



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 17th day of December, 2014 at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

- Her Honour Senator 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*)
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| Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.A., M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) (<i>Leader of the Senate</i>) | Senator J. Ince, J.P., BB.A., M.B.A., DIP (Mgmt.) (<i>Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i>) |
| Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo, M.B., B.S. (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development</i>) | Senator R. A. Hunte, J.P. |
| Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.B.A. (Fin.), CMA, F.C.A. (<i>Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister</i>) | Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant, D.D. (Hon.) |
| Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister</i>) | Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.M. (Merit) |
| Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner, CIM, Dip. Mng., M.B.A. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and International Transport</i>) | Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. |
| Senator H. A. Husbands, M.L.I.R., B.Sc. (Public Administration) (Hons.), Ed. Cert. (U.W.I.) (<i>Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation</i>) | Senator W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Hons.) |
| | Senator Sir Roy Trotman, K.A., M.A. |
| | Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, K.A., G.C.M., B.Sc., MBBS, 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 K. H. L. Marshall |
| | and |
| | Senator J. A. Watson |

ABSENT

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

Prayers were led by His Honour Senator the Very Reverend H. E. Crichlow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

The President announced that she was in receipt of excuses of absence from Senator A. R. Worrell and Chaplin Errington Massiah. Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott, she said, would be attending the Sitting later in the day.

The President also announced that the final event in the Celebration of the 375th Anniversary of Parliament would take place on 18th December, 2014 in the Courtyard of Parliament.

PAPERS

By command Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean laid the Barbados Port Authority (Tariff Book of Dues and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE
AND MOVED BY A MINISTER**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean Standing Order 22(1) was suspended for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the lease to the Barbados Agricultural Management Company Limited of the parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, the property of the Crown, situate at Groves Plantation, Groves in the parish of Saint George in this Island to provide accommodation for the Agronomy Research and Variety Testing Unit.

PUBLIC BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 1**

Upon the calling of this Order Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean moved that it be debated as a cognate debate with Order No. 2, the Electronic Filing Bill, 2014.

The motion was carried.

ORDER NO. 1**THE CORPORATE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2014**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Corporate (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2014, the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke.

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended until 2.00 p.m.

At 12.59 p.m. Madam President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael spoke.

Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Senate resolved itself into Committee, Mr. Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean. The Schedule was called.

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke and moved the deletion of sub-paragraph 6 of paragraph 1 – Companies Act, Cap. 308.

The motion was passed.

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke re: paragraph 3 – Evidence Act 121 – proposed clause 137J (1) and moved the deletion thereof.

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

The motion was not passed.

The Schedule as amended was moved and passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean Mr. Deputy President reported the passing of the Bill in Committee with amendments and Madam President resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, a motion was passed seeking the concurrence in the amendments to the Bill by the Honourable the House of Assembly by way of a Message to the Honourable the House.

Madam President recognized the presence of and welcomed the Most Reverend and Dr. the Hon. John W. D. Holder, CBE, LL.D, Bishop of Barbados and ArchBishop of the West Indies.

ORDER NO. 2

THE ELECTRONIC FILING BILL, 2014

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Electronic Filing Bill, 2014,

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Senate resolved itself into Committee, His Honour Senator the Very Reverend H. E. Crichlow in the Chair.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee and Madam President resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended to 3.30 p.m.

At 3.15 p.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3

EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2014

On the Order being called for Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo to move the second reading of the Bill entitled the Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2014,

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

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke.

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

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

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Mr. Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed without debate.

Clause 3 was called.

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Senator Sir Roy Trotman spoke.

Senator K. H. L. Marshall spoke.

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

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Senate reported progress to Madam President who resumed the Chair and asked leave to sit again.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

ORDER NO. 5

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE OF LAND AT GROVES
PLANTATION, ST. GEORGE IN BARBADOS AGRICULTURAL
MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED**

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke on the following:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the lease to the Barbados Agricultural Management Company Limited of the parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, the property of the Crown situate at Groves Plantation, Groves in the parish of Saint George in this Island, more particularly described in the *First Schedule* hereto on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* hereto to provide accommodation for the Agronomy Research and Variety Testing Unit.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT LAND situate at Groves in the parish of Saint George in this Island being Lot G containing by admeasurement 6,617 square metres or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly of the Groves Agricultural Station on Lot A, also being lands now or formerly of the Groves Agricultural Station, on other lands now or formerly of the Groves Agricultural Station and on a road leading to a public road which leads to Highway 3B in one direction and to Market Hill in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 26th day of June, 1996 by Andrew P. Weekes, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 2nd day of August, 1996 as Plan No. 636/96.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 16th day of December, 2014.

SECOND SCHEDULE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The lease shall be for a period of fifteen (15) years with an option to renew for a further term.
2. The initial rent shall be at a rate at \$1 000.00 per annum, and shall be subject to review at the end of every five (5) year period within the term.
3. The lessee shall be responsible for the payment of insurance premiums, repairs and maintenance of the buildings, the payment of land taxes, utilities and other outgoings arising out of the use of the property.
4. The lessee shall bear the cost of the development of the site and shall comply with the Town and Country Planning requirements and other statutory requirements.

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator Sir Roy Trotman spoke.

Senator J. Ince spoke.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser spoke.

Senator A. A. Adams spoke.
Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd spoke.
Senator J. A. Watson began to speak.
Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce spoke on a point of order.
Senator J. A. Watson concluded his speech.
Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke in reply.
The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke and moved the adjournment of the Senate *sine die*.
Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke.
Senator K. H. L. Marshall spoke.
The President spoke.
At 6.41 p.m. the President adjourned the Senate *sine die*.

RICHARD P. BYER
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2015.

President.

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