



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

### The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 16th day of March, 2022, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

#### PRESENT

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator Dr. the Most Honourable J. X. Walcott, FB, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)

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

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 L. R. Harewood, J.P., BSM, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A.

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle, B.Sc., M.Sc.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.

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

and

Senator A. W. Mallalieu

Preyers were taken by Senator Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President read the following:



MESSAGE No.     /2022

***HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT***

***TO***

***THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE***

*Her Excellency the President hereby informs The Honourable The Senate of the following:*

*“Section 60(1) of the Constitution provides that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the President may appoint”.*

*Her Excellency hereby informs The Honourable The Senate that by proclamation dated 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, that Her Excellency has appointed the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church as the place at which that the session of Parliament shall continue and by proclamation has appointed the Parliament Buildings, Trafalgar Street, Bridgetown as the place at which a session of Parliament shall be held and 10:00 in the morning on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, as the time at which the continued session shall commence.*

**PRESIDENT**

**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS.**

11<sup>th</sup> March, 2022



S. MASON  
President

By Her Excellency the Most Honourable  
Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Freedom of  
Barbados, Dame Grand Cross of the Most  
Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and  
Saint George, Dame of Saint Andrew,  
Queen's Counsel, Doctor of Laws, President  
of Barbados.

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is provided by section 60(1) of the *Constitution* that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the President may appoint:

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 3rd day of February, 2022, the President appointed the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill, Saint Michael as the place at which the session of Parliament commenced on the 4th day of February, 2022:

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 8th day of February, 2022, the President appointed the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church as the place that the session of Parliament shall continue:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to further continue the session of Parliament at the Parliament Buildings, Trafalgar Street, Bridgetown with effect from Monday the 14th day of March, 2022:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority vested in me, I, The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Freedom of Barbados, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of Saint Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Doctor of Laws, President of Barbados, DO HEREBY APPOINT the Parliament Buildings, Trafalgar Street, Bridgetown as the place at which the session of Parliament shall be held, and 10:00 hours in the morning as the time at which the said continued session shall commence.

Given under my hand and the  
Public Seal of Barbados this 11th day of  
March, 2022.

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

Mr. President spoke.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 4th February, 2022 were taken as read and confirmed with amendments on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Mr. President spoke regarding the absence of Senator A. W. Mallalieu.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

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

1. Hotels and Resorts Limited Annual Report – April 01, 2020 – March 31, 2021.
2. Loan Contract No. 5439/OC-BA between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank – Sustainable Development Policy Programme II.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

1. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022;
2. The Final Appropriation (2018-2019) Bill, 2022;
3. The Final Appropriation (2019-2020) Bill, 2022;
4. The Final Appropriation (2020-2021) Bill, 2022; and
5. The Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke the Sitting was suspended to Friday, 18th March, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Mr. President spoke and suspended the Sitting at 11.15 a.m.

### **RESUMPTION (Friday, 18th March, 2022)**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to 11.30 a.m.

Mr. President spoke and at 10.20 a.m. suspended the Sitting.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

### **MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins Standing Orders 22(1) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

### **FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Appropriation Bill, 2022 was read a first time.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **ORDER NO. 1**

#### **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022**

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 alter the Constitution to change the qualifications for membership of the Senate and the House of Assembly,

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

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

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

Senator J. A. King began to speak.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke on a point of elucidation

Senator J. A. King concluded his speech.

### **SUSPENSION**

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

At 1.30 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)**

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

**ORDER NO. 7****APPROPRIATION BILL, 2022**

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 grant a sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the service of Barbados for the Year ending 31st March, 2023,

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to 5.50 p.m.

At 5.35 Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)**

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris spoke.

Senator L. R. Harewood spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to Monday, 21st March, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

At 7.50 p.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION (Monday, 21st March, 2022)**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of the Report of the Selections Committee.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)****ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)**

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse began to speak.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse concluded his speech.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to 12.00 p.m.

At 11.45 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President read the following:



MESSAGE No.      /2022

*HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT*

*TO*

*THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE*

*Her Excellency the President has the honour to inform The Honourable The Senate that, in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, Mr. Gregory Paul Bertram Nicholls has been appointed under Section 36 (2) of the Constitution as a Senator, with effect from 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.*



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21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls who was outside was invited to take his place in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. President spoke.

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

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

#### **REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEE (recommitted)**

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

#### **PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**

#### **ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)**

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce began to speak.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce concluded his speech.

#### **SUSPENSION**

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

At 1.25 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)**

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.

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

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls began to speak.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls resumed his speech.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls concluded his speech.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 5.21 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)**

#### **APPROPRIATION BILL, 2022**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

**ORDER NO. 2**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land situate at Worthing in the parish of Christ Church in this Island more particularly described in the *Schedule*.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 14th day of February, Two thousand and twenty-two.

**SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the Crown situate at Worthing in the parish of Christ Church in this Island formerly said to contain by admeasurement 14669 square metres but found by a recent survey to contain by admeasurement 1.890 hectares (18909.5 square metres) or thereabouts inclusive of 1346.2 square metres in road abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of Graeme Hall Plantation on the sea on lands now or late of Svetiana Dowell-Williams et al on lands now or late of Glenis K. Clarke on lands now or late of Annie Lynch on lands now or formerly of R. T. Hardware Limited and on a sidewalk which separates the said lands from Highway 7 which leads to Hastings in one direction and to St. Lawrence Gap in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 6th day of January, 2020 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department as Plan No. 68/2020.

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

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

The Resolution was passed.

**ORDER NO. 6****ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Road Traffic Act, Cap. 295 to adjust the requirements for the production of a driving licence or an identification card when requested to do so by a member of the Police Force or a transport inspector in uniform,

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 4 and the Schedule 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 who spoke the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 6.30 p.m. to Tuesday, 22nd March, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.



**RESUMPTION (Tuesday, 22nd March, 2022)**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)**

**APPROPRIATION BILL, 2022**

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson concluded her speech.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

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

**ORDER NO. 3**

**FINAL APPROPRIATION (2018-2019) BILL, 2022**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to grant an additional sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the services of the Island for the Financial Year that ended 31st March, 2019,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill together with the Final Appropriation (2019-2020) Bill, 2022 and the Final Appropriation (2020-2021) Bill, 2022.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

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

**ORDER NO. 4**

**FINAL APPROPRIATION (2019-2020) BILL, 2022**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to grant an additional sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the services of the Island for the Financial Year that ended 31st March, 2020,

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

The motion was passed.

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

**ORDER NO. 5**

**FINAL APPROPRIATION (2020-2021) BILL, 2022**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to grant an additional sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the services of the Island for the Financial Year that ended 31st March, 2021,

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

The motion was passed.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke 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 who spoke the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.  
At 11.59 p.m. Madam Deputy President adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.

**SENATE**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

**MINUTES**

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