



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 17th day of July, 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.) (*President*)

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S.,
F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Minister of Foreign
Affairs and Foreign Trade*) (*Leader of the
Senate*)

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe (*Minister of
Information, Broadcasting and Public
Affairs*)

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of
Innovation, Science and Smart Technology*)

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Ph.D. (*Parliamentary
Secretary, Ministry of Education, Tech-
nological and Vocational Training*)

Senator R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A., (Econ.), LL.B., PG
Dip. MA.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc.
(Political Sociology)

Senator C. A. Franklyn, J.P.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt.),
M.Phil Econ.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.

Senator Dr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S.
(ENT)

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

Senator Miss L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., Senator Miss L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc., Senator D.
R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.) and Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.

Prayers were led by Rev. Canon Errington Massiah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

His Honour the President announced the absence of Senators Miss M. C. Taitt, Miss L. R. Cummins, Miss L. P. Holder and D. R. Sands.

His Honour the President announced the lateness of Senators Miss T. N. S-A. Moore and Hon. Miss L. C. Moe.

MINUTES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday, 31st May, 2019 and Wednesday 31st June, 2019 were confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Telecommunications (Numbering) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.
2. Post Office (Miscellaneous Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.
3. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Barbados Children's Trust Inc.) Order, 2019.
4. Audited Financial Statements for the Board of Management of the Coleridge & Parry School for the Financial Years ended March 31, 2006 to March 31, 2011.
5. Audited Financial Statements for the Board of Management of the Grantley Adams Memorial School for the Financial Years ended March 31, 2008 to March 31, 2010.
6. Audited Financial Statements for the Board of Management of the Eilerslie Secondary School for the Financial Years ended March 31, 2009 to March 31, 2013.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Data Protection Bill, 2019 was laid.

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

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.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott gave notice of the following:

1. Customs (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill, 2019; and
2. Tourism Levy Bill, 2019.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Securities (Amendment and Validation of Fees) Bill, 2019;
2. Customs (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill, 2019;
3. Tourism Levy Bill, 2019.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

UTILITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019 (resumed)

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott moved the second reading of the Bill.

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 Deputy President in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved an amendment thereto by including the word "Regulations" in the title of the Bill.

Clause 1 (as amended) was passed.

Clause 2 was called.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Clause 2 was 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 Committee reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott moved that the Bill be passed and cited as the Utilities Regulations (Amendment) Act, 2019.

The Bill was passed and so cited the Senate dividing as follows:

Ayes: Senators the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott and Miss K. S. McConney, Senators Dr. R. O. Springer, R. W. Grant, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, R. J. H. Adams, His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge, Hon. L. E. Nurse, K. J. Boyce, Miss A. M. Wiggins and Rev. J. A. Rogers.

Noes: Senators C. A. Franklyn and Miss C. N. Drakes.

ORDER NO. 9

SECURITIES (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION OF FEES) BILL, 2019

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to moved the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Securities Act, Cap. 318A to exempt an issuer of a security, in specified circumstances, from the obligations imposed by sections 63 to 65 of the Act and to validate the charging and collection by the Financial Services Commission, of certain annual registration fees payable by the Barbados Stock Exchange,

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

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke on a point of order.

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 Deputy President in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called.

Senator R. J. H. Adams began to speak.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. J. H. Adams concluded his speech.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Clause 1 was passed.

Clauses 2 and 3 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 Committee 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. 3

BARBADOS WATER AUTHORITY (VALIDATION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE RATES) BILL, 2019

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 validate the adjustment in water and sewerage rates levied and collected by the Barbados Water Authority from the 1st day of May, 2019,

the Hon. Member 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 Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 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 Committee 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

Resolution that the Parliament of Barbados take note of the Final Report of the National Cruise Development Commission.

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Barbados has recognised that while the cruise industry has been recording significant growth over the last several years, outpacing land-based arrivals, cruise lines are reporting declining consumer interest

in Barbados, due to the fact that its product offering, in general, and onshore tour capacity, in particular, has neither diversified nor expanded over the last decade.

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados established a National Cruise Development Commission on August 13, 2018 to provide for immediate implementation, a Mission Critical Plan to address the challenges currently facing the cruise sector in Barbados.

AND WHEREAS the Report of the National Cruise Development Commission, entitled “A New Dawn for Cruise Tourism in Barbados”, analyses the cruise tourism industry; examines current global trends in cruise tourism and the Barbados situation and gives recommendations needed to overcome the principal challenges confronting cruise tourism in Barbados.

AND WHEREAS the Report also examines the key infrastructure necessary for the cruise industry to operate at an optimum level including enhancing the Port experience for cruise passengers, improving road infrastructure and the need to improve the overall physical environment which often prevents cruise passengers from visiting tourist attractions or landmarks.

AND WHEREAS the Report provides key strategic approaches to cruise development including looking more closely at the European market, exploring mechanisms for growing summer cruise traffic and prioritizing training.

AND WHEREAS the Report provides recommendations as to how those public sector institutions involved in the cruise industry can play pivotal roles as intermediaries between the policy makers and private sector operators, so as to ensure that an appropriate regulatory mechanism is in place to facilitate the business community.

AND WHEREAS it is intended that the recommendations put forward by the Commission will contribute to a sustainable increase in the cruise industry-related economic benefits for Barbados.

AND WHEREAS the Cabinet on May 30, 2019 agreed that the Final Report submitted by the National Cruise Development Commission entitled “A New Dawn for Cruise Tourism in Barbados” be laid in Parliament.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados take note of the Final Report of the National Cruise Development Commission.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly this 18th day of June, 2019,

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended until 2.45 p.m.

At 1.30 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins spoke.

Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers spoke.

Senator Dr. C. A. Maynard spoke.
Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.
The Resolution was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT (recommitted)

Mr. President announced that Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins has been appointed special envoy to Suriname.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney congratulated Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins on her appointment and moved that the Sitting be adjourned until Wednesday, July 24, 2019.
At 3.30 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2019.

President.

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