



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Friday, the 16th day of January, 2015 at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

- Her Honour Senator 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*)
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| Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.A., M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) (<i>Leader of the Senate</i>) | Senator H. A. Husbands, M.L.I.R., B.Sc. (Public Administration) (Hons.), Ed. Cert. (U.W.I.) (<i>Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation</i>) |
| Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo, M.B., B.S. (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development</i>) | Senator J. Ince, J.P., BB.A., M.B.A., DIP (Mgmt.) (<i>Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.B.A. (Fin.), CMA, F.C.A. (<i>Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister</i>) | Senator R. A. Hunte, J.P. |
| Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister</i>) | Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant, D.D. (Hon.) |
| Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner, CIM, Dip. Mng., M.B.A. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | 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 A. A. Adams, J.P., B.A., Ed. Cert., M.Sc. Ed. |
| | Senator K. H. L. Marshall |
| | Senator J. A. Watson |

ABSENT

Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P., Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, K.A., G.C.M., B.Sc., MBBS, PhD., FACP, FRCP, Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael, K.A., L.V.O., Q.C., B.Sc. (Econ.), M.A., PhD.

Prayers were led by His Honour Senator the Very Reverend H. E. Crichlow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

The President announced that she was in receipt of excuses from Senators Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser and Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael. She also announced the absence of Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott whose mother was being buried. She further remarked that Senator W. A. Abrahams would be late. The President also announced the passing of Sir Harcourt Lewis, former Senator. Lastly the President read a message from His Honour the Speaker in connection with the Livestock (Control of Strays) (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

PAPERS

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

1. The Productivity Council Annual Report 2011 - 2013.
2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Dayrells Commercial Park Inc.) Order, 2014.
3. Police Complaints Authority Annual Report for 2013.
4. Rural Development Commission Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2005.
5. Rural Development Commission Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2006.
6. Rural Development Commission Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2007.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**AND MOVED BY A MINISTER**

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

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the following Bills were read a first time:-

1. Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2015.
2. Livestock (Control of Strays) (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

PUBLIC BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 1**

To resume debate on the Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2014.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Senate reverted to Committee, His Honour Senator the Very Reverend H. E. Crichlow in the Chair.

Clause 3 was called.

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

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

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 resumed his speech.

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

Senator W. A. Abrahams concluded his speech.

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

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

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

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

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

Senator W. A. Abrahams resumed his speech.

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

Senator W. A. Abrahams concluded his speech.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo spoke on a point of order.

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke and moved that Clause 3 stand part.

A division was called for. The Bell was rung. The question was put and resolved in the affirmative, the Senate dividing as follows:-

AYES: Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo, Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce, Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd, Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner, Senator H. A. Husbands, Senator J. Ince, Senator R. A. Hunte, Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant, Senator A. R. Worrell.

NOES: Senator W. A. Abrahams, Senator Sir Roy Trotman, Senator J. A. Watson.

ABSTENTION: Senator K. H. L. Marshall, Senator A. A. Adams.

Ten Senators voted Ayes, Three voted No and Two abstained.

Clauses 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 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 and Madam President 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.

SUSPENSION

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean moved the suspension of the Senate to 2.00 p.m.

At 1.43 p.m. the President suspended the Senate.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President in the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE PRESIDENT (Reverted)

The President apologized to the Senate for reading the incorrect message from THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY earlier and announced the following:

The Honourable the House of Assembly has the honour to inform the Honourable the Senate that at its sitting on Tuesday, 13th January, 2015 the Honourable the House of Assembly concurred in the amendments proposed by the Honourable the Senate to the Corporate (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2014 as contained in the Message from the Honourable the Senate dated 17th day of December, 2014.

The Honourable House of Assembly, as a consequence of that concurrence on Tuesday, 13th January, 2015, now proposes an amendment to the short title at clause 1. of the said Bill, so that that clause shall now read:

“This Act may be cited on the *Corporate (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2015.*”

The Honourable House of Assembly transmits the amended Bill to the Honourable the Senate inviting the concurrence in the Amendment to the said Corporate (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2014.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 2

PRISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2014

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Prisons Act, Cap. 168,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke.

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

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

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

Senator H. A. Husbands spoke.

Senator J. A. Watson spoke.

Senator R. A. Hunte spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo 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, The Deputy President in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and amended on the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean and passed.

Clauses 2 to 8 and the First 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 Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Madam President 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.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended until 6.05 p.m.

At 5.50 p.m. Madam President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3

THE VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2015,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

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, The Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 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 and Madam President 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. 1 (recommitted) to Committee re Evidence (Amendment) Act, 2014.

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean moved the amendment of the Evidence (Amendment) Act, 2014 to read the Evidence (Amendment) Act, 2015.

The motion was carried.

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

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Senate agreed to the Amendment.

ORDER NO. 5

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke and moved the passing of a Resolution that the Senate concur in the amendment of the Honourable the House of Assembly to the Corporate (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2014 so that the Short Title at Clause 1 of the said Bill now read:

“This Act may be cited as the Corporate (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2015.”

The motion was carried.

At this juncture the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean moved that a message be sent to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting the concurrence of that House to the Amendment of the Short Titles to the Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2014 and the Prisons (Amendment) Bill, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean moved the adjournment of the Senate *sine die*.
The President spoke congratulating the Deputy President on his impending 80th birthday.
At 6.55 p.m. the President adjourned the Senate.

RICHARD P. BYER
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of
, 2015.

President.

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