



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 29th day of October, 2025, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)
Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Energy and Business Development</i>) (<i>Leader of the Senate</i>)	Senator Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A. (Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.
Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology</i>)	Senator Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc.
Senator the Hon. Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i>)	Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
Senator J. A. King, B.S.S., J.P.	Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)
Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.	Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.
Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.	Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
	Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Ph.D.
	Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.
	Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)

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 A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B., Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D. and Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

OBITUARY

Mr. President spoke.

The Honourable The Senate observed a moment in silence on the passing of former Independent Senator, Dr. Viola Davis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators A. A. O. Boyce and R. O. Walters. He announced that he was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators, the Hon. Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight, K. J. Boyce, Mr. C. A. Maynard, Ms. M. C. Taitt and Dr. C. N. Drakes.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that Standing Order 32 A (2) be suspended with respect to Order No. 6 on the Order Paper.

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 6

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY REFORM COMMISSION 2025

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Parliamentary Reform Commission was appointed on the 8th day of May 2023 to examine Barbados' Parliamentary system and make recommendations for the strengthening of Parliament and the country's system of democracy;

AND WHEREAS the Commission was empowered through its terms of Reference to deliberate on matters touching and concerning the Parliament and the Executive by:

- (a) empowering, examining, and inquiring into Barbados' Parliamentary system, process and procedure;
- (b) making recommendations to enlarge and strengthen Barbados' democracy;
- (c) transforming Parliament into a culturally relevant, inclusive and modern institution and that the recommended reform proposals would enhance good governance and create a Parliamentary architecture befitting the new Republic;

AND WHEREAS having consulted extensively the Barbadian public here and abroad, the political parties and civil society, presented its report to the President of Barbados on the 27th June, 2024 with a wide range of recommendations consistent with its remit;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados take note of the Report of the Parliamentary Reform Commission 2024 and its recommendations.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 1st day of July 2025,

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell began to speak.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke when Senator A. R. Worrell gave way.

Senator A. R. Worrell resumed his speech.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator A. R. Worrell concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Sitting was suspended at 2.25 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam Deputy President assumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse began to speak and gave way.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse resumed and concluded his speech.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt began to speak and gave way.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of elucidation.

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

Senator Miss R. W. Trim spoke.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris spoke.

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

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.

At 7.35 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, J.P. (Ms.)

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2025.

day of

President.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
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