



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 9th day of August, 2023, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

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 Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

Senator J. A. King, B.S.S.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.

Senator L. R. Harewood, J.P., BSM, B.Sc., M.Sc.,
M.B.A.

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle, B.Sc., M.Sc.

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 the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.

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

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

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

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

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite,
CHB, Ph.D.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

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 Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT) and
Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd August, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence for Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, Mr. C. A. Maynard and Ms. M. C. Taitt. He also announced that he was in receipt of a late excuse for Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

Mr. President recognised the presence of and welcomed Class 2 students of the St. Martin's Mangrove Primary School who were accompanied by their teacher Ms. Michelle Cave.

Mr. President also recognised the presence of Mr. Olius Davis, Makayla Williams and Shachia Small students of the Hugh Wooding Law School, Trinidad and guests of Senator K. J. Boyce, and interns of the law firm of Clarke, Gittens, Farmer.

He also acknowledged the presence of and welcomed the Deputy Director of the National Insurance Department, Ms. Kim Tudor who was accompanied by a staff member of the Department.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Pensions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 2

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Cap. 47,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders Nos. 2 and 3 in a cognate debate.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2023 be read a second time.

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes began to speak.

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes concluded her speech.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to 3.10 p.m. at 2.10 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse began to speak.

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

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

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

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

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

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

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle spoke.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson 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 11 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Clause 12 was called.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

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

Clause 12 was passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Clauses 13 to 14 and the First and Second Schedules 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. 3

PENSIONS (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2023

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to certain enactments relating to pensions in order to provide for a contributory pensions scheme for certain public officers,

the Hon. Member 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 2 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.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 7.18 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 _____
, 2023.

President.

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