

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**OF** 

## The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 16th day of November, 2016 at 10.00 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. D. W. Boyce, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.B.A. (Fin.), CMA, F.C.A. (Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister)

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

Senator Sir Roy Trotman, K.A., M.A.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, K.A., G.C.M., B.Sc., M.B., B.S., 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

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

#### **ABSENT**

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

#### **EXCUSES**

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer-Suckoo, M.B., B.S. (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development*), Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant, D. D. (Hon.) and Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, K.A., G.C.M., B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Ph.D., FACP, FRCP.

Prayers were led by Reverend Father Errington Massiah.

#### MINUTES

The Minutes of 6th July, 2016 and 27th July, 2016 were confirmed.

#### **PAPERS**

By command Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean laid the following:

- 1. The Public Service (General) Order, 2016.
- 2. The Public Service (Qualifications) Order, 2016.
- 3. Barbados Investment and Development Corporation Annual Report 2013-2014.
- 4. Child Care Board Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2014.
- 5. Barbados Agricultural Credit Trust Ltd. Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2012.
- 6. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Barbados Film and Video Association Inc.) (No. 2) Order, 2016.
- 7. Value Added Tax (Waiver) Order, 2016.
- 8. Financial Management and Audit (Financial) (Amendment) Rules, 2016.
- 9. Sugar Industry (Sugar Workers' Provident Fund) Order, 2016.
- 10. Air Transport Licensing Authority Annual Report 2012-2013.
- 11. The Barbados Economic and Social Annual Report 2015.
- 12. The Barbados Revenue Authority Annual Report 2015.
- 13. Police Complaints Authority Annual Report, 2015.
- 14. Reports of the Judicial Council for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- 15. Caves of Barbados Limited Annual Reports and Financial Statements 2010 and 2011.
- 16. Barbados Conference Services Limited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2015.

## MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean Standing Order 22(1) was suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean gave notice of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS on the 30th November, 2016 Barbados celebrates its 50th Anniversary of Independence;

AND WHEREAS over the last 50 years Barbados has made significant strides in its economic, social and political development;

AND WHEREAS over this period Barbados has emerged as a highly respected Small Island Developing State whose voice resonates in the Regional and International corridors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Parliament congratulates Barbados on the attainment of this significant milestone and hails the efforts of all Barbadians in making this accomplishment possible.

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTION: FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION that Parliament of Barbados congratulate Barbados on the attainment of its 50th Anniversary of Independence and hail the efforts of all Barbadians in making the accomplishment possible.

and moved that the Resolution do now pass.

Senator A. A. Adams spoke.

Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce spoke.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended to 2.00 p.m. At 12.45 p.m. the Sitting was suspended.

#### **RESUMPTION**

Madam President in the Chair.

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

#### ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator W. A. Abrahams began to speak.

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke on a point of order.

Senator W. A. Abrahams concluded his speech.

Senator J. Ince spoke.

Senator Carol Lady Haynes spoke.

Senator R. A. Hunte spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael spoke.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended for 15 minutes until 5.25 p.m.

At 5.10 p.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

#### RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President in the Chair.

#### ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza spoke.

Senator Sir Roy Trotman spoke.

Senator J. A. Watson spoke.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 23rd November, 2016 at 11.00 a.m.

At 7.08 p.m. Madam President adjourned the Sitting.

#### RESUMPTION (2016-11-23 (WEDNESDAY))

On resumption Madam President in the Chair.

#### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS (recommitted)**

By command Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean laid the following:

- 1. National Cultural Foundation Annual Reports for year 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- 2. Barbados Deposit Insurance Corporation Annual Report 2015.

## MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER (recommitted)

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS (recommitted)**

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean gave notice of the Barbados Jubilee Honour Bill, 2016.

#### FIRST READING OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Barbados Jubilee Honour Bill, 2016 was read a first time.

#### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### ORDER NO. 3

#### **BARBADOS JUBILEE HONOUR BILL, 2016**

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke and moved the first reading of the Barbados Jubilee Honour Bill, 2016.

Madam President spoke.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Senate resolved itself into Committee for further consideration of the Bill, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 7 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Deputy President reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

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

## RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BARBADOS ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

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

Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner spoke.

His Honour Senator the Very Reverend H. E. Crichlow spoke.

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

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended to 3 p.m.

At 12.38 p.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

#### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Deputy President in the Chair.

Senator H. A. Husbands spoke.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser began to speak.

Madam President resumed the Chair.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser concluded his speech.

Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE PRESIDENT (recommitted)

The President read a letter she received from Mrs. Karen Best, Chief Education Officer, about Senatorial participation in a Human Chain Link in celebration of this country's 50th year of Independence.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Senate was suspended *sine die*. At 5.15 p.m. the President adjourned the Senate.

# RICHARD P. BYER Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2016.

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President.

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