



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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### The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 17th day of June, 2026, at 11.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

#### PRESENT

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, GA, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)  
Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, J.P., M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.) (*Senior Minister – Social and Environmental Policy*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Health and Wellness*) (*Leader of Public Business in the Senate*)

Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology*)

Senator J. A. King, J.P., B.S.S.

Senator Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc.

Senator R. O. Alleyne, S.C., LL.B., M.B.A.

Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin, J.P., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Senator Miss J. C. A. Odle, LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., L.E.C.

Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

Senator Dr. K. L. Connell, M.B.B.S., DM, Ph.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P.

Senator A. M. A. Niles, M.B.A.

Senator Ms. M.-A. Redman, B.A., Dip. Ed (Hons.)

Senator R. G. deB. Forde, B.B.S., M.Sc.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe, B.A., F.R.S.A.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

#### ABSENT

Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (*Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade*), Senator the Hon. S. A. Archer, B.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office – Youth and Culture*) and Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice*) and Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (*Acting Attorney General*).

### **PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 10th June, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

Madam Deputy President announced that she was in receipt of excuses for lateness from, Senators the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins and Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers; and for absence from Senator R. O. Walters.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid by command laid:

- Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. for the Years Ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Madam Deputy President spoke re the presence of Hon. M. A. Lashley, Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice; and Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, Acting Attorney General.

### **ORDER NO. 2**

#### **SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called for Hon. M. A. Lashley to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Cap. 117A to:

- (a) increase the number of Judges in the High Court;
- (b) establish a Firearms Division of the High Court; and
- (c) provide for related matters,

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

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge began to speak and gave way.

Mr. President assumed the Chair.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

Hon. M. A. Lashley spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

Mr. President ruled that Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge withdraw her comments.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge withdrew her comments and concluded her speech.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended until 3.00 p.m.

At 2.00 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

### **ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)**

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe began to speak.

Madam Deputy President spoke on a point of order.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy President spoke on a point of order.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe resumed his speech and gave way.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe concluded his speech.

Senator Miss R. W. Trim spoke.

Senator A. M. A. Niles spoke.

Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin spoke.

Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Hon. M. A. Lashley spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill,

Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley.

On the motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley 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 Hon. M. A. Lashley the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

### ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Senate be adjourned *sine die*.

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 6.18 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C., J.P.  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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Speaker.

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# SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031

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