



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Monday, the 30th day of July, 2018 at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator Dr. Sir Richard L. Cheltenham, KA, Q.C., Ph.D., J.P., B.Sc. (Econ.) (*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 L. C. Moe (*Minister of Information, Broadcasting and Public Affairs*)
Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology*)
Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, B.A., M.A., 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 Miss L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc.
Senator Miss L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc.
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 the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
Senator Dr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., FRCS (ENT)
Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.) M.B.A.
Senator Rev. M. B. St. J. Maxwell, B.Sc., B.A., M.A.A.T.
Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.
Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B (Hons.), L.E.C.

ABSENT

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

Prayers were led by Senator Rev. M. B. St. J. Maxwell.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR
THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he had received and read the following Message from the Honourable the House of Assembly to the Senate:

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 17th day of July, 2018, the Honourable the House of Assembly committed the following Bill:

Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2018

to a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses comprising seven Members of the Honourable the House of Assembly and four Members of the Honourable the Senate and has approved the following terms of reference for the Committee:

Terms of Reference

1. To inquire into and determine whether the Bill as drafted effectively fulfills the expressed objects of promoting and maintaining the integrity of persons in public life and the prevention, detection and prosecution of acts of corruption;
2. To examine whether the Bill as drafted will upon effective implementation contribute to an ethos of fair dealings and compliance with the financial rules in government affairs, thereby combating corruption in public life;
3. To examine and analyse whether the provisions of the Bill which relate to financial disclosure will so deter citizens from offering themselves for public duty and service as to have a negative impact on the functioning of government;
4. To consider whether the Bill as drafted will be an effective and strong deterrent to corruption in public life in Barbados;
5. To make recommended changes, if deemed necessary, to the Bill as drafted for further consideration by the Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

The House of Assembly has appointed the following Members to the Joint Select Committee:

Hon. Dale D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Hon. Wilfred A. Abrahams, LL.B.
Minister of Energy and Water Resources

Hon. Colin E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.)

Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations

Hon. Miss Cynthia Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.

Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs

Hon. Charles McD. Griffith, B.Sc.

Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development

Mr. Ralph A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology**Bishop Joseph J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD.**

Leader of the Opposition

The House of Assembly has the honour to invite the Honourable the Senate to appoint four Members to the Joint Select Committee.

Dated the 17th day of July, 2018.

A. HOLDER
SPEAKER

Mr. President also announced that he was in receipt of an excuse for absence from Senator Miss. C. N. Drakes and excuses for lateness from Senators the Hon. L. E. Nurse and D. R. Sands.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 27th June, 2018 were approved.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Harrison College Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2005.
2. Harrison College Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2006.
3. Harrison College Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2007.
4. Harrison College Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008.
5. Harrison College Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2009.
6. Harrison College Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2010.
7. Harrison College Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2011.
8. Harrison College Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2012.
9. Harrison College Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2013.
10. Invest Barbados Annual Report 2017.
11. Barbados Tourism Authority Annual Report 2011-2012.
12. Barbados Tourism Authority Annual Report 2012-2013.
13. Police Complaints Authority Annual Report 2017.
14. National Insurance and Social Security (Non-Contributory Old Age Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018.
15. Barbados Investment and Development Corporation Annual Report I, 2015-2016.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott gave notice of the following Bills and on his motion they were read a first time:

1. The Airport Service Charge (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
2. The Central Bank of Barbados (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

3. The Financial Management and Audit (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
4. The Barbados Water Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

CENTRAL BANK OF BARBADOS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an act to amend the *Central Bank of Barbados Act*, Cap. 323C to provide for an increase of the airport service charge,

the Hon. Member spoke and sought leave to debate cognately the Bill with Order No. 3.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Approval was granted.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator C. A. Franklyn began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn resumed his speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn concluded his speech.

Senator R. J. H. Adams spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney began to speak.

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

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney concluded her speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate was suspended to 2.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Deputy President 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 3

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an act to amend the *Financial Management and Audit Act*, Cap. 5,

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Deputy President 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. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sanitation Service Authority (Amendment) Bill was read a first time.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE (recommitted)

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Standing Order 21(1) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 4****BARBADOS WATER AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an act to amend the *Barbados Water Authority Act*, Cap. 274A to make provision for the charging and collection of a garbage and sewage contribution levy,

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

Senator C. A. Franklyn began to speak.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke on a point of order.

Senator C. A. Franklyn concluded his speech.

Senator Dr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer began to speak.

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

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer resumed his speech.

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

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer concluded his speech.

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

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator D. R. Sands began to speak.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator D. R. Sands concluded his speech.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time the Senate dividing as follows:

Ayes: Senators the Honourable's Mr. J. X. Walcott, Miss L. C. Moe, Miss K. S. McConney, Dr. R. O. Springer, R. W. Grant, Miss L. P. Holder, Miss L. R. Cummins, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, D. R. Sands, R. J. H. Adams, K. J. Boyce, Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, Ms. M. C. Taitt, Dr. C. A. Maynard, Hon. L. E. Nurse and His Honour R. N. Greenidge.

Noes: Senator C. A. Franklyn.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee, the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 7 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Deputy President reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to the Senate dividing as follows:

Ayes: Senators the Honourable's Mr. J. X. Walcott, Miss L. C. Moe, Miss K. S. McConney, Dr. R. O. Springer, R. W. Grant, Miss L. P. Holder, Miss L. R. Cummins, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, D. R. Sands, R. J. H. Adams, K. J. Boyce, Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, Ms. M. C. Taitt, Dr. C. A. Maynard, Hon. L. E. Nurse and His Honour R. N. Greenidge.

Noes: Senator C. A. Franklyn.

ORDER NO. 5**SANITATION SERVICE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott who spoke the Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate resolved itself into Committee the Deputy President in the Chair.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott Clauses 1 to 3 were called and passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Deputy President reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Sitting was suspended for 15 minutes.

At 6.10 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott reported that the Committee of Selection had met and recommended the following Senators for appointment to the Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2018.

The Report was accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following Message to the Honourable the House of Assembly:

MESSAGE

from

THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE

to

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Honourable the Senate has the honour to extend its compliments to the Honourable the House of Assembly and to reply to the Message from the House inviting the Senate to appoint four Senators to a Joint Select Committee on the **Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2018**.

The Senate is pleased to appoint;

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q. C.

Senator C. A. Franklyn

to constitute the Joint Select Committee with Members of the House of Assembly, and to offer every good wish for the deliberations of the Committee.

Dated the 30th day of July, 2018.

R. L. CHELTENHAM
PRESIDENT

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 15th August, 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

At 6.38 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 _____, 2018.

President.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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MINUTES

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