



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 23rd day of January, 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. 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 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, B.A., M.A., 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. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc.
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 C. A. Franklyn, J.P.
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 Dr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., FRCS (ENT)
Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.
Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil.
Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.
Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

ABSENT

Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology) and Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

Prayers were led by Rev. Canon Errington Massiah.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR
THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators R. J. H. Adams and Miss A. M. Wiggins.

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 19th December, 2018.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Confirmation of the Minutes was deferred.

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 **Friday 21st December, 2018:-**

1. The Honourable the House of Assembly **agreed** to and concurred in the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate on the 19th December, 2018 to the **Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2018**.

2. The Honourable the House of Assembly **disagreed** with the Honourable the Senate in the amendments to the **Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2018** made by the Honourable the Senate on the 19th December, 2018 for the subjoined reasons, and amended the Bill as follows:

In Clause 2 of the Bill:

- (a) Delete the definition of “Community” or “CARICOM” and substitute the following:

“CARICOM means the Caribbean Community established by the Treaty.”

and insert in the appropriate alphabetical order.

- (b) Insert in the appropriate alphabetical order the following definition:

“Treaty” means the *Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy*, that was signed in the Bahamas on 5th July, 2001.

The amendments made to the Bill by the Honourable the House on the 14th December, 2018 were made in error thereby rendering the amendments made by the Honourable the Senate on the 19th December, 2018, unnecessary.

AND the Honourable the House of Assembly transmits the amended Bill to the Honourable the Senate inviting concurrence in the amendments to the Bill.

Dated the 21st day of December, 2018.

A. Holder
SPEAKER

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott by command laid the following:
The Annual Reports of the Barbados Agency for Micro Enterprise Development Ltd. (Fund Access) for the Financial Years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney reported that the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Public Finance Management Bill, 2019 was laid.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the following Bills were read a first time.

1. The Public Finance Management Bill, 2019; and
2. The Employment Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 4

PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT 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 make provision for the improvement of the management of public finance in Barbados,

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes began to speak.

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes concluded her speech.

Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers began to speak.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers concluded his speech.

Senator Miss L. P. Holder spoke.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended until 2.30 p.m. At 1.20 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

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

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.

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

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

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

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins began to speak.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins concluded her speech.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe began to speak.

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

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe concluded her speech.

Senator R. W. Grant began to speak.

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

Senator R. W. Grant resumed his speech.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. W. Grant concluded his speech.

Senator Dr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney began her reply.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney concluded her 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 Deputy President in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 4); Part 2 (Clauses 5 to 9); Part 3 (Clauses 10 to 20); Part 4 (Clauses 21 to 28); Part 5 (Clauses 29 to 74); Part 6 (Clauses 75 to 83); Part 7 (Clauses 84 to 91); Part 8 (Clauses 92 to 93); Part 9 (Clauses 94 to 119); Part 10 (Clauses 120 to 128); Part 11 (Clauses 129 to 133) were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

The First Schedule was called.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

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

The First Schedule was passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

The Second to the Eighth Schedules 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.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended until 6.15 p.m.

At 6.00 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1

LAW REVISION AND LAW REFORM (REPEAL) BILL, 2018 (resumed)

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to resume the debate on the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to repeal the Law Revision and Law Reform Bill,

the Hon. Member spoke and the Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill the Deputy President in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clause 1 (as amended) and 2); Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 28); Part 3 (Clauses 29 to 34); and Part 4 (Clauses 35 to 38) were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 6

Resolution seeking concurrence in the amendments made by the Honourable the House of Assembly to the Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved the passing of the Resolution and the citing of the Bill as the Customs (Amendment) Act, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 30th January, 2019 at 11.00 a.m.

At 6.35 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2019.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
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