



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 August 25, 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 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 Dennis Cornwall, MP (St. Patrick East)	- Minister for Finance
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)	- Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister for Digital Transformation
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

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP (Carriacou & Petite Martinique)	- Minister for Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith C. Mitchell, PC, MP, JP (St. George North-West)	- Member
Honourable Peter David, MP (Town of St. George)	- 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 July 28, 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 July 28, 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:

“Good morning Honourable Members of this House, I have correspondence from the Honourable Member from the Town of St. George which indicates that he is out of State and would not be present at today’s Sitting.

I at this point wish to announce that responses to Questions from Members of Parliament signed by the permanent secretaries are considered valid as has been the practice since the PS is the competent authority in the Ministry to sign off on documents within the Ministry. I also want to appeal to Members and Ministers to sign off on responses that are provided to the Parliament, so that the responses according to the practices in this Parliament of PS’s signing from time to time is considered valid. But we expect Ministers to sign.

There will be an urgent meeting of the Committee of Privileges on Friday August 28, 2026. It’s an urgent meeting so Members please make an extra effort to be there on time.

And finally, in the US today, they celebrate “*National Kiss and Make-up Day*”. Now make-up has nothing to do with chemicals. Make-up here has to do with mending fences and getting things right and it is celebrated in the US, but I think it is a good thing for any country, any people to consider mending fences and fixing what has been a messed up situation in a relationship, in family and in a country.

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 Reports and Papers.

UNOPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS

There was no unopposed private business.

QUESTIONS

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 of State in the Office of the Prime Minister for Digital Transformation

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

There were no Personal Explanations.

MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

BILLS

BANKING (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) 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;
- 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;
- Parliamentary Representative for St. Mark;
- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development;
- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition;
- Minister for Finance.

The Leader of Government's Business thanked Members for their contributions 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	-	Interpretation	-	agreed to
Clause 3	-	Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 4	-	Repeal and substitution of Part XII of the Principal Act	-	agreed to
Clause 5	-	Transitional	-	agreed to

The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition made a proposal for an insertion to the Bill which was discussed, however the proposed insertion was repudiated.

Clause 1	-	Short title	-	agreed to
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The Leader of Government's Business moved that the House resume and the Chairman of the Committee reports 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.

**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*.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

The Sitting of the House adjourned sine die at 10:39 p.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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Melvina Gulston (Ms.)
DEPUTY CLERK OF PARLIAMENT (Ag.)

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