



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 27th day of November, 2019 at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

### PRESENT

His Honour Senator Dr. Sir Richard L. Cheltenham, KA, Q.C., Ph.D., J.P., B.Sc. (Econ.) ( <i>President</i> )	Senator D. R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.)
Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> ) ( <i>Leader of the Senate</i> )	Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology)
Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe ( <i>Minister of Information, Broadcasting and Public Affairs</i> )	Senator C. A. Franklyn, J.P.
Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology</i> )	Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ.
Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Ph.D. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )	Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
Senator R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A. (Econ.), LL.B., PG Dip. MA.	Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)
Senator Miss L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc.	Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.
Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.	Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil.
	Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.
	Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
	Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

### ABSENT

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge, LL.B. (*Deputy President*) and Senator Dr. L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., D.Th.

Prayers were led by Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge and Senator Dr. L. P. Holder, who were both abroad.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott by command laid the following:

1. The Barbados National Oil Company Limited (BNOCL) Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2016.
2. Immigration (Students) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.
3. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Bank of New York Mellon Corporation) Order, 2019.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTING OF THE SENATE**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott Standing Orders 22(1) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was appointed acting Deputy President and Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott gave notice of the following Bills which on his motion were read a first time:

1. Economic Partnership Agreement (Agreement between the Caribbean Community, the Dominican Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) Bill, 2019.
2. Foundations (Repeal) Bill, 2019.
3. Companies (Economic Substance) Bill, 2019.
4. Companies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2019.
5. Corporate & Trust Service Providers (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2019.
6. Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
7. Societies with Limited Liability (Amendment), Bill, 2019.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 2**

**QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019 (resumed)**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to resume the debate on the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Act, Cap. 54.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator D. R. Sands spoke.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes began to speak.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke on a point of order.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes concluded her speech.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended to 3.15 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)**

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

Clause 3 was called.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved an amendment to the Clause.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

Clause 3 as amended was passed.

Clause 4 was called.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved an amendment to the Clause.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved a further amendment to the Clause.

Senator C. A. Franklyn began to speak.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke on a point of order.

Senator C. A. Franklyn concluded his speech.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

Clause 4 as amended was passed.

Clause 5 was called.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved an amendment to the clause.

Clause 5 as amended was passed.

Clause 6 was called.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

Clause 6 was passed.

The Schedule was called and passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended to 5.10 p.m.

At 4.55 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

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

#### **ORDER NO. 4**

#### **MEDICINAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for:

- (a) the regulation of the handling of medicinal cannabis in Barbados;
- (b) the establishment of a Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority, a Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Board and a Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Appeals Tribunal;
- (c) the issuing of licences for the handling of medicinal cannabis; and
- (d) related matters.

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill in a cognate debate with Order No. 5 – the Sacramental Cannabis Bill, 2019.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator C. A. Franklyn began to speak.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke on a point of order.

Senator C. A. Franklyn resumed his speech.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn resumed his speech.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. President spoke.  
 Senator C. A. Franklyn resumed his speech.  
 Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. President spoke.  
 Senator C. A. Franklyn resumed his speech.  
 Senator Miss L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. President spoke.  
 Senator C. A. Franklyn resumed his speech.  
 Senator Miss L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.  
 Mr. President spoke.  
 Senator C. A. Franklyn concluded his speech.  
 Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers spoke.  
 Senator R. J. H. Adams spoke.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended to 8.30 p.m.  
 At 7.40 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.  
 Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.  
 Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.  
 Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.  
 Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke in reply.  
 The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the acting Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 46 were called in parts and the First to the Fourth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **ORDER NO. 5**

#### **SACRAMENTAL CANNABIS BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for a person who is an adherent of the Rastafarian religion and for Rastafarian congregations to use cannabis as a sacrament in worship at a place of worship or at a public place, and for related purposes,

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the acting Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 15 and the First and Second Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 7****COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Companies Act, Cap. 308 and provide for related matters, the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders Nos. 6 to 11 on the Order Paper in a cognate debate.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the acting Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

Clause 4 was called.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott moved an amendment thereto.

Clause 4 as amended was passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

Clauses 5 to 15 were called and passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 6****COMPANIES (ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the imposition of an economic substance test on companies carrying on business in Barbados and for related matters,

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the acting Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 19 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 8****CORPORATE AND TRUST SERVICE PROVIDERS (AMENDMENT)  
(NO. 2) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Corporate and Trust Service Providers Act, 2015 (Act 2015-12)

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the acting Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 were called and passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 9****FOUNDATIONS (REPEAL) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to repeal the Foundations Act, 2013 (Act 2013-2),

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the acting Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.  
On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 10**

**LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Limited Partnerships Act, Cap. 312, the Hon. Member moved, that the Bill be read a second time.  
The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the acting Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 11**

**SOCIETIES WITH RESTRICTED LIABILITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Societies With Restricted Liability Act, Cap. 318B, the Hon. Member moved, that the Bill be read a second time.  
The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the acting Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 were called and passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved that the Senate be adjourned to Wednesday 4th December, 2019 at 11.00 a.m.

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 11.10 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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President.



**SENATE**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023**

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**MINUTES**

Wednesday, 27th November, 2019.

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