



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 6th day of May, 2026, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

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. 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 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.)

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

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 the Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (*Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade*) and Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

EXCUSES

Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (*Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade*) and Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Madam Deputy President announced that she was in receipt of excuses for lateness from His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley and Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Monday, 23rd March, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Loan Agreement – Polyclinic Upgrade and Refurbishment of Primary Health Care System Project signed between the Saudi Fund for Development and Government of Barbados.
2. Convention 150 – Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150), and Recommendation R158 – Labour Administration Recommendation, 1978 (No. 158).
3. Convention 175 – Part-Time Work Convention, 1994 (No. 175), and Recommendation 182 – Part-Time Work Recommendation, 1994 (No. 182).
4. Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Aircraft and Aviation Services Company Ltd. for the years ending March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2025.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved the first reading of the Bills following:

1. State (Acquisition and Vesting of Property) Bill, 2026;
2. Older Persons (Care and Protection) Bill, 2026; and
3. Barbados Medical Products Bill, 2026.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

OLDER PERSONS (CARE AND PROTECTION) 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 older persons in need of care and protection and other related matters,

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 order.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator Ms. M.-A. Redman spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of His Honour Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, the Sitting was suspended at 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President assumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator Miss J. C. A. Odle spoke.

Senator Miss R. W. Trim spoke.

Senator A. M. A. Niles spoke.

Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu 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 to 4); Part 2 (Clauses 5 to 7); and Part 3 (Clauses 8 and 9) were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Part 4 (Clauses 10 to 15) was called.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and on her motion Part 4 was passed.

Part 5 (Clauses 16 and 17) was called.

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

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

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Part 5 was passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Part 6 (Clauses 18 to 32); Part 7 (Clause 33); Part 8 (Clauses 34 to 36) were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Part 9 (Clauses 37 to 40) was called.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin spoke.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins Part 9 was passed.

Part 10 (Clauses 41 to 46) was called.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Part 10 was passed.

The Schedule was 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. 1

STATE (ACQUISITION AND VESTING OF PROPERTY) 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 acquisition by the State pursuant to section 16 (4) of the Constitution in the public interest of certain properties owned by the National Housing Corporation and the vesting of the properties in the persons who qualify under the National Housing Corporation (Transfer of Terrace Units) Act, 2013 (Act 2013-1) for the transfer of ownership of the properties to them,

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

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

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable 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.

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 the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Senator A. W. Mallalieu gave notice of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS under section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act* Cap 228 of the Laws of Barbados the state can acquire land for public purpose;

AND WHEREAS under the section 3 of the said Act where it appears to the Minister responsible for lands that any land which is required for any purposes for which the state is authorised by any Act to acquire land or for any purpose which in the opinion of the Minister are public purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution provides that no property shall be compulsorily acquired except by and under the authority of any written law and where such law as written, the manner and principles under which compensation is determined;

AND WHEREAS no claim for compensation under the *Land Acquisition Act* shall be admitted or entertained unless it is made in writing within 2 years of the publication of section 5 notice in the *Official Gazette*;

AND WHEREAS the present state of the law allows the compulsory acquisition to be completed without timely payment or none at all to the owner of the land;

AND WHEREAS at the time of acquisition insufficient details are given of the public purchase;

AND WHEREAS in the interest of good governance and transparency it is desirable that public purposes are more clearly defined in the legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the *Land Acquisition Act* be amended to reflect the following:

- (a) that purposes are more clearly defined in the legislation,
- (b) that compensation being offered is informed by a public and private valuation,
- (c) payment of compensation must be completed within 3 months of the section 5 Notice, and
- (d) that the title not be perfected until the compensation has been paid.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 5.58 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

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

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

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031

MINUTES

Wednesday, 6th May, 2026.