



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 19th day of July, 2017 at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

Her Honour Senator Miss Kerryann F. Ifill, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.B.A. (*President*)
His Honour Senator the Very Reverend H. E. Crichlow, G.C.M., B.A. (Hons.) Dunelm (*Deputy President*)
Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.A., M.B.A. (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)(*Leader of the Senate*)
Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo, M.B., B.S. (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development*)
Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.B.A. (Fin.), CMA, F.C.A. (*Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister*)
Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd, B.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister*)
Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner, CIM, Dip. Mng., M.B.A. (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and International Transport*)
Senator H. A. Husbands, M.L.I.R., B.Sc. (Public Administration) (Hons.), Ed. Cert. (U.W.I.) (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation*)
Senator J. Ince, J.P., BB.A., M.B.A., DIP (Mgmt.) (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs*)
Senator R. A. Hunte, J.P.
Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant, D. D. (Hon.)
Senator A. R. Worrell, B.A. (Hons.)
Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.M. (Merit)
Senator Sir Roy Trotman, K.A., M.A.
Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael, K.A., L.V.O., Q.C., B.Sc. (Econ.), M.A., Ph.D.
Senator J. A. Watson

ABSENT

Senators Dr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P., W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Hons.), Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, K.A., G.C.M., B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Ph.D., FACP, FRCP, A. A. Adams, J.P., B.A., Ed. Cert., M.Sc. Ed. and Carol Lady Haynes, GM, BCH, M.B., B.S., Hon. DSc.

EXCUSES

Senators W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Hons.), Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, K.A., G.C.M., B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Ph.D., FACP, FRCP, A. A. Adams, J.P., B.A., Ed. Cert., M.Sc. Ed. and Carol Lady Haynes, GM, BCH, M.B., B.S., Hon. DSc.

Prayers were led by Rev. Canon Errington Massiah.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The following letter was read to the Senate by the President.

30th June, 2017

Dear Madam President,

I have the honour to inform the Honourable The Senate that with the approval of Her Majesty The Queen, I shall demit the office of Governor-General, on retirement, on 30th June, 2017.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 29 (1)(a) of the Constitution, Sir Philip Marlowe Greaves, K.A., Q.C., will perform the functions of the Office as Acting Governor-General.

As the Honourable The Senate will not be meeting prior to my demitting office, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent down to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my retirement to the attention of The Honourable The Senate when next it meets.

I have the honour to be,
Yours faithfully,

Elliott F. Belgrave
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Her Honour
The President of The Senate

The President on behalf of the Senate wished the Governor-General and Lady Belgrave best wishes in their retirement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

The President informed the Senate that:

- (1) Senators Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, A. A. Adams and Carol Lady Haynes would be absent for the Sitting being out of the Island, and
- (2) Senator W. A. Abrahams would be late.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

By command Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo laid the Electric Light & Power (Fees) Regulations, 2017.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS**OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER**

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo moved the suspension of Standing Orders 22(1) and 42(5) for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS/FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo introduced the following Bills:

- (1) National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
- (2) Offshore Petroleum (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

and moved that both Bills be read a first time.

The motion was carried.

PUBLIC BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 2****NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017**

On the Order being called for Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Cap. 47 to provide for a waiver of interest incurred on arrears of contributions, the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time. Senator J. Ince spoke.

SUSPENSION

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean moved the suspension of the Sitting to 2.30 p.m. At 1.12 p.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption the President in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator Sir Roy Trotman spoke.
Senator R. A. Hunte spoke.
Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce spoke.
Senator H. A. Husbands spoke.
Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended to 5.30 p.m. At 5.12 p.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.
Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke.
Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo spoke in reply.
The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Senate resolved itself into Committee, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo. On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Deputy President reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo 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 M. P. O. McClean the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 7.12 p.m. the President adjourned the Senate.

RICHARD P. BYER
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of
, 2017.

President.

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