



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 31st day of January, 2024, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

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

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

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

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

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

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

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., MCI Arb.

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

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.

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

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

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. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite,
CHB, Ph.D.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

ABSENT

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb (*Minister of Economic Affairs & Investment*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



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8th January, 2024

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform that in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister under Section 36 (1)(f) of the Constitution, the seats in the Senate held by Mr. Lorenzo Ronaldo Harewood, J.P. and Mrs. Shanika Charmaine Samantha Roberts-Odle were declared vacant, with effect from 8th January, 2024.

I am to further inform that in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, Mr. Chad Jason Blackman and the Reverend Charles Merville Morris have been appointed under Section 36(2) of the Constitution as Senators, with effect from 8th January, 2024.

Yours faithfully,



PRESIDENT

*His Honour
Senator The Most Honourable Reginald Farley, FB, JP
President of the Senate
The Senate
Parliament Buildings
BRIDGETOWN*

Senator Rev. Charles Merville Morris who was present but waiting without was summoned by Mr. President to take his seat in the Senate.

Senator Rev. Charles Merville Morris took his place in the Senate and was congratulated and welcomed by Mr. President.

Senator Rev. Charles Merville Morris spoke in reply.

Mr. President expressed his thanks to former Senators Lorenzo R. Harewood and Mrs. Shanika C. S. Roberts-Odle for their service to the Senate.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday, 26th July, 2023, Wednesday, 2nd August, 2023, Wednesday, 9th August, 2023, Wednesday 13th December, 2023 and Wednesday, 20th December, 2023 were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott and Her Honour the Deputy President; and an excuse for absence from Senator the Hon. Chad Jason Blackman.

Mr. President welcomed back Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite after a period of absence.

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite spoke and read a copy of a thank you letter he had written to Dr. Wayne Clarke and staff of the Bayview Hospital.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins by command laid:

- The Barbados Water Authority (Water Protection Zone) Order, 2023.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of the following:

1. African Export-Import Bank Bill, 2024; and
2. Barbados Revenue Authority (Appeals Tribunal) (Validation) Bill, 2024.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

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

1. The Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic Bill, 2024;
2. The Commissioners of Probates Bill, 2024;
3. The African Export-Import Bank Bill, 2024; and
4. The Barbados Revenue Authority (Appeals Tribunal) (Validation) Bill, 2024.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC BILL, 2024

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the implementation of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic to make provision for the electronic transmission and exchange of information in order to facilitate and expedite the clearance of international maritime traffic; the establishment of an enabling environment for a port community system; and for related purposes,

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

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was appointed temporary Chairman of Committees.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 5); Part 2 (Clauses 6 to 9); Part 3 (Clauses 10 to 21); Part 4 (Clauses 22 to 25); Part 5 (Clauses 26 to 32); Part 6 (Clauses 33 to 35); Part 7 (Clauses 36 to 41); Part 8 (Clause 42); Part 9 (Clauses 43 to 52) and the First to the Tenth Schedules were called and passed without debate on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

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

ORDER NO. 3

COMMISSIONERS OF PROBATES BILL, 2024

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to repeal and replace the Commissioners of Probates Act, Cap. 120 and to provide for the appointment of Commissioners of Probates and matters related thereto, the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 8 were called and passed without amendment on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The First Schedule was called and moved.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke and moved an amendment to the Schedule.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke and seconded the motion to amend the Schedule.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Mr. Chairman spoke.

The question that the Schedule be amended was put and negatived, ten Honourable Members voting *No* and seven Honourable Members voting *Yes*.

The question that the First Schedule be the Schedule to the Bill was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. 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. Ms. 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. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 2.10 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1

DEBT (NATURAL DISASTER AND PANDEMIC DEFERMENT OF PAYMENT) (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called, Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for deferment of the payment of the amortizations and interest due on debt on the occurrence of a natural disaster or a pandemic event under certain enactments, the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon S. M. Munro-Knight spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon S. M. Munro-Knight the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Senator Dr. the Hon S. M. Munro-Knight moved the passing of Clause 1 with amendment.

The motion was passed.

Clause 2 was passed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

The Schedule was called.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Madam Chairman spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Madam Chairman spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight moved the passing of the Schedule with amendments.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill with amendment in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 7th February, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

At 6.46 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 _____, 2024.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
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FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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Wednesday, 31st January, 2024.