



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 18th day of December, 2024, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

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 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) (Leader of the Senate)

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D.
(Minister in the Prime Minister's Office)

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M.,
ACI Arb. (Minister – Ministry of Economic
Affairs and Investment)

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

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

Senator Miss P. E. Parris, 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 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 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.

Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)

ABSENT

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

The Clerk announced the absence of the President and the Deputy President assumed the Chair.

PRAYERS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Madam Deputy President announced that she was in receipt of excuse for absence from His Honour the President; and that she was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators Mr. C. A. Maynard and Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 8th November 2024 with amendment; and the Minutes of Friday, 22nd November, 2024 were confirmed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt having spoken on the amendment. The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 29th November, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight by command laid:

1. The Financial Statements of the Engineers Registration Board for the Fiscal years ending March 31, 2020, March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022.
2. The Audited Financial Statements of the Grantley Adams International Airport for the year ended March 31, 2024.
3. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of Needham's Point Development Inc. and Needham's Point Holdings Limited for the year ended March 31, 2023.
4. Medium Term Debt Management Strategy for the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 to 2026-2027.
5. Government of Barbados/European Investment Bank Counter-Guarantee Agreement and Stand-by Finance Contract Barbados Global Gateway Nature Guarantee.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Senator A. W. Mallalieu was appointed temporary Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight gave notice of:

- A Resolution that the Barbados Fiscal Framework 2024 – 2025 to 2026 – 2027 and 2025 – 2026 to 2027 – 2028 be debated in Parliament and that any recommendations made in respect of the Fiscal Framework 2024 – 2025 to 2026 – 2027 and 2025 – 2026 to 2027 – 2028 be considered by the Cabinet.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the following Bills were read a first time:

1. Maritime and Underwater Heritage Bill, 2024; and
2. Tourism Development (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

CONGRATULATORY SPEECHES

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke congratulating Madam Deputy President on her recent receipt of her national honour of Freedom Barbados.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Madam Deputy President responded.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt congratulated Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes on her achievement of a doctorate with high commendation.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7

MARITIME AND UNDERWATER HERITAGE BILL, 2024

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:

- (a) the protection, management, sustainable development and regulation of maritime and underwater heritage in Barbados;
- (b) the advancement of sustainable maritime heritage tourism;
- (c) the regulation of vessels engaged in maritime heritage activities;

- (d) the recognition and protection of traditional cultural expressions associated with the sea and marine-specific traditional knowledge which are held by fishing communities and coastal communities in Barbados;
- (e) the regulation of marine-specific research in fishing communities and coastal communities;
- (f) the regulation and sustainable economic development of marine genetic resources;
- (g) the regulation of underwater cultural heritage;
- (h) the regulation of deep-sea natural heritage activities; and
- (i) related matters

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

Senator A. R. Worrell began to speak.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke on a point of order.

Senator A. R. Worrell concluded his speech.

Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Sitting was suspended at 1.40 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam Deputy President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Madam Deputy President 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, Senator A. W. Mallalieu in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 29 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

Clauses 30 to 69 Part 4 was called.

Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes spoke.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight Clauses 30 to 69 were passed.

Clauses 70 to 243 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

The First to the Fourth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the acting Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam Deputy 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Madam Deputy President recognised the presence of and welcomed Miss Paige Blackman, daughter of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES (recommitted)

Senator A. W. Mallalieu gave notice of a Resolution that the Land Acquisition Act, Cap. 228 of the Laws of Barbados be amended to reflect the following:

- (a) that purposes are most clearly defined in the legislation,
- (b) that compensation being offered is informed by a public and private valuation,

- (c) payment of compensation should be completed within 3 months of the Section 5 Notice, and
- (d) that the title not be perfected until compensation has been paid.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 8

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

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 Tourism Development Act, Cap. 341 to make provision for the extension of the definition of a tourism project to include the renovation of a villa,

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

Senator R. O. Walters began to speak.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke when Senator Walters gave way.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke on a point of order.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke on a point of order.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters concluded his speech.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu began to speak.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke on a point of order.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu concluded his speech.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman began to speak.

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

Madam Deputy President ruled no point of order.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman concluded his speech.

Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls began to speak.

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

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls resumed his speech.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls concluded his speech.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was appointed temporary Chairman of Committees 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.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called 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.

Madam Deputy President spoke expressing condolences to the Clerk of Parliament on the death of his niece.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins speaking on the adjournment extended condolences to the Clerk of Parliament and further extended Seasons' Greetings to Members of the Senate and staff of Parliament.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved the adjournment of the Senate *sine die*.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 6.40 p.m. Madam Deputy President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2025.

day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 18th December, 2024.