



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 8th 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 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. 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.

and

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*), Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology*) and Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

IN ATTENDANCE

Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Finance*)

PRAYERS

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

OBITUARY

The Senate observed a moment of silence as a mark of respect on the passing of Mr. Reynold O. Kelman, Attorney at Law and former Clerk of Parliament.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 1st July, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President recognized the presence of and welcomed Hon. R. R. Straughn, M.P., present pursuant to Section 53A(1) of the Constitution.

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of an excuse for absence from Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid and an excuse for lateness from Senator J. A. A. Slocombe.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

PROTECTION OF DEPOSITORS 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 the protection of insured depositors, enhance public confidence in, and contribute to the stability of, the financial system and provide for other related purposes.,

Hon. R. R. Straughn was invited to introduce the Bill.

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

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke in reply.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 54 were called in 7 parts and the Schedule and were passed on the separate motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn.

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn 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 Hon. R. R. Straughn the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Sitting was suspended at 1.35 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3

STATE (ACQUISITION AND VESTING OF PROPERTY) (NO. 2) 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 R. O. Walters spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Miss R. W. Trim spoke.

Senator the Hon. S. A. Archer 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 5 and the Schedule (as amended) 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.

Mr. President read the following message:

MESSAGE

From

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

To

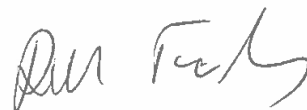
THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to inform the Honourable the House of Assembly that at its sitting on **Wednesday 8th July, 2026** the **State (Acquisition and Vesting of Property) (No. 2) Bill, 2026** was amended in the following terms:

In the **Schedule**, Part X, under the heading "*List of Properties and Persons*", in the Table, the name "Marcene Patricia White" in the second column and all the words appearing opposite thereto in the first column were deleted.

AND the Honourable the Senate transmits the amended Bill to the Honourable the House of Assembly inviting concurrence in the amendment to the Bill.

Dated the 8th day of July, 2026.



PRESIDENT

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 4.34 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, J.P. (Ms.)
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

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

President.

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