



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 24th day of October, 2018 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) (<i>Leader of the Senate</i>)	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 the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe (<i>Minister of Information, Broadcasting and Public Affairs</i>)	Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt.), M.Phil Econ.
Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology</i>)	Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A. Senator Dr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., FRCS (ENT)
Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (<i>Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i>)	Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.) M.B.A.
Senator R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A., (Econ.), LL.B., PG Dip. MA	Senator Rev. M. B. St. J. Maxwell, B.Sc., B.A., M.A.A.T.
Senator Miss L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc.	Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. and Senator Ms. A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

ABSENT

Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology) and Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

EXCUSES

Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, Senators R. W. Grant and the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe for lateness.

Prayers were led by Rev. Canon Errington Massiah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of a letter of excuse for absence from Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore which he read into record.

He further announced that Senators R. W. Grant and the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe had indicated that they would be late and wanted their apologies for that lateness noted.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott by command laid the Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation Plan.

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

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott moved the suspension of Standing Orders 22(1) and 45(2) for the remainder of the day's Sitting.

Senator C. A. Franklyn rose on a point of privilege that to allow the Standing Orders to be suspended so that the Government could proceed to debating the items to which the Leader of the Senate had referenced was an abuse of his privilege and unfair to the Minority. He was therefore seeking the protection of the President from this abuse.

On the motion being put Senator C. A. Franklyn called for a division.

Mr. President instructed the Clerk to ring the Bell.

The Bell having been rung the Senators voted dividing as follows:

Ayes:

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, Senator Miss K. S. McConney, Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Senator Miss L. P. Holder, Senator Miss L. R. Cummins, Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, Senator D. R. Sands and His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge.

Noes: Senator C. A. Franklyn, Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, Senator Ms. A. M. Wiggins, Senator K. J. Boyce, Senator Rev. M. B. St. J. Maxwell, Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Senator Dr. C. A. Maynard and Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse.

On the vote of Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, His Honour the Deputy President objected to the vote taken by Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt.

Mr. President ruled that Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt had taken her seat before the vote was concluded and that the Bell was rung to alert those Senators who might have been in the precincts and thus her vote was properly recorded.

The Clerk accordingly announced the results of the divisions eight Honourable Senators voted in favour of the motion and eight Honourable Senators voted against.

The votes being equally divided it fell to the Presiding Officer to exercise his casting vote.

Mr. President exercised his casting vote in favour of debate continuing. He therefore voted in favour of the motion.

The motion was therefore carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott gave notice of the following Bills:

1. National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018.
2. Dematerialisation of Government Securities Bill, 2018.
3. Local Loans (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
4. Savings Bonds (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
5. Treasury Bills and Tax Certificates (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
6. Local Loans (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2018.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott gave notice of a Resolution to take note of the Green Paper on Planning Law Reform.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott moved the First Reading of the following Bills:

1. National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2018.
2. Dematerialisation of Government Securities Bill, 2018.
3. Local Loans (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
4. Savings Bonds (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
5. Treasury Bills and Tax Certificates (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

6. Local Loans (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2018.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Resumption of debate on the Second Reading of the

DEBT HOLDER (APPROVAL OF DEBT RESTRUCTURING) BILL, 2018

Senator Ms. A. M. Wiggins spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke on a point of order.

Senator Ms. A. M. Wiggins resumed and concluded her speech.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge began his speech.

Senator K. J. Boyce rose on a point of order citing a breach of Standing Order 34(5) of the Standing Orders of the Senate.

Mr. President urged His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge to move on.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge resumed his speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge resumed and concluded his speech.

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins began to speak.

Mr. President vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy President.

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins resumed and concluded her speech.

Senator Rev. M. B. St. J. Maxwell spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott moved the suspension of the Sitting for lunch until 2.40 p.m.

At 1.40 p.m. the Deputy President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Senator Miss L. P. Holder spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1-3 were called and passed.

Clause 4(1) (2) were called and passed as amended.

Clauses 5 and 6 were called and passed.

First Schedule was called.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

First Schedule was called and passed.

Mr. Deputy President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senators Ms. M. C. Taitt and K. J. Boyce withdrew their amendments.

The First Schedule was therefore called and passed.

Second Schedule as amended at Parts I and II were called and passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committee 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. 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended for ten minutes until 4.30 p.m. At 4.20 p.m. the President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 11**DEMATERIALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES BILL, 2018**

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott sought and received leave of the Senate to treat Orders 11-15 on the Senate Order Paper as a cognate debate.

ORDER NO. 11**DEMATERIALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the dematerialisation of Government securities and other matters related thereto,

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Part I Clauses 1-3 were called and passed.

Part II Clauses 4-6 were called and passed.

Part III Clauses 7-9 were called and passed.

Part IV Clauses 10-12 were called and passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committee 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

Senator K. J. Boyce sought to have a divide on the Bill at this stage but Mr. President ruled that he was out of time because the Bill had already been passed and title agreed to.

ORDER NO. 12**LOCAL LOANS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Local Loans Act, Cap. 98 the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 were called and passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committee 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill be read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

A division was called for by Senator K. J. Boyce. The Clerk was instructed by the President to ring the Bell. The Senators dividing as follows:

Ayes: Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe, Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Senator R. W. Grant, Senator Miss L. P. Holder, Senator Miss L. R. Cummins, Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, Senator D. R. Sands and His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge.

Noes: Senator C. A. Franklyn and Senator Miss C. N. Drakes.

Abstentions: Senator Ms. A. M. Wiggins, Senator K. J. Boyce, Senator Rev. M. B. St. J. Maxwell, Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Senator Dr. C. A. Maynard and Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse.

The results of the division ten Honourable Senators voted in favour of the motion; two Honourable Senators voted against and six Honourable Senators abstained.

The motion was passed.

The Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 13**SAVINGS BONDS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Savings Bonds Act, Cap. 104A to make provision for the issuance of savings bonds in a dematerialised format,

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee, Mr. Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1-9 were called and passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committee 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill be read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

A division was called for by Senator K. J. Boyce.

Senators dividing as follows:

Ayes: Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe, Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Senator R. W. Grant, Senator Miss L. C. Holder, Senator Miss L. R. Cummins, Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, Senator D. R. Sands and His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge.

Noes: Senator C. A. Franklyn and Senator Miss C. N. Drakes.

Abstentions: Senator Ms. A. M. Wiggins, Senator K. J. Boyce, Senator Rev. M. B. St. J. Maxwell, Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Senator Dr. C. A. Maynard and Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse.

The results of the division ten Honourable Senators voted in favour, two Honourable Senators voted against and six Honourable Senators abstained.

The motion was passed.

The Bill was passed and cited and the title agreed to.

ORDER NO. 14**TREASURY BILLS AND TAX CERTIFICATES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Treasury Bills and Tax Certificates Act, Cap. 106 to make provision for the issuance of treasury bills and treasury tax certificates in a dematerialised format,

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee, Mr. Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1-7 were called and passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committee 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 15**LOCAL LOANS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Local Loans Act, Cap. 98 to make provision for the issuance of securities in a dematerialised format,

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee, Mr. Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1-4 were called and passed.

Clause 5 Senator K. J. Boyce sought to raise a question with respect to Clause 5 but it was acknowledged that his query was more relevant to the earlier Local Loans Amendment that was passed earlier in the day.

Clause 5 was called and passed.

Clause 6 was called and passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committee 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 9

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Cap. 47 to provide for the imposition of a health service contribution and validate the purported payment and collection of health service contributions from 1st October, 2018,

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

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator Dr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes began to speak.

Mr. President vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy President.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes resumed her speech.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes resumed and concluded her speech.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt concluded her speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge began his speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge concluded his speech.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke in reply.

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

Mr. President ruled no point of order.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee, Mr. Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1-6 were called and passed.

The Schedule as amended be the Schedule to the Bill.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Chairman of Committee 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 1

ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the abolition of the payment of road tax, to provide for the payment of registration fees for motor vehicles and to provide for related matters,

the Hon. Member spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee, Mr. Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1-5 called.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

Clause 2(b) was amended.

Clauses 1-5 were called and passed as amended.

Clauses 6-10 were called and passed.

Clauses 11-15 were called and passed.

Clauses 16-20 were called amending Clause 19 in the new section 16(4) and Clause 20 in the new section 16A (4).

Clauses 16-20 were called and passed as amended.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Clauses 21-25 were called and passed.

Clauses 26-30 were called and passed.

Clauses 31-35 were called and passed.

Clauses 36-38 were called and passed.

First Schedule called and passed.

Second Schedule called and passed.

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

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill be passed and the title read and agreed to. Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt calling for a divide.

Ayes: Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott
 Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe
 Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney
 Senator Dr. R. O. Springer
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 Senator Rev. M. B. St. J. Maxwell
Abstentions: Senator K. J. Boyce
 Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse

The results of the division eleven Honourable Senators voted in favour of the motion.

Five Honourable Senators voted against.

Two Honourable Senators abstained.

The motion was carried.

The Bill was passed and cited and title agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was adjourned until Wednesday, 7th November, 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

At 7.25 p.m. the President adjourned the Sitting.

PEDRO EASTMOND
 Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2018.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
 BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

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Wednesday, 24th October, 2018.
