



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 31st day of July, 2019, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator Dr. Sir Richard L. Cheltenham, KA, Q.C., Ph.D., J.P., B.Sc. (Econ.) (*President*)

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe (*Minister of Information, Broadcasting and Public Affairs*)

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology*)

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

Senator R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A., (Econ.), LL.B., PG Dip. MA.

Senator Miss L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th.

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc.

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

Senator D. R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.)

Senator C. A. Franklyn, J.P.

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

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

Senator Dr. 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 Rev. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil.

Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

ABSENT

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*) (*Leader of the Senate*), Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology), Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. and Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

Prayers were led by Rev. Canon Errington Massiah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence for Senators R. J. H. Adams, K. J. Boyce and Miss A. M. Wiggins.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe by her command laid the following:

1. The 2018 Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Barbados.
2. The Companies (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe gave notice of the Order of Freedom of Barbados Bill, 2019.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe the Order of Freedom of Barbados Bill was read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 4

CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL, 2019

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Customs Act, Cap. 66 to provide for advanced cargo information, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

Senator C. A. Franklyn began to speak.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke on a point of order.

Senator C. A. Franklyn resumed his speech.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt rose and spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn resumed his speech.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn resumed his speech.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt rose and spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn concluded his speech.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins spoke.

Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers spoke.

Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore began to speak.

Mr. President vacated the Chair and gave way to Mr. Deputy President.

Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore resumed her speech.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore concluded her speech.

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe spoke in reply.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1–15 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe.

The Schedule was called and passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe 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. Miss L. C. Moe 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 L. C. Moe the Sitting was suspended until 3.15 p.m.
At 1.55 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President in the Chair.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 1****VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the *Value Added Tax Act*, Cap. 87 to provide, among other things, for a write-off of certain outstanding tax and of penalties and interest incurred in respect of arrears of tax, the Hon. Member spoke and moved, that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator Miss C. M. Drakes spoke.

Senator Miss L. P. Holder began to speak.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke on a point of order.

Senator Miss L. P. Holder concluded her speech.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe began to speak.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke on a point of order.

Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe concluded her speech.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke in reply.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1–2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

The Bill was read a third time on the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney. The Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Senate dividing as follows:

Ayes: Senators the Hon's. Miss L. C. Moe, Miss K. S. McConney, Dr. R. O. Springer, Miss L. P. Holder, R. W. Grant, Miss L. R. Cummins, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, D. R. Sands and His Honour the Deputy President.

Noes: Senators C. A. Franklyn and Dr. C. A. Maynard.

Abstentions: Senators Miss C. N. Drakes, Ms. M. C. Taitt and Miss T. N. S-A. Moore.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe the Senate was adjourned until Wednesday, 7th August, 2019 at 11.00 a.m.

At 4:40 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2019.

President.

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