



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 23rd day of September, 2026, at 11.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, GA, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott,
FB, J.P., M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.) (*Senior
Minister—Social and Environmental Policy*)

Senator the Hon. S. A. Archer, B.Sc. (*Minister of
State in the Prime Minister's Office – Youth
and Culture*)

Senator J. A. King, J.P., B.S.S.

Senator Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc.

Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin, J.P., LL.B. (Hons.),
L.E.C.

Senator Dr. K. L. Connell, M.B.B.S., DM, Ph.D.,
F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P.

Senator A. M. A. Niles, M.B.A.

Senator Ms. M.-A. Redman, B.A., Dip. Ed (Hons.)

Senator R. G. deB. Forde, B.B.S., M.Sc.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe, B.A., F.R.S.A.

IN ATTENDANCE

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C., (*Senior Minister*)(*Attorney General*) and Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*).

ABSENT

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. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (*Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade*), Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Health and Wellness*) (*Leader of Public Business in the Senate*), Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology*), Senator R. O. Alleyne, S.C., LL.B., M.B.A., Senator Miss J. C. A. Odle, LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., L.E.C., 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., Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A. and Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne McD. Kirton, J.P., B.S.S.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

MINUTES

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, the Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026 and Wednesday, 12th August, 2026 were taken as read and were confirmed.

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 19th August, 2026 were deferred.

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, Senators the Hon. C. P. Sinckler, Ms. L. R. Cummins, J. W. D. Reid, Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, Miss J. C. A. Odle, A. W. Mallalieu, R. O. Walters and Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge. He also announced he was in receipt of an excuse for lateness from Senator Dr. K. L. Connell.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott by command laid:

- Loan Contract 6146-OC-BA- Power Sector Modernization Program.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTING OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, Senator J. A. King was elected temporary Deputy President for the day's Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bills following were read a first time:

1. The Penal System Reform (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
2. The Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention and Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2026; and
3. The Financial Services Commission (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2026.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 3

MONEY LAUNDERING AND FINANCING OF TERRORISM (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) ACT, 2026

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention and Control) Act, 2011 (Act 2011-23), the Hon. W. A. Abrahams sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill together with Order No. 4 in a cognate debate.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator A. M. A. Niles spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator J. A. King in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 15 of the Bill were called in two parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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 Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 4**FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called for Hon. W. A. Abrahams to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Financial Services Commission Act, 2010 (Act 2010-21),

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 22 of the Bill were called in three parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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 Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 2**PENAL SYSTEM REFORM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

Mr. President invited Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls to introduce the Bill.

On the Order being called for Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Penal System Reform Act, Cap. 139,

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

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe spoke.

Senator Miss R. W. Trim spoke.

Senator Ms. M.-A. Redman spoke.

Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls began his reply.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe began to speak on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe concluded his point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls concluded his reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator J. A. King in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, 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 Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
Mr. President spoke.

At 2.56 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2026.

President.

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