



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Worthing Corporate Centre on Wednesday the 30th day of September, 2020, 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. Miss 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 R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A. (Econ.), LL.B., PG Dip. MA.

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 Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

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

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

### ABSENT

Senator Miss L. C. Moe.

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President read the following:



By Her Excellency  
 Dame Sandra Prunella Mason,  
 Dame Grand Cross of the Most  
 Distinguished Order of Saint  
 Michael and Saint George, Dame  
 of St. Andrew, Queen's Counsel,  
 Governor-General of Barbados.

S. MASON  
 Governor-General

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** it is provided by section 60(1) of the *Constitution* that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the Governor-General may appoint:

**AND WHEREAS** by Proclamation dated the 7th day of September, 2020 the Governor-General appointed the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill, Saint Michael as the place at which a session of Parliament shall be held at 10:00 hours in the morning:

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to continue the session of Parliament at the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church with effect from the 22nd day of September, 2020:

**NOW THEREFORE** by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority in me vested, I, Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of St. Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Governor-General of Barbados, **DO HEREBY APPOINT** the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church as the place at which the session of Parliament shall continue to be held, and 10:00 in the morning as the time at which the said session shall commence.

Given under my hand and  
 the Public Seal of Barbados, this  
 7th day of September, 2020, and  
 in the sixty-ninth year of Her  
 Majesty's Reign.



MESSAGE No. /2020

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

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

Section 28A.(1) of the Emergency Management Act, CAP. 160A states that:

Where the Governor-General is satisfied that an emergency has arisen as a result of a person or an animal having a communicable disease or a notifiable disease, the Governor-General may by proclamation, on the advice of the Prime Minister after the Prime Minister has consulted or has been advised by the Chief Medical Officer, declare that a public health emergency exists.

Her Excellency hereby informs the The Honourable The Senate that in accordance with Section 28A.(3) of the said Cap. 160A, she has declared a Public Health Emergency.

S. MASON  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
BARBADOS.

28th September, 2020

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of an excuse for absence from Senator Miss L. C. Moe who was overseas.

Mr. President also announced that he was in receipt of an excuse for lateness from Senator Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore.

Mr. President welcomed the Rev. Father Wayne Kirton the newly appointed Chaplain to the Senate.

Mr. President recognized the presence of the widow and other members of the family of the late Professor the Rt. Hon. Owen S. Arthur, former Prime Minister of Barbados.

#### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of Wednesday, 22nd July, 2020 and Wednesday, 29th July, 2020 were confirmed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott moved that the Minutes of Wednesday, 5th August, 2020 be taken as read and be confirmed.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

The Minutes were confirmed as amended.

#### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott by command laid the following:

1. Securities (Republic Wealth Management Limited) (Exemption) Order, 2020.
2. Securities (Maurice and Ylagan) (Exemption) Order, 2020.
3. Annual Report of the National Council on Substance Abuse for the Year 2019.

#### **MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott Standing Orders 22(1) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott gave notice of the Public Service (Appointments) Bill, 2020 and on his motion the Bill was read a first time.

#### **OBITUARY SPEECHES**

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott paid tribute to the late Professor the Rt. Hon. Owen S. Arthur, former Prime Minister of Barbados and extended condolences to the family of the deceased.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins spoke.

Senator Dr. L. P. Holder spoke.

Senator D. R. Sands spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended at 1.25 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **OBITUARY SPEECHES (resumed)**

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

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

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

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

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney moved the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS** Professor the Right Honourable Owen Seymour Arthur and one of Her Majesty's Counsel passed this life on the 27th July, 2020;

**AND WHEREAS** Professor Arthur was a Member of the Honourable the Senate from 1983 to 1984, a Member of the Honourable the House of Assembly from 1984 to 2018, Leader of the Opposition 1993 to 1994 and 2010 to 2013, Prime Minister of Barbados from 1994 to 2008 and independent Member of Parliament from 2014 to 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** this distinguished economist, longest serving and highly successful Prime Minister achieved unprecedented success in transforming the socio and economic landscape of Barbados;

**AND WHEREAS** this brilliant economist presided over the longest period of economic stability the country had experienced evidenced by record levels of foreign reserves, substantial tax breaks and wage increases coupled with massive foreign and local investments;

**AND WHEREAS** that brilliance shone on the tapestry of the political economy where he sought to address the toughest issues facing the country, one such issue was the vexing one of unemployment which stood at 24% when he took office and by the time he left it had been wrestled down to a new low of 7.4% prompting scholars to ask what was the natural rate of unemployment in Barbados;

**AND WHEREAS** this strident regionalist in his relentless pursuit and advocacy for the advancement of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy would be propelled into the role of chief architect and intellectual guide of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy in 2006 and a champion of its cause with vigour, clarity and determination;

**AND WHEREAS** this son of humble origins brought to the political stage the quintessential intellectual mix of economics and politics which represented a shift from the traditional law and politics and to a lesser extent medicine and politics, a unique mix of skills that would serve him well in the period into which he was to be immediately thrust consequent upon the 1994 election campaign and for which he would thereafter receive extraordinary regional and international acclaim for his management of the economy;

**AND WHEREAS** the nature of the Late Professor Arthur's service in his several endeavours was characterised by the generous employment of his prodigious gifts of a transcendent intellect, ebullient charm, remarkable leadership elevated by the ability to motivate and inspire by example wedded to economic proficiency;

**AND WHEREAS** his service was an amalgam of these skills with visionary ideas, clarity of purpose, pragmatism, meticulous preparation and sheer hard work along with a Barbadian aesthetic and Caribbean ideal to forge unimaginable and unprecedented success for Barbados giving it an altogether new lustre in the world;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate shares the sorrow felt by a Grateful Nation and extends its deepest sympathies to his widow Julie, children Sabrina and Leah, siblings Valmay, Richard and Patricia and relatives of the Late Professor the Right Honourable Owen Seymour Arthur and expresses its wish that they be comforted by the memory of a life lived selflessly and in the service of his Nation and his people.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2020.

The Senate observed a minute of silence in the passing of the Resolution.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Sitting was suspended at 4.45 p.m. to 4.55 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 1**

**PUBLIC SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS) BILL, 2020**

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 alter the Constitution to make provision for the appointment or promotion, as the case may be, of persons who have been temporarily employed or acting in a post in the Public Service for a period of 3 years or more on the date immediately preceding 1st October, 2020,

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

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke in reply.

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.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney were passed. Clause 4 was called.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney moved the passing of Clause 4.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

Clause 4 was passed.

Clauses 5 to 9 were called and on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney were passed.

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 motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to the Senate voting as follows:

*Ayes:* Senator the Honourables Mr. J. X. Walcott, Miss K. S. McConney, Miss L. R. Cummins, Senators Dr. R. O. Springer, R. W. Grant, Dr. L. P. Holder, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, D. R. Sands, R. J. H. Adams, His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge, Senators C. A. Franklyn, Miss C. N. Drakes, Mr. C. A. Maynard, Ms. M. C. Taitt, Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers, Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, K. J. Boyce, Miss A. M. Wiggins and the Hon. L. E. Nurse.

*Noes:* Nil.

**REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (recommitted)**

Mr. President read the following Report:

PARLIAMENT OF BARBADOS  
(Second Session of 2018–2023)  
COMMITTEE OF SELECTION  
THE SENATE

Parliament  
Worthing Corporate Centre  
Christ Church

30th September, 2020

**Report of the Committee of Selection to the Honourable the Senate**

The Committee of Selection appointed on 15th September 2020 at the First Sitting of the Second Session of the Parliament of 2018-2023 met on the 30th September 2020.

**Present were:**

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, J.P. (Chairman)  
Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins  
Senator D. R. Sands  
Senator C. A. Franklyn, J.P.  
Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard

**In attendance:**

Miss B. S. Gibbons, Deputy Clerk of Parliament  
Mr. N. R. Jones, Esq., Deputy Clerk of Parliament

The Committee considered and made the following nominations for appointment to the following Committees:

**SELECT COMMITTEES**

1. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE  
Senator Dr. L. P. Holder  
Senator D. R. Sands  
Senator K. J. Boyce  
Senator C. A. Franklyn
2. HOUSE COMMITTEE  
Senator C. A. Franklyn  
Senator C. K. M. Haynes  
Senator Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore  
Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard

3. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES  
Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott  
Senator D. R. Sands  
Senator K. J. Boyce  
Senator C. A. Franklyn
  
4. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE  
Senator R. N. Greenidge  
Senator C. A. Franklyn  
Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse  
Senator R. W. Grant

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES**

5. LIBRARY COMMITTEE  
Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott  
Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes  
Senator R. O. Springer  
Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt  
Senator Dr. L. P. Holder  
Senator C. A. Franklyn
  
6. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott  
Senator Miss L. Moe  
Senator K. J. Boyce  
Senator the Hon. Miss L. R. Cummins  
Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse  
Senator C. N. Drakes

The Committee of Selection hereby submits its report accordingly.

(Sgd) R. R. FARLEY  
**CHAIRMAN**

The Report was accepted.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt declined the recommendation for her appointment to the Library Committee.



**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved the adjournment of the Senate *sine die*.  
At 7.20 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
, 2020.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
WORTHING CORPORATE CENTRE  
WORTHING  
CHRIST CHURCH.

**SENATE**

**SECOND SESSION OF 2018 – 2023**

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**MINUTES**

Wednesday, 30th September, 2020.

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