



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 3rd day of December, 2025, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

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 Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Energy and Business Development*) (*Leader of the Senate*)

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

Senator the Hon. Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*)

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

Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCIArb.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A. (Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.

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

Senator the Hon. Mr. C. A. Maynard, OR, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)

Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)

ABSENT

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S., (Edin.), J.P. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Senator Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc., Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Ph.D., Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D. and Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Senator G. P. B. Nicholls.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President congratulated His Excellency, Lt. Col. the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, M.V.O. on his installation as the Second President of Barbados. He also paid tribute to and extended best wishes to past President, the Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, FB, GCMG, DA, SC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 29th October, 2025 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 19th November, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Mr. President informed that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Miss R. W. Trim, A.W. Mallalieu and the Chaplain, Rev. Wayne McD Kirton, BSS, J.P.; and an excuse for lateness from Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

Mr. President congratulated Senator the Hon. Mr. C. A. Maynard on the conferment of the national award of the Order of the Republic and Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins on the award of the Gold Award of achievement. He also congratulated the Chaplain of the Senate, Rev. Wayne McDonald Kirton on his award of the Barbados Service Star.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

On the Motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bills following were read a first time.

1. Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and
2. Parliament (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2025.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7

TOURIST ACCOMODATION BILL, 2025

On the motion being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Bill be referred to the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on the Economic and Productive Sectors.

The motion was passed.

ORDER NO. 8

BARBADOS TOURIST PRODUCT AUTHORITY (REPEAL) (TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES) BILL, 2025

On the motion being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Bill be referred to the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on the Economic and Productive Sectors.

The motion was passed.

The Deputy Clerk advised that the relevant message would be sent to the Honourable the House of Assembly with respect to Orders Nos. 7 and 8.

ORDER NO. 4**RESOLUTION THAT THE PARLIAMENT OF BARBADOS TAKES NOTE
OF THE 2023-2028 NATIONAL POLICY ON AGEING**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government has signaled its intention to promote healthy and active ageing for the elderly and to ensure that they live with dignity in their remaining years having made a significant contribution to the development of the country;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados is cognizant that Barbados is now an aged society;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados recognizes that by 2050 one in every five persons will be over the age of 65;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that there is abuse of the elderly in various ways including financial abuse;

AND WHEREAS the policy recognizes the significant role that the elderly can continue to play in national development if they are given more opportunities to contribute in various ways according to their abilities as the Government seeks to expand the silver economy;

AND WHEREAS the Government has engaged in extensive consultations with stakeholders within the social policy space on the National Policy on Ageing;

AND WHEREAS the Cabinet has approved the National Policy on Ageing;

AND WHEREAS the Policy has been laid in Parliament to foster parliamentary debate on this document;

AND WHEREAS the policy recognizes eight thematic areas which are fundamental to promoting healthy and active ageing and protecting the rights of the elderly and preventing their abuse, namely:

- i) Financial and economic security;
- ii) Social security;
- iii) Health and health systems;
- iv) Physical and built environment;
- v) Social environment;
- vi) Legislation;
- vii) Long term care; and
- viii) Pandemics, disasters and emergency situations.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados take note of the 2023-2028 National Policy on Ageing.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 17th day of September 2024.

and moved that the Resolution be approved and that further consideration of the Resolution be deferred to a date to be stated.

Further consideration of the Resolution was deferred.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 12.36 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NOS. 7 & 8 (recommitted)

The Resolution following was passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins:

WHEREAS the Tourist Accommodation Bill, 2025 and the Barbados Tourism Product Authority (Repeal) (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Bill, 2025 has been read a first time in the Senate;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest that a fuller discourse on these Bills be undertaken;

BE IT RESOLVED that subject to the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly the Tourist Accommodation Bill, 2025 and the Barbados Tourism Product Authority (Repeal) (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Bill, 2025 be referred to the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on Economic and Productive Sectors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be empowered consider the merits and principles of the Bills and report three (3) months from reference.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (recommitted)

Mr. President read the Report dated the 3rd day of December, 2025 from the Standing Orders Committee.
Mr. President spoke.

The Report was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 2.20 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2025.

day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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