



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 14th day of June, 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 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 A. R. Worrell, B.A. (Hons.)
Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.M. (Merit)
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., 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 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*) and Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P.

EXCUSES

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo, M.B., B.S. (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development*) and Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President informed the Senate about excuses received from Senators Dr. D. L. Durant (lateness), Dr. J. X. Walcott and W. A. Abrahams (lateness).

The President also remembered countries fraught with distress. England was singled out for special mention, reference being made to the tragedies occurring in Manchester City, London (London Bridge) and the Apartment fire at Grenfell Tower, London.

The Senate observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

PAPERS

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

1. Barbados National Oil Company Limited Annual Report 2014.
2. Chief Medical Officer's Report 2010 to 2012.
3. Income Tax (Automatic Exchange of Information) Regulations, 2017.
4. Loan Agreement No. 35/OR-BAR between Caribbean Development Bank and Barbados and Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. dated March 27, 2017.
5. Child Care Board Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2016.
6. Sugar Industry (Sugar Workers' Provident Fund) Order, 2017.
7. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (St. James Atlantic Incorporated) Order, 2017.
8. National Conservation Commission (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
9. Barbados Economic and Social Report 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (recommitted)

The Minutes of 17th May, 2017 were confirmed.

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

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READINGS OF BILLS;

NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean gave notice of the National Social Responsibility Levy Bill, 2017 and the Magistrate's Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the said Bills were read a first time.

NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS

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

1. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land, the property of the Crown, situate at the former site of the District "E" Police Station, Station Hill in the parish of St. Peter in this Island for housing development.
2. Resolution to approve the amount of 4.75 billion dollars as the amount to be raised by the issue of treasury bills, tax reserve certificates and tax refund certificates for the purpose of paying off, at maturity, bills already issued and outstanding.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

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

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land, the property of the Crown, situate

at Arch Hall in the parish of Saint Thomas in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for residential purposes.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly this 12th day of May, Two thousand and seventeen.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the Crown (being part of a larger area containing by admeasurement 10,963.4 square metres (inclusive of 138.5 square metres in road reserve) or thereabouts) situate at Arch Hall Tenantry in the parish of Saint Thomas in this Island and containing by admeasurement 1038.2 square metres (inclusive of 51.0 square metres in right of way and 16.3 square metres in road reserve) or thereabouts and being the Lot numbered 1 Abutting and Bounding on the Lots numbered 27 and 25 respectively, on the Lot numbered 2, on a public road known as Highway 2A leading to St. Thomas Church in one direction and on portions of an existing road 2.44 metres wide or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Key Plan certified on the 26th day of October, 1989 by H. A. King, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 19th day of December, 1989 as Plan No. 1324 of 1989.

and moved that the Resolution do now pass.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser spoke.

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

Senator J. A. Watson spoke.

Senator J. Ince spoke.

Senator A. A. Adams spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

SUSPENSION

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

At 11.17 a.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Deputy President in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 5

Senator J. Ince spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2(1) of the *Treasury Bills and Tax Certificates Act*, Cap. 106, the Minister may, under the authority of a resolution of Parliament, raise in Barbados, sums not exceeding the amount specified in the resolution by the issue of

(a) treasury bills; and

(b) tax reserve certificates and tax refund certificates;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of section 2(2) of the Act, the Minister may also raise monies by the issue of treasury bills for the purpose of paying off, at maturity, bills already issued and outstanding;

BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament approve the amount of 4.75 billion dollars as the amount to be raised by the issue of treasury bills, tax reserve certificates and tax refund certificates, in accordance with the Act.

and moved that the Resolution do now pass.

Senator J. A. Watson spoke.

Madam President resumed the Chair.

Senator W. A. Abrahams began to speak.

Madam President spoke.

Senator W. A. Abrahams concluded his speech.

Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser spoke.

Senator J. Ince spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 2

NATIONAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LEVY BILL, 2017

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the imposition of a levy on imported goods and on goods which are manufactured or produced in Barbados,

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

Senator R. A. Hunte spoke.

SUSPENSION

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

At 5.27 p.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator Carol Lady Haynes began to speak.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke on a point of order.

Senator Carol Lady Haynes concluded her speech.

Senator J. Ince spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell began to speak.

Senator Carol Lady Haynes spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator A. R. Worrell concluded his speech.

Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael spoke.

Senator W. A. Abrahams began to speak.

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke on a point of order.

Senator W. A. Abrahams concluded his speech.

Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd began to speak.

Senator W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended to 9.00 p.m.

At 8.18 p.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

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

Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce 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, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5, 6 to 10, 11 to 15, 16 to 20, 21 to 27 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Deputy President reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam President who 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.

ORDER NO. 3**MAGISTRATE'S COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Magistrate's Courts Act,

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

Senator W. A. Abrahams 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 into Committee, the Deputy President in the Chair.

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

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Deputy President reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam President who 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.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the President adjourned the Senate *sine die*.

At 10.36 p.m. the President adjourned the Senate *sine die*.

RICHARD P. BYER
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2017.

day of

President.

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