



# 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 16th day of August, 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 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 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 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.

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 9th August, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President read the following:



STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS

MESSAGE No. /2023

***HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT***

***TO***

***THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE***

*Her Excellency the President wishes to inform The Honourable The Senate that she will be absent from the office during the period 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 to 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023 on vacation leave.*

*Her Excellency further wishes to inform The Honourable The Senate 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.

**PRESIDENT**

**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS.**

13<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators the Hon. L. E. Nurse, K. J. Boyce and Mr. C. A. Maynard.

Mr. President recognized the presence of and welcomed members of the Integrity Group Barbados, Mr. Andy Armstrong, Chairman, Mr. Devron Bruce and Miss Lydia McCollin; Former Senator Ms. Vere Brathwaite and students of the Hugh Wooding Law School Trinidad namely M/s Ashlea Edwards, Kavandra Webster, Reandra Marshall, Peirre Cooke Jr., Micah Blackman, Suthany Hall and Regina Sealy.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 1**

**INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC LIFE 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 establish a regime, including an integrity commission, to promote the integrity of persons in public life and strengthen measures for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of acts of corruption, alter the Constitution to the extent necessary for the purpose and provide for related matters,

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.55 p.m to 2.55 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)**

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

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight began to speak.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke on a point of order.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight concluded her speech.

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

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

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

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

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.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 2) was called and moved by Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Part 1 was passed.

Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 10) was called and moved.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke and moved seconded by Senator Miss C. N. Drakes an amendment to Clause 8(1).

The Amendment was not passed.

Part 2 was passed.

Part 3 (Clauses 11 to 17) was called and moved.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Madam Chairman spoke.

Part 3 was passed.

Part 4 (Clauses 18 to 22) was called and moved.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke and moved seconded by Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds an amendment to Clause 19(2).

The motion was negative, 10 honourable members voting no, 8 honourable members voting yes and one abstention.

Part 4 was passed.

Part 5 (Clauses 23 to 24) was called and moved.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Madam Chairman spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Part 5 was passed.

Part 6 (Clauses 25 to 30) was called and moved.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

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Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.

Part 6 was passed.

Part 7 (Clauses 31 to 40); Part 8 (Clauses 41 to 49); Part 9 (Clauses 50 to 58) and the First Schedule were called and passed.

The Second Schedule was called and moved.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke and moved seconded by Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds an amendment thereto.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke and withdrew the amendment.

The Second Schedule was passed.

The Third to the Fifth Schedules were called and passed.

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 motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bill was read a third time.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved that the Bill be passed and the title read and agreed to.

The motion was passed the Senate voting as follows:

Ayes: Senators the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, J. A. King, Miss P. E. Parris, L. R. Harewood, Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle, A. A. O. Boyce, G. P. B. Nicholls, the Hon. L. E. Nurse, Mr. C. A. Maynard, K. J. Boyce, Miss C. N. Drakes, Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, A. W. Mallalieu, Dr. K. G. Hinds and Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite.

No: Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Senate be adjourned *sine die*.

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

The motion was passed.

At 8.02 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
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**SENATE**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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**MINUTES**

Wednesday, 16th August, 2023.

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