



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 7th day of December, 2016 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 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 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 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, M.B., B.S.

ABSENT

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer-Suckoo, M.B., B.S. (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development*), Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner, CIM, Dip. Mng., M.B.A. (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and International Transport*), Senator A. R. Worrell, B.A. (Hons.) and Senator W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Hons.).

EXCUSES

Madam President announced that she was in receipt of excuses from Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer-Suckoo, M.B., B.S. (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development*, Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner, CIM, Dip. Mng., M.B.A. (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and International Transport*), Senator A. R. Worrell, B.A. (Hons.) and Senator W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Hons.).

Prayers were led by Reverend Father Errington Massiah.

PAPERS

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

1. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (University of the West Indies) (Africa World Documentary Film Festival) (No.) Order, 2016.
2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (University of the West Indies) (Commonwealth Shorts) Order, 2016.
3. Child Care Board Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2015.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean gave notice of the following Resolutions:

Resolution to approve the guarantee by the Minister of Finance of the payment of the Principal sum of BBD \$12.0 million dollars to be borrowed by Needham's Point Holdings Limited from First Citizens Bank (Barbados) Limited for the purpose of assisting with renovations to the Hilton Barbados Hotel.

Resolution to approve the guarantee by the Minister of Finance of the payment of the principal and interest in respect of the issuance of a bond in the sum of up to BBD \$73 000 000 or USD equivalent arranged by ANSA Merchant Bank Limited for the purpose of providing working capital support to the Barbados Agricultural Management Co. Ltd. and to provide funding to the company's expenses and costs relating to the Barbados Cane Industry Support Project.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

GREEN SCOPING STUDY

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke and moved the passing of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Barbados acknowledges that throughout its history successive Governments have committed themselves to ensuring that Barbados remains on a path of sustainable development;

AND WHEREAS Barbados affirms its continuing commitment to work responsively and ambitiously to make Barbados the most environmentally advanced green country in Latin America and the Caribbean;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados undertook a Green Economy Scoping Study aimed at supporting and complementing national initiatives on green economy through macroeconomic assessments and policy analysis; a policy analysis that underscored how government policies, public and private investment can help achieve the fundamental macroeconomic objectives of income growth, economic development/diversification and job creation while at the same time pursuing a path that contributes to social equity and environmental improvement;

AND WHEREAS that Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study focused on an analysis of Agriculture, Fisheries, Building/Housing Sector, Transport and Tourism Sectors within the context of Environmental resource issues of water, energy, waste and land;

AND WHEREAS the Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study undertaken by the University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus and the United Nations Environment Programme was formally completed on June 5, 2014;

AND WHEREAS the Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study undertaken through a stakeholder-driven approach, inclusive of representatives of Government, Trade Unions, Private Sector, Academia and other Non-Governmental Organisations heralds a watershed moment for national engagement in the advancement of the Barbados environmental and sustainable development agenda;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados:

1. Accepts the Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study as a national information document;
2. Agrees that the Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study be made available to the public of Barbados through the National Library Service and the online platform of the Government Information Service;
3. Lauds the efforts of the various stakeholders engaged in the production of the Barbados Green Economy Scoping Study;
4. Reminds Barbadians of the importance of continuing to be good stewards of the country's natural environment; and
5. Reaffirms its commitment to ensure Barbados remains on a path of sustainable development that is socially balanced, economically viable, environmentally sound, and characterised by good governance.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly this 12th day of November, 2016.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser spoke.

Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended to 2.30 p.m.

At 1.10 p.m. the President suspended the Senate.

RESUMPTION

On resumption the Deputy President in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Senator J. Ince spoke.

Senator A. A. Adams spoke.

Senator R. A. Hunte spoke.

Senator Carol Lady Haynes spoke.

The President resumed the Chair.

Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza spoke.

Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended to 5.45 p.m.

At 5.30 p.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Senator H. A. Husbands spoke.

Senator J. A. Watson spoke.

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

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke in reply and moved that the Resolution do now pass.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke and moved the adjournment of the Senate *sine die*.

The President spoke and at 7.30 p.m. adjourned the Senate *sine die*.

RICHARD P. BYER
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of
, 2016.

President.

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