



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 16th day of October, 2019 at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator Dr. Sir Richard L. Cheltenham, KA, Q.C., Ph.D., J.P., B.Sc. (Econ.) (*President*)

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe (*Minister of Information, Broadcasting and Public Affairs*)

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

Senator Miss L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th.

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

Senator D. R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.)

Senator C. A. Franklyn, J.P.

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

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.

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

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

ABSENT

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*) (*Leader of the Senate*), Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology*), Senator R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A. (Econ.), LL.B., PG Dip. MA., Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology), Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A. and Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Prayers were led by Senator Miss L. P. Holder.

**MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL**

Mr. President read the following:



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
BARBADOS

7th October, 2019

Dear Mr. President,

I shall be away from the Island on duty leave during the period 11th to 12th October, 2019.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 29 (1) (a) of the Constitution, Sir Kenneth Rudolph Hewitt, KA, CBE, BJH, will perform the functions of the Office of Governor-General 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 down to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The Senate when next it meets.

I have the honour to be,
Yours faithfully,

S. Mason
GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

His Honour
The President of the Senate
Parliament Buildings
BRIDGETOWN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, Miss T. N. S-A. Moore and R. W. Grant. He also announced that he was in receipt of late excuses from Senators the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott and K. J. Boyce.

MINUTES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe the Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, August 21st, 2019 were confirmed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe the Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, September 4th, 2019 were deferred.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe by command laid:-

Recommendation on National Floors of Social Protection.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe gave notice of the following:-

1. Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
2. Resolution to approve under Section 5 of the of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land the property of the Crown, situate at Indian Ground in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe the following Bills were read a first time:-

1. The Shipping (Incentives) (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
2. The Barbados Tourism Product Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
3. The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

SHIPPING (INCENTIVES) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Shipping (Incentives) Act, Cap. 90A, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, that the Bill be read a second time.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed without debate.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe 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. Miss L. C. Moe the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe the Sitting was suspended at 1.00 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3

BARBADOS TOURISM PRODUCT AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Barbados Tourism Product Authority Act, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator C. A. Franklyn began to speak.

Senator Miss L. P. Holder spoke on a point of order.

Senator C. A. Franklyn concluded his speech.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe 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. Miss L. C. Moe the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

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

ORDER NO. 4

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe 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 lease to the Royal Commonwealth Society (Barbados Branch) of the parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon being the property of the Crown, situate at The Pine in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* to this Resolution, on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* to this Resolution, for use as its Headquarters and commercial office.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 8th day of October Two thousand and nineteen.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the Crown situate at The Pine in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 5,796.7 square metres or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on lands now or late of Majorie Lynch being Lot 3 on lands now or late of Khiema Ramdass being Lot 5 on lands now or late of Darnley Rayside being Lot 7 on lands now or late of Mitchinson and Caslene Hewitt being Lot 8 on lands now or late of Norraine Davis being Lot 9 on lands now or late of Michael Bryan on lands now or late of Erskine Simmons and on a public road leading to Government Hill in one direction to Collymore Rock in another direction and to Pine Gardens or however else the same may abut and bound as delineated and shown on a Plan certified on the 28th day of May, 2014 by Camille Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 10th day of June, 2014 as Plan No. 527 of 2014.

SECOND SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The lease of 5,796.7 square metres of Crown Land located on Pine Plantation Road, St. Michael, together with the buildings thereon is made between the Crown ("the lessor") and the Royal Commonwealth Society (Barbados Branch) ("the lessee").
2. The lease shall be for a period of 25 years with an option to renew for a further period of 25 years.

3. The initial rent shall be at a concessionary rate of \$500.00 per annum during the first 5 years of the lease.
4. A rent review shall take place every 5 years within the rental period.
5. The lessee shall be responsible for the payment of insurance of the buildings, public liability and occupier's liability of the premises, payment of utilities, land taxes and other outgoings arising out of the use of the site.
6. The lessee shall bear the cost of development of the site and shall comply with Development Planning and other statutory requirements throughout the term.
7. The lessee shall be responsible for renovations as well as the repairs and maintenance of the buildings and premises.
8. The lessee shall advise the Ministry responsible for Housing, Lands and Rural Development of the replacement cost of the buildings and plant on site on completion of the refurbishments.
9. The lessor shall be indemnified against all actions, costs, claims and demands in respect of any injury to or death of any person or damage to any property which may arise directly or indirectly as a result of the lessee's use of the property.
10. At the end of the lease period or its sooner determination, all buildings, structures and other facilities and improvements regardless of stage of construction, shall revert to the lessor for nil consideration.
11. The lessee may bring this lease to an end at any time by giving 6 months' notice to the lessor.
12. The lessor may bring this lease to an end at any time after the second rent review by giving one year's notice to the lessee.
13. The lessee shall not assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the property by lease or part with possession without prior written consent of the lessor and such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
14. The lessee shall be allowed to sublet the premises for office accommodation only which shall be for a period of 5 years without the written permission from the lessor.
15. The lessee shall be allowed to use the property for a mortgage with the written permission of the lessor.

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers spoke.

Mr. President resumed the chair.

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday 23rd October, 2019 at 10.00 am.

At 4.20 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, QC
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2019.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2018 – 2023

MINUTES

Wednesday, 16th October, 2019.

Government Printing Department