



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 21st day of December, 2022, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

### PRESENT

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Most Honourable J. X. Walcott, FB, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Health and Wellness*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Energy and Business Development*) (*Leader of the Senate*)

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office*)

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

Senator J. A. King, B.S.S.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.

Senator L. R. Harewood, J.P., BSM, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A.

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle, B.Sc., M.Sc.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.) M.B.A.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ.

Senator Rev. 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. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite, CHB, Ph.D.

and

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

### ABSENT

Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President read the following:



MESSAGE No. /2022

**HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT  
TO  
THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

*Her Excellency the President wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that she will be absent from the country during the period 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023 on vacation leave.*

*Her Excellency further wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson will perform the functions of the Office of President for the period of Her Excellency's absence.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. M.', written in a cursive style.

**PRESIDENT**

**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President spoke re the restoration of the Senate Table and expressed thanks to the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance for their efforts on the restoration.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 14th December, 2022 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators the Most Honourable J. X. Walcott and K. J. Boyce.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

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

1. Hotels and Resorts Limited Annual Report: April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.
2. The Government of Barbados Mid-Year Review Report: April 2022 to September 2022.
3. The Ministerial Statement by the Hon. Ryan Straughn, MP, Minister in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the following Bills were read a first time.

1. The Animal Health and Veterinary Public Health Bill, 2022.
2. The Final Appropriation (2021-2022) Bill, 2022.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **ORDER NO. 1**

#### **ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022**

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 amend the Electric Light and Power Act, 2013 (Act 2013-21),

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard began to speak.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard resumed his speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard concluded his speech.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds began to speak.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds resumed her speech.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds concluded her speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins concluded her speech.

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 3 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke moved that the Senate be adjourned *sine die*.  
 Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.  
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 Mr. President spoke.  
 The motion was passed.  
 At 2.56 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.  
 Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
 BRIDGETOWN.

**SENATE**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, 21st December, 2022.

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