



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 20th day of May, 2015 at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

Her Honour Senator Miss Kerryann F. Ifill, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.B.A. (*President*)
His Honour Senator the Very Reverend H. E. Crichlow, G.C.M., B.A. (Hons.) Dunelm (*Deputy President*)
Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer, M.B., B.S. (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development*)
Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd, B.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister*)
Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner, CIM, Dip. Mng., M.B.A. (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and International Transport*)
Senator H. A. Husbands, M.L.I.R., B.Sc. (Public Administration) (Hons.), Ed. Cert. (U.W.I.) (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation*)
Senator J. Ince, J.P., BB.A., M.B.A., DIP (Mgmt.) (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs*)
Senator R. A. Hunte, J.P.
Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant, D.D. (Hon.)
Senator A. R. Worrell, B.A. (Hons.)
Senator W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Hons.)
Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, K.A., G.C.M., B.Sc., MBBS, PhD., FACP, FRCP
Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael, K.A., L.V.O., Q.C., B.Sc. (Econ.), M.A., Ph.D.
Senator A. A. Adams, J.P., B.A., Ed. Cert., M.Sc. Ed.
Senator J. A. Watson
Senator Carol Lady Haynes, M.B., B.S.

ABSENT

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.A., M.B.A. (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*) (*Leader of the Senate*), Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.B.A. (Fin.), CMA, F.C.A. (*Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister*), Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.M. (Merit), Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. and Senator Sir Roy Trotman, K.A., M.A.

Prayers were led by Rev. Canon Errington Massiah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Madam President announced that she was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, the Hon. D. W. Boyce, Dr. J. X. Walcott and Sir Roy Trotman.

Madam President also announced that excuses for lateness were received from Senators V. I. Sandiford-Garner and Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings of April 15, 2015 and May 6, 2015 were confirmed.

PAPERS

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer by command laid the following:

1. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the National Insurance Fund 2003;
2. Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Accountant General for the Financial Year 2013-2014;
3. Annual Report of the Central Bank of Barbados 2014;
4. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (CITIBANK N.A.) Order, 2015.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

FIRST READING OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2015;
2. Land Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015

On the Order being called for Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2015,

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

Senator J. Ince spoke.

Senator Carol Lady Haynes spoke.

Senator R. A. Hunte spoke.

Senator J. A. Watson spoke.

Senator A. A. Adams spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer the Sitting was suspended to 2.15 p.m.

At 1.10 p.m. Madam President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd spoke.

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer the Deputy President reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Madam President resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 3

LAND TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015

On the Order being called for Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Land Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2015,

the Hon. Member spoke and on her motion the Bill be read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Mr. Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer the Deputy President reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Madam President resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 4

On the Order being called Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land the property of the Crown situate at Bay Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island, known as the Old Fish Market Site and more particularly described in the *Schedule* to this Resolution for tourism development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 13th day of May, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land situate at Bay Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 1,235.9 square metres or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on a road called Bay Street leading to the Garrison in one direction and to Bridgetown in another direction on lands now or late of Christopher Codrington on other lands of the Government of Barbados (beach) on lands of Hakkim Co. Ltd., or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on Plan certified on the 24th day of May, 2000 by Andrew P. Weekes, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department as Plan No. 477/2000,

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd spoke.

Madam President vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy President.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser spoke.

Senator J. A. Watson spoke.

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 5.15 p.m. Madam President adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of
_____, 2015.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

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