



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 5th 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 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 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 Dr. K. L. Connell, M.B.B.S., DM, Ph.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P.

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

Senator Ms. M.-A. Redman, B.A., Dip. Ed (Hons.)

(On-line)

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

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

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

ABSENT

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

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne McD. Kirton, J.P., B.S.S.

OBITUARIES

The Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Right Excellent Sir Garfield St. Auburn Sobers, OCC, National Hero of Barbados.

The Senate also observed a minute of silence in memory of the late Ms. Margaret Rose Knight, mother of the late Right Honourable David J. H. Thompson, former Prime Minister of Barbados.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS**

MESSAGE No. /2026

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

His Excellency the President wishes to inform the Honourable The Senate of the death of the Right Excellent Sir Garfield St Auburn Sobers, OCC, National Hero of Barbados, on Friday, 17th July, 2026.

PRESIDENT

**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS**

27th July, 2026

MINUTES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Minutes following were taken as read and confirmed:

- Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 6th May, 2026.
- Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 5th June, 2026.
- Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 10th June, 2026.
- Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 17th June, 2026.
- Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 1st July, 2026; and
- Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 8th July, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President acknowledged the presence of and welcomed Mr. Dale Franklyn, 5th Form Social Studies Teacher of The Lodge School accompanied by 5th Form Students, guest of Senator Dr. K. L. Connell. Mr. President also welcomed a number of guests of Madam Deputy President, participants of a Mentorship Programme on Developing the Capacity for Effective Communication.

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.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS (recommitted)

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

- Loan Contract No. 6097/OC-BA: IDB-CLIMA-First Individual Operation Main Replacement and Non-Revenue Water Reduction Program in Barbados.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

- Protection of Wages Bill, 2026; and
- Beneficial Ownership Transparency and Register Bill.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

PROTECTION OF WAGES 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 protection of wages,

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

Mr. President vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy President.

Senator R. O. Walters began to speak and gave way.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Senator the Hon. S. A. Archer spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

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

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. O. Walters concluded his speech.

Senator Ms. M.-A. Redman spoke.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler the Sitting was suspended at 1.47 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator Miss R. W. Trim spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge began to speak.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke on a point of order.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge concluded her speech.

Senator A. M. A. Niles spoke.

Senator Miss J. C. A. Odle spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler 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.

Clauses 1 to 10 were called.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge spoke on Clause 3.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke.

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

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke.

Clauses 1 to 10 were passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins without amendment.

Clauses 11 to 25 were called.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge spoke on Clause 14.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke.

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

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Clauses 11 to 25 were passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins without amendment.

Clauses 26 to 33 were called.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge spoke on Clause 28.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke.

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

Clauses 26 to 33 were passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins without amendment.

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. 3

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY AND REGISTER 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 make provision for the establishment of a Beneficial Ownership Register and matters related thereto,

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

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge began to speak.

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

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech and gave way.

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

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

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

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

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

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

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

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech and gave way.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge concluded her speech.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu began to speak.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu concluded his 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 39 were called in seven parts; and the Schedule and were 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.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die* at 7.40 p.m.

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

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

President.

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SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031

MINUTES

Wednesday, 5th August, 2026.

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