



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 21st day of February, 2024, 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 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 the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M.,
ACI Arb. (*Minister – Ministry of Economic Affairs & Investment*)

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 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 Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A.
(Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.

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 K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

Senator Miss T. D. Watson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A.

Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

ABSENT

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A. and Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A.
(Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

EXCUSED

Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Senator Rev. C. M. Morris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:

MESSAGE**From****THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY****To****THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE**

The Honourable the House of Assembly has the honour to inform the Honourable the Senate that on the 16th day of February, 2024, the Honourable the House of Assembly concurred with the Honourable the Senate in committing the following Bills:

Cybercrime Bill, 2024*and***Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Bill, 2024**

to the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on Governance and Policy Matters and that the Committee be empowered to consider the principles and merits of the Bills and to report no later than three months from the date of its reference.

Dated the 20th day of February, 2024.


SPEAKER

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of an excuse for absence from Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt. He announced that he was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators Mr. C. A. Maynard and K. J. Boyce. Mr. President recognized the presence of and welcomed Ms. Emerald Alkins, an intern pursuing a degree in Maritime Law and on attachment to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 14th February, 2024, were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Instrument Convention 155 – Occupational Safety Health, 1981 (No. 155) and Recommendation R164 – Occupational Safety and Health, 1981 (No. 164).
2. Instrument Convention 187 – Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health, 2006 (No. 187) and Recommendation R197 – Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health, 2006 (No. 197).
3. Recommendation R147 – Occupational Cancer Recommendation, 1974 (No. 147).
4. Recommendation R160 – Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Recommendation, 1979 (No. 160).
5. Recommendation R171 – Occupational Health Services Recommendation, 1985 (No. 171).
6. Recommendation R175 – Safety and Health in Construction Recommendation, 1988 (No. 175).
7. Recommendation R192 – Safety and Health in Agriculture Recommendation, 2001 (No. 192).
8. Recommendation R194 – List of Occupational Diseases Recommendation, 2002 (No. 194).
9. Recommendation R207 – Safe and Healthy Working Environment (Consequential Amendments) Recommendation, 2023 (No. 207).
10. Recommendation R004 – Lead Poisoning (Women and Children) Recommendation, 1919 (No. 4).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of the Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) (Amendment) Bill, 2024; and on her motion the Bill was read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 5

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

On the Order being called, Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Financial Institutions Act, Cap. 324A, the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator Miss T. D. Watson spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson began to speak.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke on a point of elucidation.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson concluded her speech.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse 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 5 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.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 2.04 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President in the Chair.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 6****LABOUR CLAUSES (CONCESSIONS) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the conditions applicable to concessions granted to employers, the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator Miss T. D. Watson spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls began to speak.

Senator Miss T. D. Watson spoke on a point of order.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls concluded his speech.

Senator R. O. Walters began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters concluded his speech.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris began to speak and gave way.

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

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed his speech.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed the speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris withdrew certain remarks and concluded his speech.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman began his reply.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman concluded his reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 8 and the First to the Fourth Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman 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. C. J. Blackman the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 3**LAW REVISION AND LAW REFORM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Law Revision and Law Reform Act, 2019 (Act 2019-6) to give greater independence to the Law Reform Commission in its operations and for matters related thereto,

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

Senator Miss T. D. Watson began to speak.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Senator Miss T. D. Watson resumed her speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Miss T. D. Watson concluded her speech.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator A. A. O. 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 6 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.

ORDER NO. 4**TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024**

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Transport Authority Act, Cap. 295A to make provision for the Transport Authority to cancel or suspend any licence issued in respect of authorising a person to drive or act as a conductor on a public service vehicle, motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi,

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

The motion was passed.

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 4 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.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 7.45 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 _____
, 2024.

President.

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