

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**OF** 

# The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 4th day of May, 2016 at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

#### **PRESENT**

Her Honour Senator Miss Kerryann F. Ifill, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.B.A. (President)

His Honour Senator the Very Reverend H. E. Crichlow, G.C.M., B.A. (Hons.) Dunelm (Deputy President)

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.A., M.B.A. (Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade)(Leader of the Senate)

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo, M.B., B.S. (Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development)

Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd, B.Sc. (Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)

Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner, CIM, Dip. Mng., M.B.A. (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and International Transport)

Senator H. A. Husbands, M.L.I.R., B.Sc. (Public Administration) (Hons.), Ed. Cert. (U.W.I.) (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation)

Senator J. Ince, J.P., BB.A., M.B.A., DIP (Mgmt.) (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs)

Senator R. A. Hunte, J.P.

Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant, D.D. (Hon.)

Senator A. R. Worrell, B.A. (Hons.)

Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.M. (Merit)

Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P.

Senator W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Hons.)

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, K.A., G.C.M., B.Sc., MBBS, Ph.D., FACP, FRCP

Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael, K.A., L.V.O., Q.C., B.Sc. (Econ.), M.A., Ph.D.

Senator A. A. Adams, J.P., B.A., Ed. Cert., M.Sc. Ed. Senator J. A. Watson

and

Senator Carol Lady Haynes, M.B., B.S.

#### **ABSENT**

Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.B.A. (Fin.), CMA, F.C.A. (Minister in the Office of the *Prime Minister*) and Senator Sir Roy Trotman, K.A., M.A.

Prayers were led by Reverend Canon Errington Massiah.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended until 12.30 p.m. At 11.45 a.m. Madam President suspended the Sitting.

#### RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President resumed the Chair.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Madam President announced that she was in receipt of the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 21st March, 2016. There being no amendments the Minutes were confirmed.

#### **PAPERS**

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo by command laid the following:

- 1. Value Added Tax (Refund) (All Souls Anglican Church) Order, 2016.
- 2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Delegation of the European Union to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean) Order, 2016.
- 3. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Barbados Film and Video Association Inc.) Order, 2016.
- 4. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (University of the West Indies) (Sixth Travelling Caribbean Film Showcase) Order, 2016.
- 5. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (University of the West Indies) (Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination Film Club) Order, 2016.
- 6. The Productivity Council 2014 Annual Report.
- 7. Senate and House of Assembly (Remuneration and Allowances of Members) Order, 2016.
- 8. Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Order, 2016.
- 9. Invest Barbados Annual Report 2013.
- 10. Invest Barbados Annual Report 2014.
- 11. Green Economy Scoping Study.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo gave notice of the following:

- 1. Caribbean Accreditation Authority (Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions) (Incorporation) Bill, 2016.
- 2. A Resolution to approve in accordance with Section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in the Barbados Water Authority of the parcels of land, the property of the Crown, situate at Lot 60, The Garden Land and Skeete's Road, Bank Hall respectively, both in the parish of Saint Michael, in this Island for the public purpose of the construction of a pump station and septic tank as part of the Housing and Neighbourhood Upgrading Programme (HNUP).

#### FIRST READING OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Caribbean Accreditation Authority (Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions) (Incorporation) Bill, 2016 was read a first time.

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### **ORDER NO. 2**

# RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE TO BARBADOS CONFERENCE SERVICES LIMITED OF LAND AND PROPERTY AT TWO MILE HILL, ST. MICHAEL

Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with Section 5(1)(c) of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to the Barbados Conference Services Limited of the parcel of land together with the buildings thereon, situate at Two Mile Hill in the parish of Saint Michael, in this Island more particularly described in the *First Schedule* to this Resolution on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* to this Resolution.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 8th day of March, 2016.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land, the property of the Crown shown and delineated as Section B on the Plan hereinafter referred to, situate at Two Mile Hill in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 9012.4 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 722.7 square metres in road) Abutting and Bounding on a public road called Highway 5 which leads to Bridgetown in one direction and to Mapp Hill in the other direction and on another public road and on lands now or formerly of Donald Trotman and on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Diocesan Trustees and on lands now or formerly of National Housing Corporation and on other lands of the Crown or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 15th day of November, 2011 by Michelle E. St. Clair, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 1st day of December, 2011 as Plan No. 1233/2011 together with the buildings thereon.

#### SECOND SCHEDULE

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. The term of the lease shall be for a period for twenty-five (25) years with an option to renew for a further twenty-five (25) years;
- 2. The rent shall be at the rate of \$100.00 per annum with respect to Parcel B and shall be subject to review every five (5) years;
- 3. The lessee shall be responsible for:
  - (i) the building and other property maintenance; and
  - (ii) all outgoings including rates and taxes with the exception of property insurance;
- 4. The lessee shall provide and maintain in effect occupiers liability insurance and any other insurance coverage as reasonably required by the Lessor with the exception of Property Insurance;
- 5. The lessor shall provide and maintain in effect property insurance with limits not less than 100% of the full replacement cost of the property; and
- 6. No development is to be carried out without the expressed permission of the landlord.

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator W. A. Abrahams began to speak.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke on a point of order.

Senator W. A. Abrahams resumed his speech.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke on a point of order.

Senator W. A. Abrahams resumed his speech.

Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza spoke on a point of order.

Senator W. A. Abrahams concluded his speech.

Senator R. A. Hunte began to speak.

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. A. Hunte concluded.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended until 2.45 p.m. At 1.30 p.m. Madam President suspended the Sitting.

## RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President resumed the Chair.

#### **PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**

#### ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser spoke.

Senator J. Ince spoke.

Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd spoke.

Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael spoke.

Senator J. A. Watson spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended until 5.00 p.m. At 4.45 p.m. Madam President suspended the Sitting.

#### RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President resumed the Chair.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS** (resumed)

#### **ORDER NO. 3**

# RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT BRIGHTON, ST. GEORGE

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament, in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228, approve the compulsory acquisition by the Crown of the parcel of land the property of Brighton Plantation Limited situate at Brighton in the parish of Saint George in this Island, more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for the public purpose of the provision of car parking facilities for the Barbados Vocational Training Board, St. Luke's Training Centre and for after-hours recreational use.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 8th day of March, 2016.

#### **SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the Brighton Plantation Limited situate at Brighton in the parish of St. George in this Island containing by admeasurement 1107.7 square metres or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government on a public road and on another public road, which leads to St. Luke's Chapel in one direction and on a private road which is 7.92 metres wide or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 28th day of July, 2015 by Anderson R. Alleyne, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 30th day of July, 2015 as Plan No. 707/2015,

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser spoke.

Senator H. A. Husbands spoke.

Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd spoke.

Senator A. A. Adams spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss. M. P. O. McClean the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 11th May, 2016 at 11.00 a.m.
At 7.55 p.m. Madam President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  $\,$  , 2016.

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President.

SENATE CHAMBERS PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS BRIDGETOWN.

# SENATE

# **FIRST SESSION OF 2013 – 2018**

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Wednesday, 4th May, 2016.

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