



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

### The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 14th day of February, 2024, 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 Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Energy and Business Development*) (*Leader of the Senate*)

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs & Investment*)

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

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

Senator Miss T. D. Watson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A.

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

#### ABSENT

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

#### PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Senator Rev. C. M. Morris.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS

MESSAGE No. /2024

**HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

**TO**

**THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE**

*Her Excellency the President wishes to inform The Honourable The Senate that, acting in accordance with the advice of the Leader of the Opposition, Her Excellency has declared the seats in The Honourable The Senate held by Dr. The Hon. Chelston Whitley DaCosta Brathwaite, CHB, and Dr. Kristina Giselle Hinds to be vacant, with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.*

*Her Excellency the President wishes to further inform that, Ms. Tricia Dionne Watson and Mr. Ryan Oneal Walters have been appointed under Section 36(3) of the Constitution as Senators, with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.*

**PRESIDENT**

**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS.**

13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

Mr. President spoke expressing thanks for the services of former Senators, Dr. the Hon. Chelston W. DaC. Brathwaithe and Dr. Kristina G. Hinds.

He summoned the newly appointed Senators Miss Tricia Dionne Watson and Mr. Ryan Oneal Walters who were waiting without to take their seats in the Senate.

Mr. President welcomed Senators Watson and Walters who took their places in the Chamber.

Senator Miss T. D. Watson spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 7th February, 2024, were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers (overseas) and for lateness from Senator K. J. Boyce.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

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

- Instrument (Convention 189 – Domestic Workers, 2011) and Recommendation R 201– Domestic Workers, 2011 (No 201).

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of the Labour Clauses (Concessions) Bill, 2024; and on her motion the Bill was read a first time.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **ORDER NO. 1**

### **CYBERCRIME BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved the passing of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Cybercrime Bill, 2024 and the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Bill, 2024 have been read a first time in the Senate;

**AND WHEREAS** it is in the public interest that a fuller discourse on the Bills be undertaken;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that subject to the concurrence of the Honourable the House of Assembly that the Cybercrime Bill, 2024 and the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Bill, 2024 be referred to the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on Governance and Policy Matters;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee be empowered to consider the merits and principles of the Bills and report three (3) months from reference.

The Resolution was approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Senate be adjourned to Wednesday 21st February, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 12.45 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.





# **SENATE**

## **FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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Wednesday, 14th February, 2024.