



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 29th day of November, 2023, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

### PRESENT

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

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

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 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 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 Ms. M. C. Tait, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.

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

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. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

### ABSENT

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 Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle, B.Sc., M.Sc., Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. and Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite, CHB, Ph.D.

### PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Senator Miss P. E. Parris.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins and Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite; and an excuse for lateness from Senator K. J. Boyce.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday, 25th October, 2023 and Wednesday, 8th November, 2023 were confirmed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight by command laid:

1. Audited Financial Statements of the Eilerslie School for the year ended March 31, 2020.
2. Medium Term Debt Management Strategy 2023-2024 to 2025-2026.
3. Barbados Physical Development Plan Amendment - October 2023.

**QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS**

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight gave notice that the reply to Question No.1 asked by Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds was ready.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight Standing Orders 45(2) and 58 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the following Bills were read a first time:

1. The Debt (Natural Disaster and Pandemic Deferment of Payment) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2023; and
2. The National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2023.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 4**

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT)  
(NO. 2) BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called for Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Cap. 47 to amend the law relating to the system of national insurance and social security by establishing a body corporate to administer the system and perform the functions relating to national insurance and social security hitherto administered and performed by the Department of National Insurance and to make better provision for self-employed persons,

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

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds began to speak.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds resumed her speech.

Her Honour Madam Deputy President spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds resumed her speech.

Mr. President asked that certain remarks by Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds be withdrawn.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds withdrew the remarks and concluded her speech.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Sitting was suspended at 1.52 p.m. to 2.50 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight began her reply.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight resumed her speech.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight concluded her reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 15 and the First to the Second Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

The Third Schedule was called.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Her Honour Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke on a point of order.

Her Honour Madam Deputy President spoke.

The Third Schedule was passed the Senate dividing as follows:

*Ayes:* Senators Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, J. A. King, Miss P. E. Parris, L. R. Harewood, A. A. O. Boyce, G. P. B. Nicholls, A. W. Mallalieu, Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers and the Hon. L. E. Nurse.

*Noes:* Senators Dr. K. G. Hinds, Miss C. N. Drakes, Ms. M. C. Taitt and Mr. C. A. Maynard.

Her Honour Madam Deputy President spoke.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight 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 Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Bill was passed and the titled read and agreed to the Senate dividing as follows:

*Ayes:* Senators Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, J. A. King, Miss P. E. Parris, L. R. Harewood, A. A. O. Boyce, A. W. Mallalieu, Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers and the Hon. L. E. Nurse.

*Noes:* Senators Dr. K. G. Hinds, Miss C. N. Drakes, Ms. M. C. Taitt and Mr. C. A. Maynard.

**QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS (recommitted)**

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds asked Parliamentary Question No. 1.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight gave the reply.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds asked a supplementary Question.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

**OBITUARY**

The Senate observed a minute of silence on the passing of Mr. Richard Stoute, a National Icon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Senate was adjourned *sine die* at 4.06 p.m.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.

**SENATE**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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