

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**OF** 

# The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Wednesday the 21st day of July, 2021, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

# **PRESENT**

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A., J.P. (*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 K. S. McConney (Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology)

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

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 Dr. L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., D.Th.

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

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

Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology)

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 Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.

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

Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

#### **ABSENT**

Senator Miss L. C. Moe, Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT) and Senator J. A. Hunte, B.Sc., B.A.

# **EXCUSES**

Senator Miss L. C. Moe, Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT), Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. and Senator J. A. Hunte, B.Sc., B.A.

Mr. President took the Chair at 11.20 a.m.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

# **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 25th June, 2021 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 excuse for absence on behalf of Senator Miss L. C. Moe as well as Senator J. A. Hunte and Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard.

Mr. President further announced that he was in receipt of excuse for lateness on behalf of Senator K. J. Boyce.

Mr. President welcomed and acknowledged the presence of Mr. Tyrell Giles, St. Thomas Youth Commissioner, Samar Doyle and Kai Allman.

# MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

# INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney gave notice of the Defence (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

# FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney moved the First Reading of the following Bills:

- 1. Defence (Amendment) Bill, 2021;
- 2. Control of Inefficient Lighting Bill, 2021;
- 3. Needham's Point Holdings Ltd. (Exchange and Issue of Bonds) Bill, 2021; and
- 4. Remote Employment (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

# **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### ORDER NO. 4

# REMOTE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

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 *Remote Employment Act* (Act 2020-23) to provide for the Barbados Welcome Stamp to be renewed and the fees to be paid for the renewal of the Stamp and for related matters,

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

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

Senator Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers 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, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1- 6 were called and the Schedule on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins were passed.

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

# **ORDER NO. 1**

# GRANTLEY ADAMS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT AND VESTING OF ASSETS) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

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 Grantley Adams International Airport (Transfer of Management and Vesting of Assets) Act, Cap. 286 to provide for the Grantley Adams International Airport Inc. to contract with licensed operators in relation to the management and maintenance of the airport and to provide for related matters,

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

Senator C. A. Franklyn began his speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn resumed his speech.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke and asked Senator C. A. Franklyn to withdraw certain remarks.

Senator C. A. Franklyn withdrew those remarks, resumed and concluded his speech.

# **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Sitting was suspended until 2.45 p.m.

At 1.40 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

# RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

# ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

Senator R. J. H. Adams spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins began her speech in reply.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins resumed and concluded her speech 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, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1-4 were called and passed.

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

# ORDER NO. 2

# **CONTROL OF INEFFICIENT LIGHTING BILL, 2021**

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 phased elimination and of the use and sale of inefficient electrical lamps in Barbados,

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Dr. L. P. Holder spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge 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.

Parts I to V and Clauses 1 to 20 and the Schedules 1 and 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.

#### ORDER NO. 3

# NEEDHAM'S POINT HOLDINGS LTD. (EXCHANGE AND ISSUE OF BONDS) BILL, 2021

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the exchange of bonds issued by Needham's Point Holdings Ltd. and the issuance of Series B Bonds by the Government of Barbados to those bondholders,

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant began his speech.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes rose on a point of elucidation.

Senator R. W. Grant resumed and 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.
- On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney Clauses 1-5 and the Schedule were called and passed.
- 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.

# PRESENTATION OF PAPERS (reverted)

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

The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Barbados for the year ended December 31, 2020.

# PUBLIC BUSINESS (reverted) ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 28th July, 2021, at 11.00 a.m.

At 6.55 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

PEDRO E. EASTMOND Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2021.

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President.

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