



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 12th day of October, 2022, 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*)

Senator Dr. the Most Honourable J. X. Walcott, FB, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)

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 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. K. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

ABSENT

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B. (*Deputy President*), Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*) (*Leader of the Senate*), 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., and Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite, CHB, Ph.D.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Wayne Kirton.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



MESSAGE No. /2022

***HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT
TO
THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE***

Her Excellency, The President wishes to inform The Honourable The Senate that she will be absent from the country during the period 16th September to 23rd September, 2022 on duty leave.

Her Excellency further wishes to inform The Honourable The Senate that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson will perform the functions of the Office of President for the period of Her Excellency's absence.



PRESIDENT

***STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS.***

16th September, 2022

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 16th September, 2022 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson and Senators the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, L. R. Harewood and Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle.

Mr. President also announced that he was in receipt of a late excuse from Senator G. P. B. Nicholls.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Student Revolving Loan Fund for the Year Ended March 31, 2021.
2. Sovereign Counter-Guarantee Contract No. 5568/0C–BA between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank: Program to Support Environmental and Economic Development in Barbados.
3. Sovereign Counter-Guarantee Contract between the Government of Barbados and the Nature Conservancy: Program to Support Environmental and Economic Development in Barbados.
4. Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation (BERT) Plan 2022.
5. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Multicurrency Term Facility Agreement) Order, 2022.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was appointed Temporary Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

- Resolution that Parliament take note of and approve the Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation (BERT) Plan 2022 FY2022/2023 – FY2026/27.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Catastrophe Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was read a first time.

OBITUARIES

Mr. President informed of the death of Mrs. Esrena Glenetha Nurse, the mother of Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse.

The Senate rose and observed a moment of silence as a mark of respect.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 6

CATASTROPHE FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022

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 amend the Catastrophe Fund Act, 2020 (Act 2020-13), the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Mr. President spoke and recognised the presence of former Senator His Honour R. N. Greenidge and Ms. Felicia Smith of the Barbados Embassy in China.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.
 Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.
 Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.
 Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.
 Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.
 Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.
 Senator Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers spoke.
 Senator J. A. King spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Sitting was suspended at 1.58 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)

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 the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 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 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 Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 4

On the Order being called Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight 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 vesting in Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State, with the building thereon, known as the Treasury Building, situate at Bridge Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island, more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for residential development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 13th day of September, Two thousand and twenty-two.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Bridge Street in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 2106.5 square metres (inclusive of 355.4 square metres in a road called Drax Street) abutting and bounding on other lands of the Barbados Government on the public road known as Trafalgar Street on the public road known as Bridge Street and on a public road known as Wharf Road or however else the same may abut and bound, together with the building thereon known as the Treasury Building as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 2nd day of May, 2019 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 27th day of May, 2019 as Plan No. 656/2019,

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 5

On the Order being called Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight 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 vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Brighton in the parish of Saint George in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* for housing development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 27th day of September, Two thousand and twenty-two.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Brighton in the parish of Saint George in this Island containing by admeasurement 2.943 hectares (inclusive of 0.181 hectares in road reserve) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of Brighton Plantation Limited on a cart road which is part of other lands now or formerly of Brighton Plantation Limited on lands now or formerly of Buttals Development Limited on lands now or late of Alphonso Wood on lands now or late of Randolph Moore on lands now or late of Marlene Moore on lands now or late of Angela Carter on lands now or formerly of Brighton Plantation Limited on lands now or late of Glenda Alleyne on lands now or formerly of Brighton Plantation Limited on lands now or late of Andria Sage on lands now or formerly of Brighton Plantation Limited and on a public road leading to Ellerton in one direction to Highway 4 in another direction and to Highway 4B in another direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 11th day of October, 2016 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 13th day of October, 2016 as Plan No. 976/2016,

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 4.58 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 _____
, 2022.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 12th October, 2022.
