



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the House of Representatives held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 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 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
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 Joseph Andall, MP (St. Patrick West)	- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade & Export Development
Honourable Dennis Cornwall, MP (St. Patrick East)	- Minister for Finance
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith C. Mitchell, PC,MP, JP (St. George North-West)	- 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 March 24, 2026 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 March 24, 2026 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 been advised that the Parliamentary Representative for St. Patrick East, the Minister for Finance would not be with us today, he is out on State Business. And the Honourable Parliamentary Representative for St. Patrick West is also out on State business.

I am in receipt of a bit of correspondence from the President of the Senate with respect to the Possessory Title (Amendment) Bill that was passed in this House and was seen and amended in the Upper House on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April.

Since we last met here, the following Bills have received the assent of the Governor-General and are now into law:

- ❖ The Drug Abuse (Prevention and Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2026;
- ❖ Banking (Amendment) Bill, 2026;
- ❖ CARICOM Arrest Warrant Bill, 2026;
- ❖ Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill, 2026;
- ❖ Trademarks (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

Annually the world celebrates “World International Day for safety and health in the workplace as declared by the UN since 2003. I also note that the Ministry of Health has announced Health Week which actually reminds us that we need to pay special attention to our health our family and the health of those who work with us and for us.

And sadly, I wish to say in this Honourable House that we regret the passing of Mr. Norman Gilbert who was a Permanent Secretary at one point in his life, I recall it very well and who of course has worked with several Ministers of Government. And on behalf of the Parliament of Grenada I wish to extend to his family and relatives our deepest sympathy. He had been for a very long time a prominent youth in Grenada.

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 Committees.

## **UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS**

There was no unopposed private business.

## **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions asked.

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

There were no urgent questions.

## **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

The undermentioned spoke on Statements by Ministers:

- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health & Religious Affairs;
- Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives;
- Minister for Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government;
- Minister for Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation
- 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.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

The undermentioned spoke under Personal Explanations:

- ❖ Parliamentary Representative for St. Mark

## MOTIONS

- a) *The Leader of Government's Business moved the following Motion standing in his name:*

### **RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 107 (2) OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT CAP. 286A**

**WHEREAS** it is provided by section 107 (1) of the Representation of the People Act Cap. 286A (hereinafter referred to as "**the Act**") that the Governor-General may make Regulations generally for giving effect to the provisions of the Act;

**WHEREAS** section 107 (1) (c) provides that the Governor-General may make Regulations prescribing the symbols to be used on every ballot paper, and the mode of allocation of such symbols to candidates;

**WHEREAS** section 107 (2) provides that the Regulations made under Act are subject to affirmative resolution;

**WHEREAS** regulations have been made to insert a new symbol to be used on ballot papers under the Representation for the People (election Symbols) Regulations Cap. 286A;

**AND WHEREAS** it is now expedient that the Representation of the People (Election Symbols) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 attached hereto as a Schedule be approved by the House of Representatives;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to section 107 (2) of the Act, the Representation of the People (Election Symbols) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 be now approved.

## SCHEDULE

### **The Leader of Government's Business Approached the Bench.**

The Under mentioned spoke on the Motion:

- Leader of Governments Business

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Motion approved.**

## **BILLS**

**The Speaker informed the House that a message was sent from the Senate with amendments to the Possessory Titles (Amendment) Bill, 2026 which were made by the senate for concurrence of the House of Representatives.**

### **POSSESSORY TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

#### **Message from the Senate to the House of Representatives**

The Senate at its meeting on April 8, 2026 passed the Possessory Titles (Amendment) Bill, 2026 with an amendment. The following amendment was made to which they desire the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

#### **Possessory Titles (Amendment) Bill, 2026**

Clause 19 to be deleted "**Clause 19** seeks to repeal subsections (1) and (2) of section 34 of the principal Act to remove the provisions relating to fixed fees for services by attorneys-at-law provided under the Possessory Titles Act, 2016." Therefore, there would now be 21 clauses instead of 22.

**Question proposed.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Amendment made by the Senate was passed.**

### **CRUISE SHIP (VISITORS) LEVY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

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;

The Leader of Government's Business thanked Members for the support to the Bill and commended the Bill to 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 section 2 of the principal Act - agreed to  
Clause 3 - Amendment of section 3 of the principal Act - 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 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 amendments.

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 without amendments.**

## **VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

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;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. Andrew North-East;
- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition;
- Minister for Mobilization, Implementation and Transformation;
- 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 the support and contributions to the Bill and commended the Bill to its second reading.

**Question put and agreed to.**

**The Bill was read a second time.**

**House in Committee.**

Clause 2 - Amendment to section 2 of the principal Act - agreed to

Clause 3 - Amendment to section 6 of the principal Act - agreed to

Clause 4	-	Insertion of new section 8A in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 5	-	Insertion of new section 9A in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 6	-	Amendment to section 17 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 7	-	Amendment to section 18 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 8	-	Insertion of new section 22A in the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 9	-	Amendment to section 43 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 10	-	Amendment to section 67 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 11	-	Savings and transitional	-	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 amendments.

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 without amendments.**

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

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

The Speaker directed that Honourable Lennox Andrews could distribute the Irish Potatoes that he spoke about in his Ministerial Statements that were grown in Grenada from the Grenada Agro-Farmers.

*The following Spoke on the adjournment:*

- ❖ Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters
- ❖ Honourable Philip Telesford

Discussions were held in the House in relation to utterances made off the records (not recorded) in the House by Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters, member of the Opposition, regarding the distribution of Irish potatoes by Honourable Lennox Andrews, Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives.

Members of the Government side of the House requested that the Honourable Member of the Opposition provide an apology to the House for her statements made.

Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters advised that the Hansard Records be retrieved in going forward.

House adjourned for a brief timeline to access the Hansards.

- ❖ Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste
- ❖ Honourable Dickon Mitchell
- ❖ Honourable Emmalin Pierre
- ❖ Honourable Ron Redhead

**The House adjourned for a brief discussion.**

**House resumes at 11:45 a.m.**

*The following Members spoke on the Adjournment:*

- ❖ Honourable Lennox Andrews
- ❖ Honourable Dickon Mitchell
- ❖ Honourable Philip Telesford

**Speaker made comments.**

**Question proposed.**


**Question put and agreed to.**

***The Sitting of the House adjourned sine die at 11: 59 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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Finley Jeffrey  
**CLERK OF PARLIAMENT**

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

  
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Leo Cato (Honourable)  
**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**