



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Friday, the 27th day of February, 2026, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

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*)
(Online)

Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (*Senior
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade*)

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

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.
(Online)

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

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. **(Online)**

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. **(Online)**

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe, B.A., F.R.S.A.

Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

Senator Ms. K. S. N. Goodridge, B.Sc., LL.B.
(Hons.), L.E.C.

PRAYERS

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

OBITUARY

The Senate observed a moment of silence in honour on the passing of Mrs. Sybil F. Leacock, former Senator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President spoke welcoming Senators to the first business Sitting of the Senate.

Mr. President welcomed Hon. W. A. Abrahams who was present in accordance with Section 53 of the Constitution of Barbados (as amended).

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of an excuse for lateness from Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

MINUTES

The Minutes of Friday, 20th February, 2026 were deferred.

PAPERS

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

1. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, 2026 – 2027, including 2026 – 2027 Pro Forma Financial Statements.
2. Schedule of Personal Emoluments, 2026 – 2027.

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

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2026 was read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) 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 amend the *Constitution*,

the Hon. Member began to speak and gave way.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins resumed her speech and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator R. O. Walters began to speak and gave way.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Mr. President spoke.

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Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech

Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters withdrew certain remarks and concluded his speech.

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

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Sitting was suspended at 2.09 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. N. Goodridge spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler concluded his speech.

Senator R. G. deB. Forde 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 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, without debate.

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 motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to. The Senate voting as follows:

Ayes: 15

Noes: 3

Abstentions: 2

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 5.43 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

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

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031

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