



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 22nd day of November, 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. P. M. T. Todd, B.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister*)
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 A. R. Worrell, B.A. (Hons.)
Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.M. (Merit)
Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P.
Senator Sir Roy Trotman, K.A., M.A.
Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, K.A., G.C.M., B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Ph.D., FACP, FRCP
Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael, K.A., L.V.O., Q.C., B.Sc. (Econ.), M.A., Ph.D.
Senator A. A. Adams, J.P., B.A., Ed. Cert., M.Sc. Ed.
Senator J. A. Watson
and
Senator Carol Lady Haynes, GM, BCH, M.B., B.S., Hon. DSc.

ABSENT

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 Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner, CIM, Dip. Mng., M.B.A., (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and International Transport*), Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant, D. D. (Hon.) and Senator W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Hons.).

EXCUSES

Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.B.A. (Fin.), CMA, F.C.A. and Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant D. D. (Hon.).

Prayers were led by Rev. Canon Errington Massiah.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR
THE PRESIDENT**

Madam President announced that she was in receipt of the following:

1. Excuses for absence from Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce and Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant; and
2. Minutes of 25th October, 2017. There being no errors or omissions the Minutes were confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean by command laid the following:

1. Excise Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2017.
2. Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator) Order, 2017.
3. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Sam Lord's Property Development Inc.) (Amendment) Order, 2017.
4. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Severance Fund for the Years 2006 – 2009.
5. National Insurance Board Report on the Operations of the Severance Fund for the period January 1 to December 31, 2012.
6. National Council on Substance Abuse Annual Report for the year April 2010 to March 2011.
7. National Petroleum Corporation Annual Report 2014.
8. Financial Statements of the Student Revolving Loan Fund for the year ended March 31, 2015.
9. Loan Agreement between Corporacion Andina De Fomento and the Government of Barbados November 17, 2017.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean Standing Order 22(1) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean gave notice of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2017 and on her motion the Bill was read a first time.

OBITUARY SPEECHES

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean paid tribute to the late Sir Clifford Straughn Husbands, G.C.M.G., K.A. former Governor-General of Barbados and extended condolences to the family of the deceased.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser spoke.

Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd spoke.

His Honour Senator the Very Reverend H. E. Crichlow spoke.

Senator Sir Roy Trotman spoke.

Senator R. A. Hunte spoke.

Senator Carol Lady Haynes spoke.

Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael spoke.

Senator A. A. Adams spoke.

Senator J. A. Watson spoke.

Madam President spoke.

The Senate observed a minute's silence in tribute to passing merit and the passing of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the late Sir Clifford Straughn Husbands, G.C.M.G., K.A., Governor-General of Barbados from June 1, 1996 until his retirement on October 31, 2011 served our country with dignity and grace and the wider Caribbean in a distinguished legal career;

AND WHEREAS, in particular, in his outstanding life of Public Service the late Sir Clifford made significant contribution to the legal profession in his role of legal draughtsman, Director of Public Prosecutions, Supreme Court Judge, Justice of the Appeal and his Chairmanship of the Committee on penal reform leading to the reform of our penal system;

AND WHEREAS Sir Clifford's commitment to Agriculture and the development of young people led to his establishment of the Governor-General's Agricultural Summer Camp which exposed young persons ages 8 – 12 to the pivotal role of agriculture to our economic sustainability;

AND WHEREAS His Excellency the Governor-General of Barbados Sir Clifford manifested and displayed at all times the noblest ideals of his office and rendered inestimable service to his country and its causes;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate pay tribute to and acknowledge the life, work and career of our late Governor-General;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate extend our sincere condolences to the family of the late Sir Clifford on the sad occasion of their great loss and mourn with his family and our Nation the deepest loss on the passing of a great gentleman, Sir Clifford Straughn Husbands.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended until 3.00 p.m. At 1.35 p.m. Madam President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President resumed the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT (recommitted)

Madam President announced the hosting of a Sensitisation Seminar in the Conference Room in the West Wing of Parliament by the Caricom Secretariat on Friday, 24th November, 2017.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament approve the publication in the *Official Gazette* of a notification under section 9(1) of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228, declaring the abandonment of the compulsory acquisition of the parcel of land situate at Weston in the parish of Saint James in this Island, more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 3rd day of October, 2017.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT certain piece or parcel of land the property of Ralph Griffith situate at Weston in the parish of Saint James in this Island containing by admeasurement 982.0 square metres or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on a

public road known as Douglin's Road on lands now or late of Ardrie Cumberbatch on two sides and on a public road leading to Douglin's Road in one direction and to St. Alban's School in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 23rd day of July, 1996 by Andrew P. Weekes, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 14th day of August, 1996 as Plan No. 662/96.

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd spoke.

Senator H. A. Husbands spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was adjourned to Wednesday, 29th November, 2017 at 11.00 a.m.

At 4.25 p.m. Madam President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2017.

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President.

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