



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Monday the 20th day of March, 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 Dr. the Most Honourable 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 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 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 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.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Reverend Father Wayne Kirton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced the passing of former Senator, Professor Sir Frank Alleyne, K.A. the Senate observed a moment of silence in honour of passing merit.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 15th February, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Appropriation Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 4

APPROPRIATION 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 grant a sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the service of Barbados for the year ending 31st March, 2024, the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.20 p.m. to 2.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite began to speak.

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

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite concluded his speech.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes began to speak.

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes resumed her speech.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes resumed her speech.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes resumed her speech.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes resumed her speech.

Mr. President directed Senator Miss C. N. Drakes to withdraw certain remarks.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes withdrew the remarks and concluded her speech.

SUSPENSION

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved that the Senate be suspended to 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 21st March, 2023.

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

Mr. President suspended the Sitting at 5.13 p.m.

RESUMPTION (Tuesday, 21st March, 2023)

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle spoke.

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

Senator L. R. Harewood spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse began to speak.

Senator Dr. the Most Honourable J. X. Walcott spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse resumed his speech.

Senator Dr. the Most Honourable J. X. Walcott spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse resumed his speech.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse resumed his speech.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse resumed his speech.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse resumed his speech.

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

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

At 1.35 p.m. the Sitting was suspended to 2.35 p.m. on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds concluded her speech.

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

Mr. President vacated the Chair in favour of Madam Deputy President.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu began to speak.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu concluded his speech.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to Wednesday, 22nd March, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 6.34 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION (Wednesday, 22nd March, 2023)

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight began to speak.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight resumed her speech.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President directed Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight to withdraw certain remarks and that they be struck from the records.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight withdrew the remarks which were struck from the records and concluded her speech.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard began to speak.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard concluded his speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended until 1.55 p.m.

At 12.55 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Senator Dr. the Most Honourable J. X. Walcott spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson began to speak.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke on a point of elucidation.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson began to speak.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson concluded her speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt began to speak.

Senator Dr. the Most Honourable J. X. Walcott spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt resumed her speech.

Senator J. A. King spoke on a point of order.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt resumed her speech.

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

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt resumed her speech.

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

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt resumed her speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt concluded her speech.

Mr. President vacated the Chair in favour of Madam Deputy President.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins began to speak and gave way.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins resumed and concluded her reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

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.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS (recommitted)

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

1. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure 2023 – 2024.
2. Schedules of Personal Emoluments 2023 – 2024.
3. Report of the Law Reform Commission for the period June 2019 to December 2022.
4. The Police Complaints Authority Annual Report 2021.
5. Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Community College for the years ending March 31, 2010, March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2012.
6. Audited Report 2020 and 2021 and the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2020 and March 2021 of the Daryll Jordan Secondary School.
7. Customs Tariff (Amendment) Order, 2018.

8. Loan Contract No. 5720/OC-BA between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank on the Programme to Strengthen Public Policy and Fiscal Management in Response to the Health and Economic Crisis caused by COVID-19 in Barbados II.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 1

FISCAL FRAMEWORK 2023 – 2024 TO 2025 – 2026

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

WHEREAS the Public Finance Management Act requires the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment to prepare a Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026;

AND WHEREAS the Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026: review the performance of the previous financial year against the fiscal objectives; present a macro-economic outlook and; sets out the fiscal objectives and policies for the medium term;

AND WHEREAS the Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026 includes the information and statements set out in the Third Schedule of the Public Finance Management Act;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Barbados Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026 be debated in Parliament;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any recommendations made in respect of the Fiscal Framework 2023–2024 to 2025–2026 be considered by the Cabinet.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 14th day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

and moved that the Resolution be approved.
The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Senate be adjourned to Wednesday, 29th March, 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 6.05 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

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

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

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Monday, 20th March, 2023.
