



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 24TH July, 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 Ron Livingston Redhead, MP (St. George North-East)	- Member
Honourable Delma Thomas, MP (St. Andrew North-West)	- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health & Religious Affairs
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
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith C. Mitchell, PC, MP, JP (St. George North-West)	- Member
Hon. Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP (St. Mark)	- Deputy Speaker
Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters, MP (St. Andrew North-East)	- Member
Honourable Peter David, MP (Town of St. George)	- Member

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Honourable Dennis Cornwall, MP (St. Patrick East)	- Minister for Finance
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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 17th June, 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 17th June, 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 wish to inform this Honourable House of the Bills which have been passed and have been assented to by the Governor-General for the Third Session of the Eleventh Parliament to date as follows:

1. Appropriation Bill, 2025;
2. Budget and New Hospital Project Loan Authorization Bill, 2025;
3. Tax Administration (Post-Hurricane Beryl Fiscal Support) Special Measures Bill, 2025;
4. Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2025;
5. Payment System and Services Bill, 2025;
6. Eastern Caribbean Deposit Insurance Corporation Agreement Bill, 2025;
7. Agreement on Immunities, Exemption and Privileges between the Corporación Andina De Fomento and Grenada Bill, 2025;
8. Bank Holidays (Amendment) Bill, 2025;
9. Grenada Tourism Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

I wish to also announce that Parliament would be on recess from the 1st August to 31st August, 2025. Those are my announcements. Thank you.”

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There was no presentation of Petitions.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

The Leader of Government’s Business moved that the following Reports and Papers be laid on the Table:

1. Grenada Citizenship by Investment Report to Grenada Houses of Parliament for the reporting period 1st January 2024 to 30th June, 2024;
2. Grenada Citizenship by Investment Report to Grenada Houses of Parliament for the reporting period 1st July, 2024 to 31st December, 2024;
3. NIS Grenada – National Insurance Board - Annual Report 2023;

4. NIS Grenada – National Insurance Board – Annual Report 2024.

The Speaker ordered that the Reports and Papers be laid on the Table.

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

There were no Statements by Ministers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

There were no Personal Explanations by Members.

MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

BILLS

CONSTITUTION (OATH OF ALLEGIANCE) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 1) 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;
- Parliamentary Representative for the Town of St. George;
- Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. George North-East
- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition

The Speaker advised the Members of the Public in the gallery of the Chamber to ensure that their phones and devises be turned off or not allowed to disturb the Sitting.

- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition
- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade & Export Development;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. George North-West
- Minister for Implementation and Transformation
- Parliamentary Representative for St. Andrew North-East
- Minister for Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government;
- 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.

- Deputy Speaker and Parliamentary Representative for St. Mark.

The Speaker informed the House that a request for a recess was made by Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste to seek consensus from her other colleagues on the Bill.

The Speaker granted the request made by the Deputy Speaker for not more than ten (10) minutes recess.

House adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

House resumed at 12:50 a.m.

The Leader of Government's Business thanked Members for their contributions made 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	-	Interpretation	-	agreed to
Clause 3	-	Amendment of Schedule 3 to the Constitution	-	agreed to
Clause 4	-	Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Courts Order	-	agreed to
Clause 5	-	Consequential Amendments to laws other than in the Constitution and the Courts Order	-	agreed to
Clause 6	-	Transitional Provisions as to Oath of Allegiance	-	agreed to

Clause 1 - Short title and commencement - 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.

The Speaker requested that a Vote by Division be taken.

DIVISION HELD ON – CONSTITUTION (OATH OF ALLEGIANCE) (AMENDMENT)
(NO. 1) BILL, 2025

NAMES	AYE	NO	ABSTENTION	ABSENT
Honourable Dickon Mitchell, MP	Aye			
Honourable Philip Telesford, MP	Aye			
Honourable Joseph Andall, MP	Aye			
Honourable Lennox J. Andrew, MP	Aye			
Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP	Aye			
Honourable Dennis Cornwall, MP				Absent

Honourable Kerryne James, MP	Aye			
Honourable Ron Livingston Redhead, MP	Aye			
Honourable Delma Thomas, MP	Aye			
Honourable Andy Williams, MP	Aye			
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell, MP	Aye			
Honourable Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP	Aye			
Honourable Peter David, MP	Aye			
Honourable Kate Lewis, MP	Aye			
Honourable Emmalin Pierre, MP	Aye			
TOTAL	14			1

CONSTITUTION (OATH OF ALLEGIANCE) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) 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;

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 - Interpretation - agreed to

Clause 3 - Amendment of Schedule 3 to the Constitution - agreed to

Clause 4 - Transitional Provisions as to Oath of Allegiance - agreed to

Clause 1 - Short title and commencement - 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.

The Speaker requested that a Vote by Division be taken.

DIVISION HELD ON – CONSTITUTION (OATH OF ALLEGIANCE) (AMENDMENT)
(NO. 2) BILL, 2025

NAMES	AYE	NO	ABSTENTION	ABSENT
Honourable Dickon Mitchell, MP	Aye			
Honourable Philip Telesford, MP	Aye			
Honourable Joseph Andall, MP	Aye			
Honourable Lennox J. Andrew, MP	Aye			
Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP	Aye			
Honourable Dennis Cornwall, MP				Absent
Honourable Kerryne James, MP	Aye			
Honourable Ron Livingston Redhead, MP	Aye			
Honourable Delma Thomas, MP	Aye			
Honourable Andy Williams, MP	Aye			
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell, MP	Aye			
Honourable Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP	Aye			
Honourable Peter David, MP	Aye			
Honourable Kate Lewis, MP	Aye			
Honourable Emmalin Pierre, MP	Aye			
TOTAL	14			1

MARRIAGE (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.

STATUS OF CHILDREN BILL, 2025

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

The Bill was read a first time.

AGE OF CIVIL LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY (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.

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

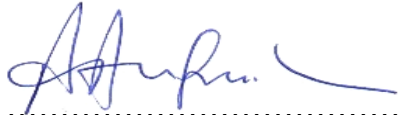
The Honourable Leader of Government's Business moved the adjournment of the House *sine die*.

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.



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Andrew Augustine
CLERK OF PARLIAMENT

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



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