew Augustine
CLERK OF PARLIAMENT

Signed by me pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 6 (2).



Leo Cato, Honourable, MP
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES