



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 13th day of December, 2023, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott,
FB, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Senior
Minister*) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc.,
M.Sc. (*Minister of Energy and Business
Development*) (*Leader of the Senate*)

Senator J. A. King, B.S.S.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.

Senator L. R. Harewood, J.P., BSM, B.Sc., M.Sc.,
M.B.A.

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle, B.Sc., M.Sc.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B.
(Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.

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 K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

ABSENT

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office*), Senator
Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S., Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., Senator Rev.
Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D. and Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC.
Brathwaite, CHB, Ph.D.

PRAYERS

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 29th November, 2023 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 Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite and Ms. M. C. Taitt.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. The Customs Tariff (Amendment) Order, 2023.
2. Audited Financial Statements of the New Life Investment Company Inc. for the Financial Year 2017-2018.
3. Audited Financial Statements of the New Life Investment Company Inc. for the Financial Year 2018-2019.

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 sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Bill entitled the Utilities (Amendment) Bill, 2023 and to substitute the Bill entitled the Utilities Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Utilities Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of the Resolution to approve the Barbados Physical Development Plan as amended 2023.

CONGRATULATORY SPEECHES

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke congratulating His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley on his conferment of the Freedom of Barbados Award.

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley responded.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 4

UTILITIES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the exemption of the supply of electricity from renewable energy resources from all or any of the provisions of the *Utilities Regulation Act*, Cap. 282 where that exemption is required in the public interest;

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls began to speak.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President ruled that certain remarks by Senator G. P. B. Nicholls be withdrawn.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls withdrew the remarks and concluded his speech.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.54 p.m. to 2.55 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator L. R. Harewood spoke.

Her Honour Senator 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 2 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.

ORDER NO. 1

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins 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 vesting in the National Housing Corporation of a parcel of land situate at Dodds Plantation in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* for residential, commercial and recreational purposes.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 7th day of November, Two thousand and twenty-three.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Dodds Plantation in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 195,906.60 square metres (19.591 hectares) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Lillian Walrond deceased on lands now or late of Nathan D. Garner on lands now or late of Harold Franklin on lands now or formerly of Guinea Estates Inc. on lands now or formerly of Ronald Stoute & Sons Limited and on a public road known as Highway 4B which leads to Highway H in one direction and to Church Village in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 15th day of May, 2023 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 16th day of May, 2023 as Plan No. 807/2023,

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

The motion was passed.

ORDER NO. 3

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the compulsory acquisition by the State of parcels of land situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedules* for the public purpose of regularizing a squatters' housing area.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 14th day of November, Two thousand and twenty-three.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Arthur Pounder situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 9 853.1 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a road in common leading to Highway 5 in one direction on a right of way 4.88 metres wide on lands now or late of Martha Hawkesworth on lands now or late of Kevin Gobin *et al* on lands now or late of Jonathan Henry on lands now or late of Reynold White on Lots 4, 3 and 2 on lands now or late of Scofield Alleyne (Lot 1) and on a public road or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

SECOND SCHEDULE

FIRSTLY ALL THAT land the property of Reynold White situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 43.2 square metres in road or thereabouts abutting and bounding on other lands now or late of Reynold White on lands now or late of Maureen Butcher (Lot 9) and on a public road or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022;

SECONDLY ALL THAT land the property of Reynold White situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 86.1 square metres in road or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Arthur Pounder on lands now or late of Jonathan Henry on a road and on other lands now or late of Reynold White or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

THIRD SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Jonathan Henry situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 2 377.3 square metres (including 187.5 square metres in road) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Arthur Pounder on lands now or late of Kevin Gobin *et al* on lands now or late of Beresford Smith and on a road on two sides and on other lands now or late of Reynold White or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Beresford Smith situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 1 678.5 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Gwendolyn Browne on lands now or late of Abel Scott on a road on lands now or late of Jonathan Henry and on lands now or late of Kevin Gobin *et al* or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Kevin Gobin *et al* situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 1 000.6 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Martha Hawkesworth on lands now or late of Gwendolyn Browne on lands now or late of Beresford Smith on lands now or late of Jonathan Henry and on lands now or late of Arthur Pounder or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

SIXTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Martha Hawkesworth situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 992.4 square metres (including 156.7 square metres in right of way) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a right of way 4.88 metres wide on lands now or late of Elizabeth Alleyne on lands now or late of Gwendolyn Browne on lands now or late of Kevin Gobin *et al* and on lands now or late of Arthur Pounder or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022.

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Gwendolyn Browne situate at Work Hall in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 141.0 in square metres in right of way or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a right of way 4.88 metres wide on lands now or late of Elizabeth Alleyne on a right of way 4.88 metres wide which leads to a cul-de-sac in one direction and on other lands now or late of Gwendolyn Browne and on lands now or late of Martha Hawkesworth or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 7th day of March, 2022 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of May, 2022 as Plan No. 819/2022,

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

The motion was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday 20th December, 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

At 4.42 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2023.

day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 13th December, 2023.