



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 4th day of June, 2025, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M.
(*Deputy President*)

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. 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 the Hon. J. W. D. Reid B.A. (Hons.)
(*Minister of Innovation, Industry,
Science and Technology*)

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

Senator J. A. King, B.S.S., J.P.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A.
(Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.

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 Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt),
M.Phil Econ., Ph.D.

Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A.
(Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

Senator R. O. Walters, M. B. A.

ABSENT

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb., Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B.
(Hons.), L.E.C. and Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS**

Ref. No. PB: 2/S. 1 A

1st May, 2025

Dear Mr. President,

*I shall be away from the island on duty leave during the period
1st to 15th May, 2025.*

*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 the President during my absence.*

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Douglas Gibson'.

PRESIDENT

**His Honour
The President of The Senate
Parliament Buildings
BRIDGETOWN**



**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS**

Ref. No. PB: 8 Vol.1

9th May, 2025

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform that in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, under Section 39 (1) (f) of the Constitution, the seat in the Senate held by Mr. Chad Jason Blackman was declared vacant, with effect from 5th May, 2025.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Farley', written over a horizontal line.

ACTING PRESIDENT

**His Honour
Senator the Most Honourable Reginal Farley, FB, JP
The President of the Senate
The Senate
Parliament Buildings
BRIDGETOWN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 30th April, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

EXCUSES

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of an excuse for absence from Senator A. W. Mallalieu, and excuses for lateness from Senators Mr. C. A. Maynard, K. J. Boyce and Dr. C. N. Drakes.

Mr. President thanked former Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman for his services and contribution to the Senate and congratulated him on his recent election to the Honourable the House of Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Barbados Deposit Insurance Corporation (BDIC) - Annual Reports for 2022, 2023 and 2024.
2. 2024 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Barbados.
3. Barbados Economic and Social Report, 2024.
4. Public Officers Loan and Travelling Allowances (Amendment) Regulations, 2025.
5. Report of the Parliamentary Reform Commission, 2024.
6. Tourism Linkages Policy.

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 following:

1. Road Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2025.
2. Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025.

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

1. Student Revolving Loan Fund Bill, 2025.
2. Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2025.
3. Road Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2025, and
4. Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BILL, 2025

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 provide for the management of storm water, the planning and execution of works necessary to prevent flooding and inundations caused by excessive rains and high tides and the prevention and mitigation of injury to persons and damage to property from the effects of the movement of water, particularly storm water,

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

Senator A. R. Worrell began to speak.

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

Senator A. R. Worrell concluded his speech.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting has suspended at 1.16 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 4); Part 2 (Clauses 5 to 11); Part 3 (Clauses 12 to 16); Part 4 (Clauses 17 and 18); Part 5 (Clauses 19 to 22); Part 6 (Clauses 23 and 28); Part 7 (Clauses 29 to 36) and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins and without debate.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Chairman of Committee 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. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 9

INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

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 amend the Insurance Act, Cap. 310 to enhance statutory fund enhancements and to make provision for a risk-based capital and insolvency regime,

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

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid spoke.

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

Senator R. O. Walters spoke on point of elucidation.

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

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 12 were called and passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, without debate.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 4.47 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 _____
, 2025.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 4th June, 2025.

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