



# 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 15th 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 L. R. Harewood, J.P., BSM, B.Sc., M.Sc.,  
M.B.A.

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

The Clerk announced the temporary absence of His Honour the President, Madam Deputy President assumed the Chair.

Prayers were led by Reverend Father Wayne Kirton.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

Madam Deputy President announced that she was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Mr. C. A. Maynard and K. J. Boyce and also an excuse for lateness from Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt.

#### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Wednesday, 16th November, 2022 and Wednesday, 8th February, 2023 were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

#### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

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

1. The Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of Hotels and Resorts Limited for the year ended March 31, 2022.
2. Annual Reports of the National Insurance Board Audit of Accounts of the Retraining Account for the Years 2016–2020.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

1. Resolution that the Barbados Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026 be debated in Parliament and that any recommendations made in respect of the Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026 be considered by Cabinet.
2. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 the compulsory acquisition by the State of the parcel of land situate at Lot 5A, Waterford in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island for a public purpose, namely the construction of a District Hospital.
3. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 28(c) of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 the sale of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Lot 13, Lower Estate in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island to Edgstrong Holdings Ltd., a company incorporated under the Companies Act, Cap. 308.

#### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

##### **ORDER NO. 1**

##### **VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

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 *Value Added Tax Act*, Cap. 87 to temporarily reduce the rate of tax payable on the supply of electricity for domestic premises,

the Hon. Member began to speak and gave way.

Mr. President assumed the Chair.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins concluded her speech and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

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

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson 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 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.

**ORDER NO. 2****MINOR OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

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 *Minor Offences Act, Cap. 137*,  
the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 2.05 p.m. to  
3.05 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)**

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

Senator L. R. Harewood 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 4 and the Schedule 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 3.38 p.m Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.

**SENATE**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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**MINUTES**

Wednesday, 15th February, 2023.

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