



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 30th day of July, 2025, 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*)

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

Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.)
(*Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science
and Technology*)

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D.
(*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*)

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

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

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 Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A.
(Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.

Senator Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc.

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. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A.
(Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)

ABSENT

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, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S., (Edin.), J.P. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Ph.D., Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S. and Senator R. O. Walters, M. B. A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS**

Ref. No. PB: 8 Vol. I

27th June, 2025

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform that in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, Miss Roshanna Wenisha Trim has been appointed under Section 36 (2) of the Constitution as a Senator, with effect from 27th June, 2025.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Farley'.

PRESIDENT

**His Honour
Senator the Most Honourable Reginald Farley, FB, JP
President of the Senate
The Senate
Parliament Buildings
BRIDGETOWN**

Senator Miss Roshanna Wenisha Trim who was present and waiting out with was summoned by Mr. President to take her seat in the Senate.

Mr. President spoke welcoming Senator Miss Roshanna Wenisha Trim.

Senator Miss R. W. Trim spoke.

MINUTES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 25th June, 2025 were deferred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Her Honour the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, A. W. Mallalieu, R. O. Walters, K. J. Boyce and Dr. C. N. Drakes; also an excuse for lateness from Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt.

Mr. President recognized the presence of and welcomed Mr. Matthew Salik, Programme Manager and Ms. Avni Kondhia, Programme Officer of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Secretariat, who were undertaking a Parliamentary Benchmarks Assessment exercise in Barbados.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Standard Chartered Bank) Order, 2025.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of the following:

1. Tourism Levy (Amendment) Bill, 2025.
2. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228, the sale to The Pilgrim Holiness Church (The Wesleyan Holiness Church) of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Welch Village, Bath in the parish of Saint John in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule*.
3. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the lease to The Pilgrim Holiness Church (The Wesleyan Holiness Church) of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Bath in the parish of Saint John in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* for the purpose to operate and undertake its church services.

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

1. Tourism Levy (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and
2. Copyright Bill, 2025.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 8

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid to introduce following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2 of the *Special Loans Act*, Cap. 105, the Government is authorised from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company or other institutions sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate BBD2 500 000 000 on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the lender of any such sum of money;

AND WHEREAS section 3 of the Act provides that any money borrowed under the authority of the Act shall be appropriated and applied to such purposes as Parliament may approve by resolution and that such money and any interest payable thereon is charged upon the general revenues and assets of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it necessary to borrow the sum of approximately BBD117 million from the Saudi Fund for Development, the proceeds of which will be used to finance the Polyclinic Upgrade and Refurbishment of Primary Health Care System Project (Phase I);

AND WHEREAS the sum of approximately BBD117 million is to be borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

AND WHEREAS the sum of approximately BBD117 million to be borrowed from the Saudi Fund for Development is within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the Act;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the sum of approximately BBD117 million from the Saudi Fund for Development on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*, and the proceeds of which will be used to finance the Polyclinic Upgrade and Refurbishment of Primary Health Care System Project (Phase I).

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 9th day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-five.

SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Borrower:	Government of Barbados
Lender:	Saudi Fund for Development
Executing Agency:	Ministry of Health and Wellness
Currency:	Saudi Riyals
Amount:	SAR219 375 000 (approximately BBD117 million)
Terms:	20 years
Grace Period:	5 years
Interest rate:	3.5% per annum, payable semi-annually
Natural Disaster Clause:	Yes

Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid sought and obtained leave to introduce the Resolution together with Order No. 9 in a cognate debate.

Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid spoke and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.

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

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 9

On the motion of Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, the Resolution following was passed:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2 of the *Special Loans Act*, Cap. 105, the Government is authorised from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company or other institutions sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate BBD2 500 000 000 on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the lender of any such sum of money;

AND WHEREAS section 3 of the Act provides that any money borrowed under the authority of the Act shall be appropriated and applied to such purposes as Parliament may approve by resolution and that such money and any interest payable thereon is charged upon the general revenues and assets of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it necessary to borrow the sum of approximately BBD68.4 million from the Saudi Fund for Development, the proceeds of which will be used to finance the Urban Renewal Project in the Water, Housing and Infrastructure Sectors (Phase I);

AND WHEREAS the sum of approximately BBD68.4 million is to be borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

AND WHEREAS the sum of approximately BBD68.4 million to be borrowed from the Saudi Fund for Development is within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the Act;

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the sum of approximately BBD68.4 million from the Saudi Fund for Development on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*, and the proceeds of which will be used to finance the Urban Renewal Project in the Water, Housing and Infrastructure Sectors (Phase I).

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 9th day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-five.

SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Borrower:	Government of Barbados
Lender:	Saudi Fund for Development
Executing Agency:	Prime Minister's Office
Currency:	Saudi Riyals
Amount:	SAR128 250 000 (approximately BBD68.4 million)
Term:	20 years
Grace Period:	5 years
Interest rate:	3.5% per annum, payable semi-annually
Natural Disaster Clause:	Yes

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Sitting was suspended at 2.00 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 10**

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 the parcels of land situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedules* for the public purpose of the construction of a roundabout.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 15th day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Barbados Farms Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 3487.1 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on other lands now or formerly of Barbados Farms Ltd. (Windsor Plantation) on three sides on a public road known as Highway 5 leading to Six Cross Roads in one direction and on another public road known as Brighton Road leading to Brighton in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

SECOND SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Barbados Farms Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 4263.7 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a public road known as Highway 5 leading to Six Cross Roads in one direction on other lands now or formerly of Barbados Farms Ltd. (Windsor Plantation) on lands now or formerly of Four Square Estates Ltd. (Lower Greys Plantation) and on another public road known as Highway P leading to Yorkshire Road in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

THIRD SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Four Square Estates Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 534.8 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of Barbados Farms Ltd. (Windsor Plantation) on other lands now or formerly of Four Square Estates Ltd. (Lower Greys Plantation) on two sides and on a public road known as Highway P leading to Yorkshire Road in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Four Square Estates Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 553.6 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on other lands of Four Square Estates Ltd. (Lower Greys Plantation) on three sides and on a public road known as Highway P leading to Yorkshire Road in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Four Square Estates Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 989.9 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a public road known as Highway 5 leading to Boarded Hall in one direction on another public road known as Highway P leading to Yorkshire Road in one direction and on other lands now or formerly of Four Square Estates Ltd. (Lower Greys Plantation) on two sides or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

SIXTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Four Square Estates Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 666.8 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a public road known as Highway 5 leading to Boarded Hall in one direction and on other lands now or formerly of Four Square Estates Ltd. (Lower Greys Plantation) on two sides or however else the same abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024.

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Barbados Farms Ltd. situate at Windsor and Lower Greys Junction in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 9758.6 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a public road known as Brighton Road leading to Brighton in one direction on another public road known as Highway 5 leading to Boarded Hall in one direction and on other lands of Barbados Farms Ltd. (Windsor Plantation) on three sides or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified by Brandford K. M. Howell, Land Surveyor, on the 3rd day of January, 2024 and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 12th day of January, 2024 as Plan No. 47/2024,

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator A. R. Worrell began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell resumed his speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell concluded his speech.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.

At 4.11 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2025.

day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 30th July, 2025.

Government Printing Department