

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Wednesday the 27th day of October, 2021, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A., J.P. (*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. (Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade) (Leader of the Senate)
- Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology)
- Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (Minister of Tourism and International Transport)
- Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Ph.D. (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training)
- Senator Miss L. C. Moe
- Senator Dr. L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., D.Th.
- Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

- Senator D. R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.)
- Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology)
- 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 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 Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.
- Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
- Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.
- Senator J. A. Hunte, B.Sc., B.A.

ABSENT

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

Prayers were taken by Senator Dr. L. P. Holder. **MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL** Mr. President read the following:



GOVERNMENT HOUSE BARBADOS

MESSAGE No. /2021

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

ΤO

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

Her Excellency the Governor-General hereby informs The Honourable The Senate of the following:

"Section 60(1) of the Constitution provides that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the Governor-General may appoint".

Her Excellency hereby informs the The Honourable The Senate that by proclamation dated 25th day of October, 2021, that Her Excellency appointed the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church as the place at which the continued session of Parliament shall be held and 10:00 hours in the morning on Tuesday, 26th day of October, 2021, as the time at which the said session shall commence.

Sta **GOVERNOR-GENERAL**

GOVERNMENT HOUSE BARBADOS.

26th October, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

- Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senator R. W. Grant and Rev. Father Wayne Kirton, Chaplain.
- Mr. President also announced that he was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, Miss C. N. Drakes, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes and Miss L. C. Moe.

MINUTES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 20th October, 2021 were taken as read and were confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney by command laid the following:

Government's Mid-Year Review Report April 2021 – September 2021.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney Standing Orders 22(1) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney gave notice of:

Barbados National Honours and Decorations Bill, 2021.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the following Bills were read a first time.

1. The Prevention of Corruption Bill, 2021; and

2. The Barbados National Honours and Decorations Bill, 2021.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO.1

PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION BILL, 2021

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 provide for the prevention, investigation and prosecution of acts of corruption,

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

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Sitting was suspended until 3.15 p.m. At 1.36 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President in the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Senator J. A. Hunte spoke.

Senator Miss L. C. Moe spoke.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator D. R. Sands spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins began her reply.

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

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins concluded her 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, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.
- Part 1 (Clauses 1 3); Part 2 (Clauses 4 13); Part 3 (Clauses 14 to 16); Part 4 (Clauses 17 to 19); Part 5 (Clauses 20 24); and the Schedule 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.

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke on a matter of privilege concerning Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes and requested that it be referred under Standing Order 25(3) to the Committee of Privileges for investigation.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke on a matter of privilege concerning Senator C. A. Franklyn and requested that the matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

ORDER NO. 3

BARBADOS NATIONAL HONOURS AND DECORATIONS BILL, 2021

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 make provision for the conferment of honours and decorations on persons who are deserving of recognition by virtue of their extraordinary and meritorious service to Barbados in various fields of endeavour or acts of bravery and for related purposes,

the Hon. Member began to speak.

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

Mr. President spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended at 5.55 p.m. to 6.05 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE (recommitted)

Senator C. A. Franklyn moved seconded by Senator Miss C. N. Drakes that his matter of Privilege be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes moved seconded by Senator R. J. H. Adams that her matter of Privilege be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

BARBADOS NATIONAL HONOURS AND DECORATIONS BILL, 2021

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke withdrawing previous objection to proceeding with the Bill.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke and on her motion the Bill was read a second time.

- On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.
- Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 3); Part 2 (Clauses 4 to 21); Part 3 (Clauses 22 to 23); Part 4 (Clauses 24 to 27); and the First to the Sixth Schedules 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.

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

ADJOURNMENT On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Senate was adjourned *sine die*. At 6.48 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C. Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2021.

day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS WORTHING CORPORATE CENTRE WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

SENATE

SECOND SESSION OF 2018 – 2023

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