



MINUTES
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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

17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

The House met at 2:25 P.M. o'clock.

PRAYERS

Prayer was read by Mr. Isat Buchanan.

The Speaker welcomed all present to the sitting for the continuation of the Budget Debate with contribution from Mr. Mark Golding, MP, St. Andrew, South and Leader of the Opposition. She reminded Members of the importance of maintaining the standards of the House in accordance with the Standing Orders and well-established practices and procedure.

She also extended special welcome to the following persons and groups: Mrs. Sandra Golding, wife of Mr. Mark Golding, and family; members of the diplomatic corps; representatives from the private sector; constituents from St. Andrew, South; Dr. Omar Davis, former Member of Parliament; Dr. Morais Guy, former Member of Parliament; and Senator Keisha Anderson. The Honourable Floyd Green, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining and Leader of the House, subsequently extended welcome to these guests and also acknowledged the presence of Senator Donna Scott Mottley.

The Speaker reminded all that the proceedings were being broadcast live by the Public Broadcasting Corporation of Jamaica and welcomed viewers joining the various social media platforms.

She advised that Members of Parliament and Senators would not be required to submit returns to the Integrity Commission as at December 31, 2025, which would be due by March 31, 2026. She said that the submissions made in September 2026, would remain valid until March 2027, when parliamentarians would submit declarations for December 31, 2026. She indicated that the Commission would return declarations currently being sent to its office. She added that she would request the Clerk to the Houses to issue a notification and reminder to parliamentarians on this matter. She noted, however, that the Commission may request information from Members at any time.

CALL OF THE ROLL

PRESENT WERE:

Most Honourable Juliet Ann Marie Holness, MP, Speaker

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 Edmund Curtis Bartlett, OJ, CD, MP, Minister of Tourism

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 Pearnel Patroe Charles, Jr., MP, Minister of Labour and Social Security

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

The Honourable Matthew Peter Samuda, MP, Minister of Water, Environment and Climate Change

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 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 Kerensia Alicia Morrison, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport

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 Rhoda Moy Crawford, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information

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

The Honourable Delano Orlando Seiveright, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce

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

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

Dr. Angela Rose Marie Brown Burke, MP, St Andrew, South Western

Mr. Isat Aquaba Buchanan, MP, Portland Eastern

Mr. Peter Murcott Bunting, MP, Manchester, Southern

Ms. Nekeisha Shernicka Burchell, MP, St. James, Southern

Dr. Dayton Ricardo Campbell, MP, Westmoreland, Eastern

Mr. Lothan Cousins, MP, Clarendon, South Western

Mr. Damion Orande Crawford, MP, St. Catherine, North Western

Miss Joyce Denise Daley, MP, St. Catherine, Eastern

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

Mr. Fitz Arthur Jackson, CD, MP, St. Catherine, Southern

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. James Rudolph Edward Robertson, MP, St. Thomas, Western

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

Mr. Clifford Everaldo Errol Warmington, CD, MP, St. Catherine, South Western

PUBLIC BUSINESS

The Honourable Floyd Green, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining and Leader of the House, moved that the time allotted for Mr. Mark Golding's contribution to the debate be suspended to allow him to complete his contribution.

Seconded by: Ms. Joyce Daley
Agreed to

Mr. Mark Golding continued the debate on the motion that a Bill entitled, "AN ACT to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March, 2027, and to appropriate the sums granted in this session of Parliament" be now read a second time.

(Ms. Zuleika Amadie Jess, MP, St. Elizabeth, North Eastern, entered and took her seat).

(The Honourable Desmond Anthony Augustus McKenzie, CD, MP, Minister of Local Government and Community Development, 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 Olivia Atavia Grange, OJ, CD, MP, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, entered and took her seat).

(Dr. Honourable Christopher Charles Tufton, MP, Minister of Health and Wellness, entered and took his seat).

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

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

At 5:25 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 **Thursday, March 19, 2026**.

Seconded by: Ms. Zuleika Jess
Agreed to

The House adjourned accordingly.

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Juliet Holness, MP
Speaker