



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 19th day of August, 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*)

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, J.P., M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.) (<i>Senior Minister – Social and Environmental Policy</i>)	Senator Miss J. C. A. Odle, LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., L.E.C.
Senator the Hon. C. P. Sinckler, B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>)	Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.
Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology</i>)	Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.
Senator the Hon. S. A. Archer, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office – Youth and Culture</i>)	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 J. A. King, J.P., B.S.S.	Senator A. M. A. Niles, M.B.A.
Senator Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc.	Senator Ms. M.-A. Redman, B.A., Dip. Ed (Hons.)
Senator R. O. Alleyne, S.C., LL.B., M.B.A.	Senator R. G. deB. Forde, B.B.S., M.Sc.
Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin, J.P., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.	Senator J. A. A. Slocombe, B.A., F.R.S.A.
	Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.
	Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge, B.Sc., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

IN ATTENDANCE

Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C. (*Attorney General*) and Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*).

ABSENT

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M. (*Deputy President*) and Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Health and Wellness*) (*Leader of Public Business in the Senate*).

EXCUSES

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M. (*Deputy President*) and Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Health and Wellness*) (*Leader of Public Business in the Senate*).

Mr. President took the Chair at 11.10 a.m.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Senator J. A. King, J.P., B.S.S.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President recognized the presence of and welcomed Hon. W. A. Abrahams, who was present pursuant to Section 53A of the Constitution.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 12th August, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott.

Mr. Speaker announced the absence of Her Honour the Deputy President, who was abroad.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

DOMESTIC TERRORISM BILL, 2026

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the penalization of persons who commit acts of domestic terrorism, the Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge began to speak.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge withdrew certain remarks and resumed her speech.

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

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke on a point of order.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke on a point of order.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge resumed her speech and gave way.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge concluded her speech.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended at 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator Miss R. W. Trim spoke.

Senator J. A. A. Slocombe spoke.

Senator A. M. A. Niles spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke.

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

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

MOTIONS RELATING TO BUSINESS OF THE SENATE (recommitted)

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers was elected temporary Deputy President for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers in the Chair.

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 2 was called.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

The Chairman spoke.

Senator R. G. deB. Forde spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Clause 2 was passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 3 was called.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke and moved the deletion subclause (4).

The motion was passed.

Clause 3 as amended was passed on the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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 Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 1

**ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION AND PASSENGER
NAME RECORD BILL, 2026**

On the Order being called to move the second reading of the Bill an Act to make provision for the collection, transmission, sharing, storage and regulation of Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Records,

the Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

Senator R. G. deB. Forde spoke.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge spoke.

Senator Ms. K. N. Benjamin spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls began his reply.

Mr. President spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls concluded his reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers in the Chair.

Part 1 Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls.

Part 2 Clauses 4 to 6 were called.

Senator Ms. K. S. C. Goodridge spoke.

Senator R. O. Alleyne spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Part 2 was passed on the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls.

Clauses 7 to 53 were called in 6 parts and the first to the sixth Schedules; and were passed on the separate motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls.

On the motion of Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls 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 Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved the adjournment of the Senate *sine die*.

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 5.05 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
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President.

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