



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Monday the 23rd day of December, 2019, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

### PRESENT

His Honour Senator Dr. Sir Richard L. Cheltenham, KA, Q.C., Ph.D., J.P., B.Sc. (Econ.) (*President*)

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe (*Minister of Information, Broadcasting and Public Affairs*)

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology*)

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

Senator R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A. (Econ.), LL.B., PG Dip. MA.

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc.

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

Senator D. R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.)

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt.), M.Phil Econ.

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 Rev. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil.

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

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

### ABSENT

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*) (*Leader of the Senate*), Senator Dr. L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., D.Th., Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology), Senator C. A. Franklyn, J.P., Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A. and Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

Prayers were led by Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of Wednesday, 4th December, 2019 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence for Senators the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, Dr. L. P. Holder, R. J. H. Adams, C. A. Franklyn and Ms. M. C. Taitt.

Mr. President read the following Message:

**MESSAGE**

**From**

**THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**To**

**THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE**

The Honourable the House of Assembly has the honour to inform the Honourable the Senate that at its Sitting on Tuesday, the 3rd of December, 2019 the Honourable the House of Assembly concurred in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate to the Companies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2019 and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Dated the 3rd day of December, 2019.

**SPEAKER**

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney by her command laid the following:-

1. Loan Contract No. 4342/OC-BA between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank – National Tourism Program.
2. The Government of Barbados/Inter-American Development Bank Loan 4342/OC-BA – National Tourism Program Amendatory Contract.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney moved that Standing Order 45(2) be suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

The motion was passed.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the following Bills were read a first time:-

1. Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention and Control) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2019;
2. Returnable Containers (Amendment) Bill, 2019;
3. Control of Disposable Plastics (Amendment) Bill, 2019;
4. Companies (Economic Substance) (Amendment) Bill, 2019; and
5. Land Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 2****MONEY LAUNDERING AND FINANCING OF TERRORISM  
(PREVENTION AND CONTROL) (AMENDMENT)  
(NO. 2) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney 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) to make provision for the establishment of a unit to be known as the “Compliance Unit” and for other matters related thereto,

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. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 7 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney 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. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 3****RETURNABLE CONTAINERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Returnable Containers Act, Cap. 395A to make provision for containers, a refund for those containers and other reusable and recyclable items,

the Hon. Member spoke and sought and obtained leave to introduce Order No. 3 and Order No. 4 in a cognate debate,

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant began to speak.

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

Senator R. W. Grant resumed his speech.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator R. W. Grant concluded his speech.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney 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. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 4****CONTROL OF DISPOSABLE PLASTICS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Control of Disposable Plastics Act (Act 2019-11) to defer the date of implementation of the ban on the manufacture, distribution, sale and use of single use petro-based plastic bags and for related matters,

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. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney 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. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 5**

**COMPANIES (ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the imposition of an economic substance test on companies carrying on business in Barbados and for related matters,

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney 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. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 6**

**LAND TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Land Tax Act, Cap. 78A to provide for a write-off of outstanding tax, penalties and interest for the period commencing from the 1st April, 1981 to the 31st March, 2001; and a waiver of the amount payable as a penalty or interest on arrears of tax for the period commencing from the 1st April, 2001 to the 31st March, 2018,

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney 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. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL (Recommitted)**

Mr. President read the following message:-



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
BARBADOS

MESSAGE NO. /2019

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

Her Excellency the Governor-General has the honour to inform The Honourable The Senate that she will be absent from the country during the period 23rd December, 2019 to 3rd January, 2020 on vacation leave.

Her Excellency further has the honour to inform The Honourable The Senate that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29(1)(a) of the Constitution, Sir Kenneth Rudolph Hewitt, KA, CBE, BJH, will perform the functions of the Office of Governor-General for the period of Her Excellency's absence.

S. Mason  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
BARBADOS  
23rd December, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke and moved that the Senate be adjourned *sine die*.  
Mr. President spoke.  
The motion was passed.  
At 2.25p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
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**SENATE**

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