



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 8th day of February, 2023, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

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

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

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 Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle, B.Sc., M.Sc.

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 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. 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.

and

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

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 L. R. Harewood, J.P., BSM, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A.

Prayers were led by Senator J. A. King.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



Ref. No. PB: 2/S. 1 A

3rd February, 2023

Dear Mr. President,

I shall be away from the island on duty leave during the period 3rd to 5th February, 2023.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, the Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson, will perform the functions of the Office of the President during my absence.

As The Honourable The Senate will not be meeting prior to my departure, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The Senate when next it meets.

Yours faithfully,



PRESIDENT

***His Honour
The President of The Senate
Parliament Buildings
BRIDGETOWN***

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of an excuse for absence from Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott and an excuse for lateness from Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Wednesday, 25th January, 2023 and Wednesday, 1st February, 2023 were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of the following Bills and on her motion they were read a first time:

1. Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023.
2. Minor Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Resolution that in light of the Global Food Crisis that Barbados develop an integrated food security plan which will *inter alia* reposition the agricultural sector and that the plan informed by the agricultural development vision of 2012 be reduced to a development document and made available to the Senate.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

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

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.44 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

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

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite spoke in reply.

Mr. President spoke.

The Resolution was passed.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

FINAL APPROPRIATION (2021–2022) BILL, 2022

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to grant an additional sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the services of the Island for the Financial Year that ended 31st March, 2022, 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. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Clauses 1 (as amended) and 2 to 4 and the Schedule were passed 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.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 15th February, 2023.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2023.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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