



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 7th 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 Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D.
(*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*)

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

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

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

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

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

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*), Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., Senator Miss
C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., 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 from Her Excellency the President:



STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS

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

5th February, 2024

Dear Mr. President,

I shall be away from the island on duty leave during the period 6th to 8th February, 2024.

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 dark ink, appearing to be 'S. J. Gibson'.

PRESIDENT

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 31st January, 2024, were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President referred to the previous message from Her Excellency the President, whereby the Senate was informed of the appointment of Mr. Chad J. Blackman, who awaited without, as a Senator. Senator the Hon. Chad J. Blackman was summoned to take his place in the Senate.

Mr. President welcomed Senator the Hon. Chad J. Blackman.

Senator the Hon. Chad J. Blackman spoke in reply.

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Ms. M. C. Taitt, Miss C. N. Drakes and A. W. Mallalieu; and an excuse for lateness from Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. 2021 Population and Housing Census Report; and
2. 2022 Barbados Economic and Social Report.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of and move the first readings of the following Bills:

1. Cybercrime Bill, 2024,
2. Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Bill, 2024,
3. Law Reform and Law Revision (Amendment) Bill, 2024,
4. Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024,
5. Financial Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

AFRICAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK BILL, 2024

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the implementation of the

- (a) Agreement for the Establishment of a Partnership between Member States of the Community and the African Export-Import Bank; and
- (b) Agreement between the Government of Barbados and the African Export-Import Bank concerning the location of the Caribbean Community Office of the African Export-Import Bank,

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

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

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

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

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m. at 1.32 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1(resumed)

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson 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 and 2); Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 6); Part 3 (Clauses 7 to 11); the First and Second Schedules 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.

ORDER NO. 2

**BARBADOS REVENUE AUTHORITY (APPEALS TRIBUNAL)
(VALIDATION) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to validate the hearing and determination of appeals by the Barbados Revenue Appeals Tribunal presided over by a member other than the Chairman,

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

The motion was passed.

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 2 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.

REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

Mr. President read the following report:

PARLIAMENT OF BARBADOS
(FIRST SESSION OF 2022-2027)
COMMITTEE OF SELECTION
THE SENATE

Parliament
Parliament Buildings
Bridgetown
St. Michael

Report of the Committee of Selection to the Honourable The Senate

The Committee of Selection of the First Session of the Parliament of 2022-2027 met on
Wednesday, 3rd January, 2024.

Present were:

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, J. P. (Chairman)

Senator the Honourable Ms. L. R. Cummins

Senator K. J. Boyce

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes

In attendance:

Mr. N. R. Jones, Q. C., Esq., Deputy Clerk of Parliament

Ms. B. S. Gibbons, J. P., Deputy Clerk of Parliament

The Committee met to consider the nominations to fill vacancies for the membership of two (2) Committees of the Senate and any consequential appointments to other Committees arising from the nominations.

The Committee proposed that Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman be nominated to serve on the Committee of Selection.

The Committee proposed that Senator G. P. B. Nicholls be nominated to serve on the Public Accounts Committee.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins having withdrawn from membership of the Library Committee, the Committee proposed that Senator Reverend C. M. Morris be nominated to serve on the Library Committee in place of Senator Cummins.

The above proposals were unanimously agreed to by the Committee.

It came to the attention of the Committee that there existed a further vacancy on the Public Accounts Committee.

By Round robin of 6th February, 2024, the Committee agreed and proposes the appointment of Senator Reverend C. M. Morris to the Public Accounts Committee.

The Committee therefore makes the following nominations for appointment to the Committees listed below:

1. COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman

2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls

Senator Reverend C. M. Morris

3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Senator Reverend C. M. Morris

The Committee of Selection hereby submits its report accordingly.


CHAIRMAN

Dated this 7th day of February, 2024.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Report was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved the adjournment of the Senate to Wednesday 14th February, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

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

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 5.20 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

MINUTES

Wednesday, 7th February, 2024.