



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 20th day of December, 2017 at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

- Her Honour Senator Miss Kerryann F. Ifill, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.B.A. (*President*)
- His Honour Senator the Very Reverend H. E. Crichlow, G.C.M., B.A. (Hons.) Dunelm (*Deputy President*),
Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.A., M.B.A. (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*)(*Leader of the Senate*)
- Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo, M.B., B.S. (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development*)
- Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd, B.Sc. (*Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister*)
- Senator Mrs. V. I. Sandiford-Garner, CIM, Dip. Mng., M.B.A., (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and International Transport*)
- Senator H. A. Husbands, J.P., M.L.I.R., B.Sc. (Public Administration) (Hons.), Ed. Cert. (U.W.I.) (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation*)
- Senator J. Ince, J.P., BB.A., M.B.A., DIP (Mgmt.) (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs*)
- Senator R. A. Hunte, J.P.
- Senator Rev. Dr. D. L. Durant, D. D. (Hon.)
- Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)
- Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.M. (Merit)
- Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P.
- Senator Sir Roy Trotman, K.A., M.A.
- Senator Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser, K.A., G.C.M., B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Ph.D., FACP, FRCP
- Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael, K.A., L.V.O., Q.C., B.Sc. (Econ.), M.A., Ph.D.
- Senator A. A. Adams, J.P., B.A., Ed. Cert., M.Sc. Ed.
- Senator J. A. Watson, S.C.M.
- and
- Senator Carol Lady Haynes, GM, BCH, M.B., B.S., Hon. DSc.

ABSENT

Senator the Hon. D. W. Boyce, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.B.A. (Fin.), CMA, F.C.A. (*Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister*) and Senator W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Hons.).

Prayers were led by Rev. Canon Errington Massiah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR**THE PRESIDENT**

Madam President announced that she was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Hon. D. W. Boyce and W. A. Abrahams. She also noted that Senators the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean, Dr. J. X. Walcott and Prof. Emeritus Sir Henry Fraser would be late for the Sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo by command laid the following:

1. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency) Order, 2017;
2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Winston Bennett) Order, 2017.
3. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Barbados Red Cross Society) Order, 2017.
4. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (The Athletics Association of Barbados Inc.) Order, 2017.
5. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (University of the West Indies) (Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination Film Club) (No. 2) Order, 2017.
6. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (University of the West Indies) (Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination Film Club) (No. 3) Order, 2017.
7. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Renaissance Designs Inc.) Order, 2017.
8. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (The Walled Garden Film Festival Trust) Order, 2017.
9. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Everton Cumberbatch) Order, 2017.
10. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (The Maria Holder Memorial Trust) Order, 2017.
11. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Elim Pentecostal Temple) Order, 2017.
12. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Barbados Film and Video Association Inc.) Order, 2017.
13. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Kevin Harrison) Order, 2017.
14. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Kim Clarke) Order, 2017.
15. Value Added Tax (Remit) (Club Rockley (B'dos) Limited) Order, 2017.
16. Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (Delegation of the European Union to the Eastern Caribbean Countries, OECS and CARICOM/CARIFORUM) Order, 2017.
17. Agricultural, Diagnostic and Other Services (Fees) (Barbados Water Authority) (Waiver) Order, 2017.
18. Barbados Conference Services Limited Financial Statements for the Year ended March 31, 2016.
19. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (National Cultural Foundation) Order, 2017.
20. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Child Care Board) Order, 2017.
21. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Refund) (Dorian Seale) Order, 2017.
22. Value Added Tax (McBride (Caribbean) Limited) Order, 2017.
23. Income Tax (Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
24. Enterprise Growth Fund Limited – Annual Report 2017.
25. Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (Delegation of the European Union to Barbados, the Eastern Caribbean States, the OECS and CARICOM/CARIFORUM) (No.) Order, 2017.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo Standing Orders 22(1) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo gave notice of the following:-
Excise Tax (Validation of Tax) (Motor Vehicles) Bill, 2017.

FIRST READING OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the following Bills were read a first time:-

1. Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
2. National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
3. Excise Tax (Validation of Tax) (Motor Vehicles) Bill, 2017.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

CULTURAL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT (VALIDATION) BILL, 2017

Senator Carol Lady Haynes spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Senator J. A. Watson began to speak.

Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza spoke on a point of order.

Senator J. A. Watson concluded his speech.

Senator Miss V. A. G. De Peiza spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended at 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1 (resumed)

Senator Dr. Sir Trevor Carmichael spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke.

Senator A. A. Adams spoke.

Senator R. A. Hunte began to speak.

Senator J. A. Watson spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. A. Hunte concluded his speech.

Senator the Hon. P. M. T. Todd spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Senate resolved itself into Committee, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Sitting was suspended until 5.30 p.m. at 5.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4

EXCISE TAX (VALIDATION OF TAX) (MOTOR VEHICLES) BILL, 2017

On the Order being called for Senator J. Ince to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the validation of certain excise tax levied and collected in respect of motor vehicles, the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator J. Ince the Senate resolved itself into Committee, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator J. Ince.

On the motion of Senator J. Ince the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator J. Ince the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 2**VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act to provide for waivers of penalties and interest incurred on arrears of tax,

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. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Senate resolved itself into Committee, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean the Bill was read a third time and cited as the Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2017.

ORDER NO. 3**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017**

On the Order being called for Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act, to provide for waivers of penalties and interest incurred on arrears of tax,

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

Senator Dr. J. X. Walcott spoke.

Senator Sir Roy Trotman spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Senator J. Ince spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Senate resolved into Committee, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Madam President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. E. R. Byer Suckoo the Bill was read a third time and passed and cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Miss M. P. O. McClean spoke and moved the adjournment of the Senate *sine die*.

Senator Sir Roy Trotman spoke.

Madam President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 8.24 p.m. Madam President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2018.

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President.

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