



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Wednesday the 24th day of February, 2021, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A., J.P. (*President*)

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

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

Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*)

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Technological 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 D. R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.)

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

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

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

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

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

Senator J. A. Hunte, B.Sc., B.A.

ABSENT

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 Miss L. C. Moe, Senator Dr. L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., D.Th., Senator C. A. Franklyn, J.P., Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A. and Senator Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Mr. President read the following:



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19th February, 2021

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to inform The Honourable The Senate that the Governor-General, Her Excellency Dame Sandra Mason, GCMG, DA, QC, has been granted vacation leave for the period 6th to 22nd February, 2021.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 29(1)(a) of the Constitution, I have taken the necessary Oaths to perform the functions of the Office of Governor-General during Her Excellency's absence.

As The Honourable The Senate is not meeting at this time, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring the absence of Her Excellency formally to the attention of The Honourable The Senate when next it meets.

*I have the honour to be,
Yours faithfully,*

ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL

*His Honour
The President of The Senate*

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President advised that appropriate amendments would be made to the Standing Orders of the Senate, subject to approval of the Standing Orders Committee, to facilitate Virtual meetings of the Senate.

Mr. President also announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, Senator Miss L. C. Moe, Senator Dr. L. P. Holder, Senator C. A. Franklyn, Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt and an excuse for lateness from Senator Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Wednesday, 9th December, 2020 and Friday 18th December, 2020 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney by command laid the following:

1. Post Office (Delivery) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
2. Post Office (Miscellaneous Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney Standing Orders 22(1) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney gave notice of:

1. Barbados Identity Management Bill, 2021.
2. National Payment System Bill, 2021.
3. Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Bills were read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 5

NATIONAL PAYMENT SYSTEM BILL, 2021

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to modernize the National Payment System and provide for its regulation and oversight and to provide for related matters,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill and the Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill, 2021 in a cognate debate.

Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins spoke.

Senator R. J. H. Adams spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 3); Part 2 (Clauses 4 to 7); Part 3 (Clauses 8 to 17); Part 4 (Clauses 18 to 27); Part 5 (Clauses 28 to 31); Part 6 (Clauses 32 to 35); Part 7 (Clauses 36 to 38); Part 8 (Clauses 39 to 43); Part 9 (Clauses 44 to 49); Part 10 (Clauses 50 to 51); Part 11 (Clauses 52 to 53); Part 12 (Clauses 54 to 57); Part 13 (Clauses 58 to 63) and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins 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 L. R. Cummins the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 6

BILLS OF EXCHANGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, Cap. 304,

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins 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 L. R. Cummins 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 K. S. McConney the Sitting was suspended to 2.15 p.m.
At 1.15 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4

BARBADOS IDENTITY MANAGEMENT BILL, 2021

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 make provision for the establishment, maintenance and regulation of a National Identity Management System and matters related thereto,

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

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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 Deputy President in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 3); Part 2 (Clauses 4 to 9); Part 3 (Clauses 10 to 15); Part 4 (Clauses 16 to 18); Part 5 (Clauses 19 to 21); Part 6 (Clauses 22 to 23); Part 7 (Clauses 24 to 28); Part 8 (Clauses 29 to 34) and the First to the Sixth Schedules were called and passed on the separate 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.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS (recommitted)

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney gave notice of the following:

Resolution to allow the Standing Orders Committee to consider amendments to the Standing Orders to facilitate the Virtual Sitting of the Senate.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 7

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 26th October, 2020 Parliament was empowered to meet from 27th day of October, 2020 with some Members present in the chambers and others participating virtually for the purpose of complying with the protocols relating to physical distancing;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Senate should meet in that Hybrid format thereby necessitating an amendment to the Standing Orders;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Standing Order 60 this matter should be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for its consideration;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House empower the Standing Orders Committee to consider the said amendments.

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 4.18 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____
, 2020.

President.

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