



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 July, 2023, 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 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 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 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 G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B.
(Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.

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 Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. &
Mgmt), M.Phil Econ.

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite,
CHB, 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 Miss P. E. Parris, J. P., Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., 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 A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S. and Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:

The Senate observed a moment of silence in honour of passing merit.



STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS

MESSAGE No. /2023

HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

Her Excellency The President wishes to inform The Honourable The Senate of the death of the Rt. Hon. Sir Lloyd Sandiford, K.A., J.P., former Prime Minister of Barbados, on Monday, 26th June, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Sandiford'.

PRESIDENT

***State House
BARBADOS.***

29th June, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Dr. K. G. Hinds, K. J. Boyce, A. W. Mallalieu, Miss P. E. Parris, Ms. M. C. Taitt and Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

Mr. President informed of the passing of the late Mrs. Norma Nicholls, the mother of Senator G. P. B. Nicholls. The Senate observed a minute of silence as a mark of respect.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the following meetings were confirmed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

- Wednesday, March 29th, 2023.
- Wednesday, May 10th 2023.
- Wednesday, May 17th 2023.
- Wednesday, May 24th 2023.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Barbados for the year ended December 31, 2022.
2. The Barbados Optional Savings Bonds Plus (Offer to the Public) (Monetary Value of Bonds) (No. 11) Order, 2023.
3. The Barbados Optional Savings Bonds Plus (Offer to the Public) (Amendment) Order, 2023.
4. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Student Revolving Loan for the year ended March 31, 2022.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of the Bills following and on her motion the Bills were read a first time:

- Airport Service Charge (Amendment) Bill, 2023; and
- Central Bank of Barbados (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

DUTIES, TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS (EXEMPTION) BILL, 2023

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 improve the process for the granting of exemptions to individuals, businesses and agencies from the payment of duties, taxes and other imports,

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 9 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

**RESOLUTION THAT PARLIAMENT OF BARBADOS
TAKE NOTE OF THE GREEN PAPER ON
THE NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY**

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke and moved the passing of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Barbados has signaled its intentions to give new impetus to the sports sector to provide communities with ownership in the development of sports and to ensure sports generates revenue for athletes, communities and the youth through the creation of a comprehensive and inclusive sports policy;

AND WHEREAS the policy aims to utilize sports as a means to foster youth and community development, and as a tool for social development and nation building;

AND WHEREAS the policy recognizes the significant economic potential of sports and supports the need to build a sports industry which can contribute to economic development in a meaningful way;

AND WHEREAS the Government has engaged in extensive consultations with direct stakeholders within the sports arena on the draft National Sports Policy;

AND WHEREAS the Cabinet has given favourable consideration to the draft National Sports Policy;

AND WHEREAS a Green Paper has been prepared to inform the finalization of a National Sports Policy;

AND WHEREAS the policy recognizes twelve thematic areas which are fundamental to sports development, namely Building a More Active Barbados, Sports for Community Development, Physical Education, Sports and the Education System, Sports and Penitentiary Reform, Development of a Sports Economy, Sports Tourism, Intellectual Property and Sports, Digital Sports Sector, Development of a High-Performance System, Specialists' Sports Centre, Institutional Strengthening and Governance and Incentives and Concessions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados take note of the Green Paper on the National Sports Policy.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 30th day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.21 p.m. to 2.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator J. A. King spoke.

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

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 4

AIRPORT SERVICE CHARGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

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 Airport Service Charge Act, 2022 (Act 2022-7) to provide for a decrease in airport service charge for a regional destination,

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

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

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight 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 3 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. 3

RESOLUTION COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AT HARRISON'S PLANTATION, ST. LUCY

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the following Resolution be passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the compulsory acquisition by the State of the parcel of land situate at Harrison's Plantation in the parish of Saint Lucy in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* to this Resolution for a public purpose, namely, education, economic and tourism development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 7th day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land situate at Harrison's Plantation in the parish of Saint Lucy in this Island containing by admeasurement 36 517.3 square metres (3.65173 hectares) Abutting and Bounding on lands now or late of Arlington Griffith (Lot 24) on lands now or formerly of Massy Properties Barbados Limited (Lot 23) on lands now or late of Maria-Rene Aileen Cumberbatch (Lot 22) on lands now or late of Gleeson Carlos Roach (Lot 21) on lands now or late of Neville Ricardo Mason (Lot 20) on lands now or late of Troy Noland Belgrave (Lot 19) on lands now or late of Philmore Medford Brome (Lot 18) on lands now or formerly of W. R. Investments Inc. on lands now or formerly of

Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. and on a public road which leads to H.M.P. Harrison's Point in one direction and to Highway 1B in another direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 4th day of May, 2023 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 5th day of May, 2023 as Plan No. 740/2023.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard began to speak.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard concluded his speech.

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

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke the Senate was adjourned to
Wednesday, 26th July, 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

At 5.13 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
, 2023.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 5th July, 2023.
