



# 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 26th day of July, 2023, 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 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 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 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 K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

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

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

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

### ABSENT

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Senior Minister*)  
(*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P. and Senator G. P. B. Nicholls,  
B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President read the following:



STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS

Ref. No. PB: 2/S. 1A

19<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

*Dear Mr. President,*

*I shall be away from the island on duty leave on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.*

*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 the President during my absence.*

*As The Honourable The Senate will not be meeting prior to my departure, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The Senate when next it meets.*

*Yours faithfully,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. J. Gibson'.

**PRESIDENT**

*His Honour  
The President of The Senate  
Parliament Buildings  
Bridgetown*

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 5th July, 2023 were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

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

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses of absence from Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, Miss P. E. Parris and G. P. B. Nicholls; and excuses for lateness from Senators Mr. C. A. Maynard and Ms. M. C. Taitt.

Mr. President congratulated Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds on her achievement of a bronze medal as a member of the Barbados National Hockey team at the recently held Caribbean and Central American Games.

Mr. President acknowledged the presence of and welcomed Mr. Garth Sandiford, the son of the late Rt. Hon. Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, KA, JP, former Prime Minister of Barbados.

#### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins by command laid:

1. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Caves of Barbados Limited for year ended March 31, 2022.
2. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Conference Services Limited for the year ended March 31, 2022.
3. Non-Reimbursable Investment Financing Agreement: GRT-FM 19688-BA - Strengthening Institutional and Technical Capacity for Barbados to meet the Transparency requirements for the Paris Agreement, with the Inter-American Development Bank.
4. Annual Report of the Operations of the Barbados Drug service for the Fiscal Year April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

#### **MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins Standing Orders 22(1) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

- The Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill, 2023; and
- The Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2023.

#### **OBITUARY SPEECHES**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins paid tribute to the late Rt. Hon. Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, KA, JP, former Prime Minister of Barbados and moved the passing of the following Resolution of Condolence to the family of the deceased:

WHEREAS The Right Honourable Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, KA, JP, and one of His Majesty's Counsel passed this life on the 26th June, 2023;

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd served as Personal Assistant to the then Prime Minister, Rt. Excellent Errol W. Barrow in the Years 1966 to 1967; as a Member of the Honourable the Senate from 1967 to 1971; and was a Member of the Honourable the House from 1971 to 1999;

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd served as Minister of Education and Culture from 1965 to 1971; Minister of Education, Youth Affairs, Community Development and Sports from 1971 to 1975; Minister of Health from 1975 to 1976; Deputy Prime Minister from 1986 to 1987 and as fourth Prime Minister of Barbados from 1987 to 1994 during which latter period he held the portfolio of Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs and finally as this country's first Resident Ambassador to The People's Republic of China from 2010 to 2013;

AND WHEREAS this former honourable member of Parliament and Diplomat, the teacher, author, sometime poet and sportsman had a love and passion for education to his core and his record as Minister of Education speaks eloquently for itself, in the building of and expansion of a large number of secondary schools; the establishment of the Barbados Community College, a Sixth Form institution; and the Samuel Jackman Prescod Institute of Technology, his way of developing a nation of versatile and well educated people.

AND WHEREAS the dire and dark economic woes we experienced as a nation in the early 1990s were confronted by Sir Lloyd as Minister of Finance resolutely with fortitude and a singleness of purpose by rigidly advocating economic and social policies to restore the solvency of this country, that at times saw him despised and rejected but out of which came the restoration and saw the birth and early development of the Social Partnership, a legacy of stability for his beloved country and an exemplar for the Caribbean in general.

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd exuded a passion for regional and Caribbean integration and contributed with alacrity to and championed the advancement of the Grande Anse Declaration and the work programme for the Integration Movement and further conceptualized the establishment of the Assembly of Caribbean Parliamentarians which though short lived is still a beacon for the region's integration.

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd ensured that Barbados would rise to the occasion to allow Barbados to play its role in the fight to prepare the SIDS (Small Island Developing States) to play a more critical role in the fight to battle the existential crisis of climate by offering to host the first Global Conference on Sustainable Development of SIDS which led to the Barbados Programme of Action on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

AND WHEREAS in this battle, he has left to guide our approach the "Ode to the Environment" which was prescient in his analysis of what we faced as planet and as people.

AND WHEREAS this distinguished and illustrious son of the soil born of humble origins was the epitome of amity, civility, humility and integrity the quintessence of the gentler and kinder Barbados he envisaged and advocated.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable the Senate pay the accolade of its highest tribute to the late Rt. Honourable Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford as an exemplar of dignity, courage, compassion, and humanity and leadership by example and share the sorrow felt by a grateful Nation and extend its deepest sympathies to his widow, Angelita, Lady Sandiford, children Garth and Inga and to his other relatives and express its wish that they be comforted by the memory of a life lived selflessly and in the service of his Nation and people.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

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

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

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

The Senate observed a moment of silence in passing of the Resolution.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to 3.30 p.m.

At 2.30 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

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

##### **CENTRAL BANK OF BARBADOS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called for Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight to move the second reading of the

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Central Bank of Barbados Act, 2020 (Act 2020-30),

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

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator L. R. Harewood spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 10; 11 to 16 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight 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 Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

##### **ORDER NO. 2**

##### **SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

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 Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Cap. 117A,

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

Senator K. J. Boyce 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 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.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 1**

Resolution to allow the Standing Orders Committee to consider amendments to the Standing Order to facilitate hybrid sittings of the Senate.

On the Order being called, Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke and move seconded by Senator K. J. Boyce that the Resolution be passed.

The motion was passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 2nd August, 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

At 5.28 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**

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**MINUTES**

Wednesday, 26th July, 2023.

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