



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

### The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 11th day of June, 2025, 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 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 Dr. the Hon. 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 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 Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. &  
Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Ph.D.

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 A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B., 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. and Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

#### PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 4th June, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of the Annual Reports of the Ombudsman for the period 2020-2022 and the year 2023.

### EXCUSES

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, A. W. Mallalieu and R. O. Walters; and excuses for lateness from Senators K. J. Boyce and A. A. O. Boyce.

Mr. President congratulated Senator. Dr. C. N. Drakes on the publication of her first book, "Beyond the Beach Conversations on the Blue Economy".

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

- Health Services (Medical Reports) (Fees) (Validation) Bill, 2025.
- Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of a parcel of land more particularly described in the Schedule thereto, the property of the State, situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island for housing development.
- Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the lease to the Barbados Association for Cancer Advocacy (BACA) of property situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island more particularly described in the Schedule thereto to facilitate the establishment of a hospice and palliative care facility for the terminally ill under the terms and conditions stated in the *Second Schedule*.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Health Services (Medical Reports) (Fees) (Validation) Bill was read a first time.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### ORDER NO. 8

#### ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2025

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 amend the *Road Traffic Act*,

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

Senator A. R. Worrell began to speak.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.

Senator A. R. Worrell resumed and concluded his speech.

Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris began to speak.

Mr. President directed Senator Morris to withdraw certain remarks.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris withdrew his remarks and resumed his speech.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President directed Senator Morris to withdraw certain remarks.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris withdrew the remarks and amended his speech.

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, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and 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.

### **SUSPENSION**

Mr. President recognised the presence of and welcomed Misses Shaniya Lynch and Ashley Lythcott, legal interns.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.47 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President in the Chair.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**

#### **ORDER NO. 7**

#### **STUDENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND BILL, 2025**

On the Order being called for Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the grant of loans to finance studies at educational institutions, the management and administration of the Student Revolving Loan Fund, the conditions of service for employees of the Student Revolving Loan Fund Board and related matters,

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

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

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

Clauses 1 to 33 and the First and Second Schedules were called and passed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight and without debate.

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

#### **ORDER NO. 9**

#### **SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL, 2025**

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 amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Cap. 117A in order to:

- (a) provide for the making of orders for interim payments;
- (b) validate all orders for interim payments made before the
- (c) commencement of this Act;

and provide for related matters,

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

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt 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, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 were called and 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, the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.  
At. 6.14 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES. J.P.  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
, 2025.

President.

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# **SENATE**

## **FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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Wednesday, 11th June 2025.

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