



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 10th day of June, 2026, at 11.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, GA, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)
Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott,
FB, J.P., M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.) (*Senior Minister – Social and Environmental Policy*)
Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (*Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade*)
Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Health and Wellness*) (*Leader of Public Business in the Senate*)
Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology*)
Senator the Hon. S. A. Archer, B.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office – Youth and Culture*)

Senator J. A. King, J.P., B.S.S.
Senator Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc.
Senator R. O. Alleyne, S.C., LL.B., M.B.A.
Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin, J.P., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
Senator Miss J. C. A. Odle, LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., L.E.C.
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. L. Connell, M.B.B.S., DM, Ph.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P.
Senator A. M. A. Niles, M.B.A.
Senator Ms. M.-A. Redman, B.A., Dip. Ed (Hons.)

ABSENT

Senator R. G. deB. Forde, B.B.S., M.Sc., Senator J. A. A. Slocombe, B.A., F.R.S.A., Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A. and Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

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***His Honour
President of the Senate
The Senate
Parliament Buildings
BRIDGETOWN***

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following letter from the Office of the Ombudsman:



**OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
2ND FLOOR, TRIDENT HOUSE, BROAD STREET
BRIDGETOWN, ST. MICHAEL.**

Tel No. 1 (246) 536-0851 Email: Ombudsman@barbados.gov.bb

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Date: June 8, 2026

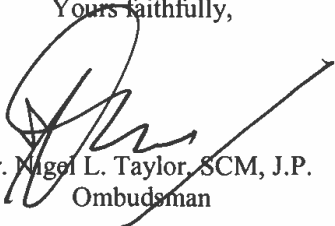
His Honour The President
The Senate
Parliament Buildings
Bridgetown

Dear Mr. President,

It is my pleasure to submit to you the reports of the activities of the Office of the Ombudsman for the periods January 01 to December 31, 2024 and January 01 to December 31, 2025.

The submission is made in keeping with Section 13(6) of the Ombudsman Act, CAP 8A of the Laws of Barbados which states that a general report on the functions of the Ombudsman shall be prepared and submitted for laying before each House of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,


Dr. Nigel L. Taylor, SCM, J.P.
Ombudsman

EXCUSES

Mr. President announced the absence of Senators R. O. Walters and Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge (abroad on Parliamentary Business); and Senator J. A. A. Slocombe. He also acknowledge receipt of an excuse for late attendance from Senator Ms. M.-A. Redman.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 5th June, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins laid the following:

1. ILO Convention 152 – Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Convention, 1979 (No. 152).
2. Recommendation 160 – Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Recommendation, 1979 (No. 160).
3. ILO Convention 159 – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons), Convention, 1983 (No. 159).
4. Recommendation 168 – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Recommendation, 1983 (No. 168).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and on her motion the Bill was read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1

BARBADOS MEDICAL PRODUCTS BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to establish the Barbados Medical Products Authority and provide for the regulation of medical products,

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

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke.

Senator Dr. K. L. Connell spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Miss J. C. A. Odle spoke.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator A. M. A. Niles spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler spoke.

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 18 of the Bill were called in 7 parts and the First, Second and Third Schedules also called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.50 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 3

SEAFARERS BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for international maritime standards for seafarers, the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to debate the Bill in a cognate debate with Order 2.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 385 were called in 15 parts, and the First to the Seventeenth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 2

MARITIME AREAS (JURISDICTION AND RIGHTS) BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the establishment of maritime areas, jurisdiction, rights and related matters,

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 106 were called in 8 parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 4

CIVIL AVIATION BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make better provision for civil aviation and to revise the law relating to Civil Aviation to accord with the Chicago Convention and to provide for related matters,

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

Senator W. A. Mallalieu spoke.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 165 were called in 16 parts and the First to the Sixth Schedules and were passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved that the Senate be adjourned to Wednesday, 17th June, 2026 at 11.00 a.m.

Mr. President spoke.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 5.30 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C., J.P.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2026.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031

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Wednesday, 10th June, 2026.

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