



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

# The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Friday the 14th day of February, 2020, 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 the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology*)

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

Senator R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A. (Econ.), LL.B., PG Dip. MA

Senator Dr. L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., D.Th.

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

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

Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology)

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 Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)

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

Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

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 Miss L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc., Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A. and Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Prayers were led by Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers.

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

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, Miss L. R. Cummins, Ms. M. C. Taitt and K. J. Boyce.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney by command laid the following:

1. Annual Reports of the Judicial Council for the Years 2016, 2017 and 2018.
2. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Caves of Barbados Ltd. for the Financial Years ended March 31, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
3. Annual Report of the Barbados Prison Service for the Year 2018.
4. Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Management of St. James Secondary School for the Financial Years Ended March 31, 2009 to March 31, 2011.
5. Audited Financial Statements of the Board of Management of Deighton Griffith Secondary School for the Years Ended March 31, 2017 and 2018.
6. Audited Financial Statements of the Student Revolving Loan Fund for the Years Ended March 31, 2018 and 2019.
7. Ministerial Statement on Feed-in-Tariffs and Auctions for Renewable Energy Technologies.
8. Health Services (Communicable and Notifiable Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

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

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

### **FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was read a first time.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

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

#### **CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (MOVEMENT OF SKILLED NATIONALS) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) Act, Cap. 186A

- (a) to revise the categories of persons who are eligible to be recognized as skilled community nationals;
- (b) to revise provisions relating to the indefinite stay of skilled community nationals and the dependants of skilled community nationals in Barbados; and
- (c) for related matters,

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

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Sitting was suspended to 2.40 p.m.

At 1.05 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)**

Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins spoke.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 14 and the First to Fifth Schedules were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney 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 K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.

At 4.50 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

President.

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