



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 29th day of June, 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*)

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 Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*) (*Leader of the Senate*)

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office*)

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

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

and

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

ABSENT

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S., Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A., Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A. and Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS**

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20th June, 2022

Dear Mr. President,

I wish to inform The Honourable The Senate that, with the approval of The Honourable Prime Minister, it is proposed that in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution of Barbados, I will continue to perform the functions of the Office of the President from 19th June to 27th June, 2022.

As The Honourable The Senate will not be meeting prior to the extension of the acting period, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring the extension of acting formally to the attention of The Honourable The Senate when next it meets.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. B. S. M.'.

ACTING PRESIDENT

***His Honour The President
The Honourable The Senate
Parliament Buildings
Trafalgar Street
Bridgetown***

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 1st June, 2022 were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

EXCUSES

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, the Hon. L. E. Nurse and A. W. Mallalieu; and for lateness from Senator K. J. Boyce.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Public Finance Management Order, 2022;
2. Securities (Christopher Callender) (Exemption) Order, 2022;
3. Securities (Yuly Juarez) (Exemption) Order, 2022.

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

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of:

- The Debt Conversion (Counter-Guarantee) Bill, 2022.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the following Bills were read a first time:

- Pandemic Contribution Levy Bill, 2022; and
- Debt Conversion (Counter-Guarantee) Bill, 2022.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

PANDEMIC CONTRIBUTION LEVY BILL, 2022

On the Order being called Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the imposition of a levy to be known as the “Pandemic Contribution Levy” and matters related thereto,

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

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

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, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 5) was called and passed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

Part 2 (Clauses 6 to 10) was called.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

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

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight Part 2 was passed.

Part 3 (Clauses 11 to 14); Part 4 (Clauses 15 to 17); Part 5 (Clauses 18 to 21); Part 6 (Clauses 22 to 26); Part 7 (Clauses 27 to 33) and the Schedule 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 motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to, the Senate dividing as follows:

Ayes: Senators the Honourables Ms. L. R. Cummins, Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight, Senators J. A. King, Miss P. E. Parris, L. R. Harewood, Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle, A. A. O. Boyce, G. P. B. Nicholls, Her Honour Ms. H. E. Thompson, Mr. C. A. Maynard, K. J. Boyce, Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers, Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite.

Noes: Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds.

Abstentions: Senator Miss C. N. Drakes.

SUSPENSION

At 1.50 p.m. the Sitting was suspended to 2.50 p.m. on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3

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

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2 of the *Special Loans Act*, Cap. 105 the Government is authorised from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company or other institution sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate BBD 2 500 000 000 on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the lender of any such sum of money;

AND WHEREAS by section 3 of the said Act it is provided that any money borrowed under the authority of the Act shall be appropriated and applied to such purposes as Parliament may approve by resolution and that such money and any interest payable thereon is charged upon the general revenues and assets of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it necessary to borrow the sum of approximately BBD 256 600 000 from Export – Import Bank of China to finance the execution of the Scotland District Road Rehabilitation Project;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of approximately BBD 256 600 000 is borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of approximately BBD 256 600 000 is within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the said Act;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the sum of approximately BBD 256 600 000 from Export – Import Bank of China to finance the execution of the Scotland District Road Rehabilitation Project on the terms and conditions contained in an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 21st day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-two.

SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Borrower:	Government of Barbados.
Lender:	Export – Import Bank of China.
Amount:	Approximately BBD 256 600 000, Renminbi 815 500 000.
Loan currency:	Renminbi.
Purpose:	To finance the execution of the Scotland District Road Rehabilitation Project.
Term:	20 years.
Grace period:	60 months from the effective date of the Agreement.
Repayment:	31 equal semi-annual instalments.
Interest rate:	2% per annum.
Disbursement period:	48 months from the effective date of the Agreement.
Commitment fee:	0.25% per annum on the undisbursed balance paid semi-annually.
Management fee:	0.25% on the aggregate amount of approximately BBD 641 530 payable in one lump sum within 30 days after the effective date of the Agreement, but no later than the first disbursement date.
Governing Law:	Laws of China.

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

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

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

Senator L. R. Harewood spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 5.22 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

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