



MINUTES
OF THE
HONOURABLE JAMAICA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

At a meeting of the Members of the House of Representatives held pursuant to adjournment at Gordon House in the City and Parish of Kingston on Tuesday, the

12TH DAY OF MAY, 2026

The House met at 2:23 P.M. o'clock.

PRAYERS

Prayer was read by Dr. Kenneth Russell.

The Speaker welcomed everyone to the sitting for the continuation of the Sectoral Debate, featuring contributions from the Minister of Health and Wellness and the Member of Parliament for St. Andrew, Western. She extended a special welcome to the team from the Ministry of Health and Wellness, particularly, Mr. Errol Green, Permanent Secretary; Dr. Jacqueline Bissasor McKenzie, Chief Medical Officer; the Chief Technical Director; and Mr. Ian Stein, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization country representative.

She also welcomed constituents from St. Catherine, West Central, and St. Andrew, Western, as well as persons viewing the proceedings via the various social media platforms and the Public Broadcasting Corporation Jamaica's platform. She acknowledged the presence of Professor Denise Eldemire Shearer; Mr. Michael Stern, former Member of Parliament; Senators; and Mrs. Sharon Hay Webster, former Member of Parliament.

She subsequently welcomed students from the Edith Dalton James High School and Senator Kisha Anderson.

CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT WERE:

Most Honourable Juliet Ann Marie Holness, MP, Speaker

Mr. Heroy Anthony Clarke, MP, Deputy Speaker (St. James, Central)

The Honourable Floyd O'Brian Green, MP, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining, and Leader of the House

The Honourable Fayval Shirley Williams, MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service

The Honourable Olivia Atavia Grange, OJ, CD, MP, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport

Dr. Honourable Christopher Charles Tufton, MP, Minister of Health and Wellness

The Honourable Robert St. Aubyn Montague, CD, MP, Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Infrastructure Development with responsibility for Land Titling and Settlements

The Honourable Delroy Hawmin Chuck, KC, MP, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs

The Honourable Robert Nesta Morgan, MP, Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Infrastructure Development with responsibility for Works

The Honourable Ambassador Audrey Patrice Marks, OJ, MP, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for Efficiency, Innovation and Digital Transformation

Dr. the Honourable Andrew O'Brien Wheatley, MP, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister with responsibility for Science, Technology and Special Projects

The Honourable Juliet Samantha Cuthbert Flynn, OD, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Peace

The Honourable Franklin Robert Witter, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining

The Honourable Marisa Colleen Dalrymple Philibert, CD, Minister of State in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs

The Honourable Krystal Kerry-Ann Lee, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness

The Honourable Donovan St. Ledger Williams, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Social Security

The Honourable Zavia Taze Mayne, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service

The Honourable Delroy Hugh Williams, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Local and Community Development

Mr. Richard Edward Azan, MP, Clarendon, North Western

Mr. Christopher Rew Brown, MP, St. Mary, South Eastern

Mr. Isat Aquaba Buchanan, MP, Portland Eastern

Dr. Dayton Ricardo Campbell, MP, Westmoreland, Eastern

Mr. Lothan Cousins, MP, Clarendon, South Western

Dr. Alfred Patrick Dawes, MP, St. Catherine, South Eastern

Mr. Mark Jefferson Golding, MP, St Andrew, Southern

Mr. Dennis Junior Gordon, MP, St. Andrew, East Central

Mr. Ian Dave Hayles, MP, Westmoreland, Western

Mr. Wavell Wayne Hinds, MP, Clarendon, Northern

Mr. George Anthony Hylton, CD, MP, St. Andrew, Western

Ms. Zuleika Amadie Jess, MP, St. Elizabeth, North Eastern

Mrs. Marlene Patricia Malahoo Forte, KC, MP, St. James, West Central

Mrs. Heatha Mavarie Miller Bennett, MP, Hanover, Western

Mr. Andrew Antonio Morris, MP, St. Elizabeth, North Western

Mr. Omar Anthony Newell, MP, St. Mary, Central

Mr. Phillip Feanny Paulwell, CD, MP, Kingston, Eastern and Port Royal

Ms. Andrea Marvalyn Purkiss, MP, Hanover, Eastern

Mr. Julian Jay Robinson, MP, St. Andrew, South Eastern

Dr. Kenneth Alphanso Russell, MP, St. Ann, South Eastern

Ms. Yvonne Rose Marie Shaw, MP, St. Thomas, Eastern

Mr. Duane Charles Edward Smith, MP, St. Andrew, North Western

Mr. Dwayne Francois St. Michael Vaz, MP, Westmoreland, Central

The Honourable Floyd Green, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining and Leader of the House, moved that the agenda items be suspended to enable the House to take the item, “Public Business”.

Seconded by: Mr. Dwayne Vaz

Agreed to

PUBLIC BUSINESS

SECTORAL DEBATE

Dr. the Honourable Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health and Wellness, continued the debate on the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House of Representatives approve the plans and programmes being pursued by the Government in respect of ministries which were not included in the debate on the Appropriation Bill and further approve the policy projections as announced for the Financial Year 2026/2027.

(Mr. Mikael Asher Phillips, MP, Manchester, North Western, entered and took his seat).

(The Honourable Desmond Anthony Augustus McKenzie, CD, MP, Minister of Local Government and Community Development, entered and took his seat).

(The Honourable Parnel Patroe Charles, Jr., MP, Minister of Labour and Social Security, entered and took his seat).

(The Honourable Matthew Peter Samuda, MP, Minister of Water, Environment and Climate Change, entered and took his seat).

(Ms. Joyce Denise Daley, MP, St. Catherine, Eastern, entered and took her seat).

(The Honourable Rhoda Moy Crawford, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information, entered and took her seat).

(Mrs. Natalie Gaye Neita Garvey, MP, St. Catherine, North Central, entered and took her seat).

(The Honourable Tova Tené Hamilton, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism, entered and took her seat).

(The Honourable. Dr. Horace Anthony Chang, OJ, CD, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security and Peace, entered and took his seat).

(Dr. the Most Honourable Andrew Michael Holness, ON, PC, MP, Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and Minister of Economic Growth and Infrastructure Development, entered and took his seat).

(The Honourable Kerensia Alicia Morrison, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, entered and took her seat).

(The Honourable Alando Nathaniel Terrelonge, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, entered and took his seat).

(Mr. Clifford Everald Errol Warmington, CD, MP, St. Catherine, South Western, entered and took his seat).

Mr. George Hylton also spoke on the motion.

(Ms. Nekeisha Shernicka Burchell, MP, St. James, Southern, entered and took her seat).

Pursuant to the agreement of the House on April 21, 2026, a Minister contributing in the Sectoral Debate was allotted 45 minutes to speak, with a further extension of 15 minutes. An Opposition Spokesperson was allotted 30 minutes, with an additional five minutes permitted. Both presenters for the day were granted their respective extensions.

Further debate on the substantive motion was, by leave, deferred.

The Honourable Floyd Green, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining, and Leader of the House, moved that a Bill entitled, “AN ACT to Amend the Conch (Export Levy) Act” be now read a second time.

Dr. Dayton Campbell also spoke on the motion.

Seconded by: Mrs. Marlene Malahoo Forte
Agreed to

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the clauses of the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Title and Enacting Clause agreed to.

The question that the Bill be reported to the House as having passed Committee stage without amendment agreed to.

The House resumed.

The Bill having been reported as having passed Committee stage without amendment, the Honourable Floyd Green, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining, and Leader of the House, moved that a Bill entitled, “AN ACT to Amend the Conch (Export Levy) Act” be now read a third time.

Seconded by: Mr. Andrew Morris
Agreed to

Clerk read the Bill a third time.

Bill passed without amendment.

The Honourable Floyd Green, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining and Leader of the House, moved that all the agenda items before the item “Public Business” be recommitted.

Seconded by: Dr. Dayton Campbell
Agreed to

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk laid on the Table of the House a copy of each of the following:

Annual Report of the
Financial Services Commission
For the Financial Year 2022/2023

and its related
Ministry Paper
Numbered 30/2026

Titled:

Annual Report of the
Financial Services Commission
for the Year Ended March 31, 2023
[Ministry of Finance and the Public Service]

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement of the
Electoral Commission of Jamaica
For the Financial Year 2024/2025
[Office of the Prime Minister]

Auditor General's Department
Hurricane Melissa Relief Initiative Audit
Compliance Audit Report:
Financial Management of Donated and National Disaster Funds & the Implementation of the
Roof Restoration Project
[Auditor General's Department]

Retabling of the Auditor General's Department
Performance Audit Report:
Management of the Production Incentive Programme by RADA
[Auditor General's Department]

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HONOURABLE SENATE

The Clerk presented the following message from the President of the Senate:

TO THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I have the honour to advise the honourable House of Representatives that on the 8th day of May, 2026, a Bill entitled, "AN ACT to Make provision for the management and implementation of the post-disaster reconstruction and resilience efforts consequent on the passage of Hurricane Melissa and for resilience generally, to establish the National Reconstruction and Resilience Authority; and for connected matters" was passed in the Senate without amendment.

Thomas Tavares-Finson, OJ, CD, KC, JP
President of the Senate

NOTICES OF MOTIONS GIVEN ORALLY

The Honourable Fayval Williams, Minister of Finance and the Public Service, gave notice that at the next meeting of the House she would move to introduce and have read a first time a Bill shortly entitled, "the National Housing Trust (Amendment) (Special Provisions) Act, 2026".

She further gave notice that at a later stage that day she would move for the suspension of the Standing Orders to enable her to take first reading of the Bill.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 15(2), Mr. Dwayne Vaz handed to the Clerk the questions he wish to ask.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS WITHOUT LEAVE OF THE HOUSE FIRST OBTAINED

The Honourable Fayval Williams, Minister of Finance and the Public Service, having obtained suspension of the Standing Orders moved that a Bill shortly entitled, "the National Housing Trust (Amendment) (Special Provisions) Act, 2026" be read a first time.

Clerk read the Bill a first time.

Notice of second reading given.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:38 p.m., the Honourable Floyd Green, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining and Leader of the House, moved that the House do now adjourn to **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**.

Seconded by: Ms. Andrea Purkiss
Agreed to

The House adjourned accordingly.

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Juliet Holness, MP
Speaker