



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 12th day of August, 2026, at 11.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, GA, 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 Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (*Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Health and Wellness*) (*Leader of Public Business in the Senate*)

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

Senator the Hon. S. A. Archer, B.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office – Youth and Culture*)

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

Senator Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc.

Senator R. O. Alleyne, S.C., LL.B., M.B.A.

Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin, J.P., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Senator Miss J. C. A. Odle, LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., L.E.C.

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

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

Senator A. M. A. Niles, M.B.A.

Senator R. G. deB. Forde, B.B.S., M.Sc.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe, B.A., F.R.S.A.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

ABSENT

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, J.P., M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.) (*Senior Minister – Social and Environmental Policy*), Senator Dr. K. L. Connell, M.B.B.S., DM, Ph.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P., Senator Ms. M.-A. Redman, B.A., Dip. Ed (Hons.) and Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Dr. K. L. Connell and Ms. M.-A. Redman and for lateness from Senators, J. A. A. Slocombe, R. G. deB. Forde and A. M. A. Niles.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Agreement for the Establishment of a Conditional Credit Line for Investment Projects (CCLIP) BA-O0011-Mains Replacement and Non-Revenue Water Reduction Program in Barbados.

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 day's Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

- Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record Bill, 2026.
- Domestic Terrorism Bill, 2026.
- A Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the Land Acquisition Act, Cap. 228, approve the compulsory acquisition by the State of the parcel of land property of The Ebenezer Methodist Church situate at Ebenezer in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island and more particularly described in the Schedule hereto for the public purpose of housing development.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

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

1. The Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour Bill, 2026.
2. The Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record Bill, 2026.
3. The Domestic Terrorism Bill, 2026.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

Resolution to approve in accordance with the provisions of the Special Loans Act, Cap. 105 the borrowing by the Government of Barbados of the sum of approximately BBD194.5 million by way of two export finance credits of approximately BBD54.2 and BBD140.3 million, respectively, from Banco Santander, S.A. on the terms and conditions contained in an Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the Schedule for the acquisition of radars and offshore patrol vessels intended to bolster Barbados' national security purposes.

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Resolution.

ORDER NO. 2

BARBADOS DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY HONOUR BILL, 2026

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 conferment a special commemorative honour, the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour, on 120 persons including 60 members of the Protective Services, the Barbados Defence Force, the Anti-Corruption and Anti-Terrorism Agency and the Financial Intelligence Unit, whose exceptional service and achievements have contributed to the development of the nation of Barbados since attaining Independence and becoming a Republic,

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

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge spoke.

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 10 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins. 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.

**TRIBUTES TO THE LATE RIGHT EXCELLENT
SIR GARFIELD ST. AUBURN SOBERS, K.B. O.C.C. O.A.,
NATIONAL HERO OF BARBADOS**

Mr. President recognized the presence of and welcomed Daniel and Genevieve Sobers, children; Natisha Sobers and Antonio Sobers, niece and nephew of the deceased.

Senator the Hon. S. A. Archer spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

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

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe spoke.

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

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved the passing of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS The Right Excellent Sir Garfield St. Auburn Sobers, Knight Bachelor, National Hero of Barbados, Officer of the Order of Australia and Member of the Order of the Caribbean Community, passed this life on the 17th day of July, 2026, eleven days shy of his ninetieth birthday;

AND WHEREAS this distinguished son of the soil, born in the City of Bridgetown on the 28th day of July, 1936, the fifth of six children of Shamont and Thelma Sobers, rose from the humblest of origins to become, by universal acclaim, the greatest all-round cricketer the game has ever known;

AND WHEREAS he first represented the West Indies in March, 1954, at the age of seventeen years, and in a Test career spanning twenty years amassed 8,032 runs at an average of 57.78 and took 235 wickets in 93 Test matches, and in first-class cricket scored in excess of 28,000 runs and captured more than 1,000 wickets;

AND WHEREAS at Kingston, Jamaica, in 1958, at the age of twenty-one years, he made 365 not out against Pakistan, then the highest individual score in the history of Test cricket, a record which stood for thirty-six years before it was surpassed by another son of the Caribbean;

AND WHEREAS at Swansea, in Wales, on the 31st day of August, 1968, playing for Nottinghamshire against Glamorgan, he struck six sixes in a single over, a feat of audacity and mastery which endures among the most celebrated moments in the annals of the game;

AND WHEREAS he captained the West Indies from 1965 to 1972 and was chosen to lead the Rest of the World XI in 1970, and by his conduct both on and off the field of play carried the name of Barbados and of the Caribbean with honour into every cricketing country of the world;

AND WHEREAS at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in January, 1972, leading the Rest of the World against Australia, he scored 254 runs in an innings which Sir Donald Bradman described as the best innings he had ever seen;

AND WHEREAS he was created a Knight Bachelor by Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the Garrison Savannah in February, 1975, and was named a National Hero of Barbados in 1998 and accorded the style and title of “The Right Excellent”;

AND WHEREAS he was adjudged the Cricketer of the Century by Wisden Cricketers’ Almanack in the year 2000 and was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame in 2009;

AND WHEREAS his name is borne in perpetuity by the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy, awarded annually since 2004 to the ICC Men’s Cricketer of the Year, and by the Sir Garfield Sobers Sports Complex in this Island;

AND WHEREAS in the years when this country moved from colony to independent nation, his genius gave to a young people the priceless gift of belief, standing as living proof that excellence of the highest order could come from these shores;

AND WHEREAS for all the magnitude of his achievement he remained a man of singular humility, courtesy and generosity, who greeted the Head of State and the taxi driver, the celebrated and the child seeking and autograph, with the same smile and the same respect, and who gave freely of his time to the encouragement of young sportsmen and sportswomen;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate pay the accolade of its highest tribute to the late The Right Excellent Sir Garfield St. Auburn Sobers, National Hero of Barbados, as an exemplar of excellence, dignity, humility and grace, and record its profound gratitude for a life which brought unmeasured honour and joy to this Nation and to the people of the Caribbean;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate share the sorrow felt by a grateful Nation and extend its deepest sympathies to his children Matthew, Daniel and Genevieve, to his brother Cecil, and to his other relatives and friends, and express its wish that they be comforted by the memory of a life lived selflessly and in the service of his Nation and his people.

Mr. President spoke.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke, the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 1.00 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____,
2026.

President.

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