



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 30th day of April, 2025, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

Her Honour the Most Hon. Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M.
(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 including International
Business*) (*Leader of the Senate*)

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 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 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. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

ABSENT

His Honour the Most Honourable Senator R. R. Farley, FB, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A., Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister – Ministry of Economic Affairs & Investment*), Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology*), Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P., 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 Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D., Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A. and Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)

In the absence of the President, His Honour the Most Honourable Senator R. R. Farley, Madam Deputy President assumed the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Senator G. P. B. Nicholls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Her Honour the Most Honourable Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, Deputy President announced that she was in receipt of excuses absence from His Honour the Most Honourable Senator R. R. Farley, Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott and Miss P. E. Parris.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 5th February, 2025 were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7

SEAPORT INDUSTRY (MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT) 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 provide for the regulation of management, operations and development of the seaport industry,

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

Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes began to speak.

Madam Deputy Spoke when Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes gave way.

Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes resumed his speech.

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

Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes concluded her speech.

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

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

The Bill was read a second time.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY DEPUTY PRESIDENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was appointed temporary Deputy President for the remainder of the Sitting.

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.

Clause 1 to 32 were called in five Parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Part 6 (Clauses 33 to 38) was called on the motion of Senator Hon. L. R. Cummins, Clause 36 was amended.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins part 6 (as amended) was passed.

Clauses 39 to 94 were called in favor Parts 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 Deputy 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. 5

BARBADOS NATIONAL HONOURS AND DECORATIONS (AMENDMENT) 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 amend the Barbados National Honours and Decorations Act, 2021 (Act 2021-23) to expand the national onours conferred thereunder, the circumstances under which such national honours may be conferred and matters related thereto.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris began to speak and gave way.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris concluded his speech.

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, Senator Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the acting 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. 7 (recommitted)

The Deputy President spoke and read the message following:

MESSAGE

from

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

to

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly that at its sitting on **Wednesday 30th April, 2025 the Seaport Industry (Management, Operations and Development) Bill, 2025** was amended in the following terms:

Clause 36. The word '*home-porting*' appearing before the word 'vessels' was deleted.

AND the Honourable the Senate transmits the amended Bill to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendments to the Bill.

Dated the 30th day of April, 2025.



DEPUTY PRESIDENT

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 2.00 p.m. Madam Deputy President adjourned the Sitting.

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

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

President.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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