



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 1st day of July, 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 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. 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 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 Dr. K. L. Connell, M.B.B.S., DM, Ph.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P.

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 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. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology*), Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin, J.P., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S. and Senator A. M. A. Niles, M.B.A.

IN ATTENDANCE

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C., (*Senior Minister*) (*Attorney General*).

PRAYERS

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

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 17th June, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, A. W. Mallalieu and A. M. A. Niles.

Mr. President recognized the presence of and welcomed Dr. Margaret O'Shea, Representative of the Medical Fraternity, Mrs. Sadie-Ann Sisnett, President of the Barbados Kidney Association and other members; a member of transplant recipients and a member of the Law Reform Commission to the Sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

- Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of Caves of Barbados Limited (CBL) for the year ended March 31, 2025.

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

- ILO Convention 193 – Decent Work in the Platform Economy Convention, 2026.

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 gave notice of the State (Acquisition and Vesting of Property) (No. 2) Bill, 2026.

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

1. Human Tissue Transplant Bill, 2026,
2. Protection of Depositors Bill, 2026; and
3. State (Acquisition and Vesting of Property) (No. 2) Bill, 2026.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

HUMAN TISSUE TRANSPLANT 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 removal of tissue from the body of one person, whether living or deceased, for transplantation into the body of a living person and for related matters,

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 Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge spoke.

Senator Dr. K. L. Connell spoke.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams rose and indicated his intention to speak.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended until 3.00 p.m.

At 1.45 p.m. Madam Deputy President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator Miss J. C. A. Odle spoke.

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

Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler 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 20 were called in 5 parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Part 6 (Clauses 21 and 22) was called.

Clause 22 was amended.

Part 6 (Clauses 21 and 22) (as amended) was passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Part 7 (Clauses 23 to 28) was called.

Clause 23 was amended.

Part 7 (Clauses 23 (as amended) to 28) was passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Part 8 (Clauses 29 to 30); Part 9 (Clauses 31 to 38) were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The First and Second Schedules 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 with amendments 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 4.50 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.

President.

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