



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 8th day of November, 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 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 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 Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.

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 Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S.
(ENT)

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

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

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite,
CHB, Ph.D.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

ABSENT

Senator L. R. Harewood, J.P., BSM, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A., Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.),
M.B.A., Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ. and Senator Rev.
Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Senator Miss P. E. Parris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses of absence from Senators Ms. M. C. Taitt, Mr. L. R. Harewood and Miss C. N. Drakes.

He also announced that he was in receipt of excuses of lateness from Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott and Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

MINUTES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 25th October, 2023 were deferred.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

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 situate at Dodds Plantation in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* for residential, commercial and recreational purposes.

CONGRATULATORY SPEECHES

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and congratulated His Honour Senator R. R. Farley on his recent receipt of the Grantley Adams Award.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

**RESOLUTION TO VEST THE LEASE TO THE AUTISM ASSOCIATION
OF BARBADOS LAND AT THE GARRISON, ST. MICHAEL
FOR ITS BASIC LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMME**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the lease to the Autism Association of Barbados, a charity registered under the *Charities Act*, Cap. 243 as Charity No. 612 of a parcel of land, the property of the State situate at the Garrison in the parish of Saint Michael, in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* to this Resolution for its Basic Life Skills Programme.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 22nd day of September, Two thousand and twenty-three.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at the Garrison in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 836.5 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 120.0 square metres in road reserve and 9.5 square metres in sidewalk) abutting and bounding on a public road which leads to Philips Road on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government ("Carpark") on a road on a public road and on another public road known as St. Matthias Road which leads to Kings Village in one direction and to Garrison Road in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 30th day of June, 2021 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 7th day of July, 2021 as Plan No. 786/2021 together with the building situated thereon.

SECOND SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The lease to the Autism Association of Barbados (“the Lessee”) of the parcel of land, the property of the State (“the Lessor”), situate at the Garrison in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* is on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) the lease shall be for a period of 10 years with an option to renew for an additional period of 10 years;
- (b) initial rent shall be \$3 000.00 plus value added tax per annum payable monthly in advance at a rate of \$250.00 per month plus value added tax;
- (c) the rent is to be reviewed at 5 year intervals;
- (d) the lessee shall be responsible for putting and keeping the demised premises in good repair, inclusive of structural repairs, throughout the term;
- (e) the lessee shall bear the cost of developing the site and comply with any Planning and Development Department and other statutory requirements;
- (f) the lessee shall be responsible for all outgoings, inclusive of land taxes, property and liability insurances arising from the use of the premises;
- (g) the lessee shall be responsible for insuring the demised premises at its full reinstatement cost in the joint names of the lessor and lessee;
- (h) the lessee shall be responsible for the maintenance of the demised premises which shall be kept clean and tidy and appropriately landscaped throughout the lease and any renewal thereafter;
- (i) the demised premises is to be used for the express purposes of the Autism Association of Barbados; and
- (j) that the demised premises shall revert to the State for nil consideration,

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

Senator J. A. King spoke.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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

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

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 2**ROAD TRAFFIC (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 Road Traffic Act, Cap. 295,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders Nos. 2 and 3 in a cognate debate.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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

Senator Miss P. E. Parris spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT (recommitted)

Mr. President recognised the presence of Senator Mrs. Sherene Golding Campbell, K.C. of the House of Representatives in Jamaica.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

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

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 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins. Clause 4 was called and passed as amended.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill as amended 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 as amended and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 3**ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION FEES) ORDER, 2018 (VALIDATION) 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 validate the payment and collection of registration fees paid pursuant to the Road Traffic (Registration Fees) Order, 2018,

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

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.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 2.48 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, JP
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____
, 2023.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 8th November, 2023.
