



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF

### The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 19th day of November, 2025, 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*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Energy and Business Development*) (*Leader of the Senate*)

Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (*Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology*)

Senator the Hon. Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*)

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

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 Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc.

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 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 A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)

#### ABSENT

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M. (*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 Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Ph.D. and Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

#### PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT MINUTES

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 12th November, 2025 were deferred.

Mr. President read the following:

**PARLIAMENT**  
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Office of the Parliament  
Parliamentary Complex  
The Red House  
Abercromby Street, Port of Spain  
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago



SENATOR THE HONOURABLE WADE STEPHEN MARK  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Parl: 8/4/51

November 17, 2025

The Honourable Reginald Farley  
President of the Senate  
Parliament of Barbados  
**BARBADOS**

Dear President Farley,

### Expression of Appreciation for the hosting of The 68<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) October 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Bridgetown, Barbados

On behalf of the delegation of the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, I extend our sincere congratulations to the Parliament of Barbados on the successful hosting of the 68<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference.

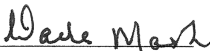
The execution of the conference was managed with the highest level of professionalism, reflecting the efficiency and commitment of your Parliament's leadership. The seamless facilitation of the sessions and the event's overall structure demonstrated exceptional attention to detail.

We also wish to express our deep appreciation for the warmth and hospitality extended to our delegation. The professionalism and attentiveness of the protocol officers, conference coordinators, drivers, and all supporting personnel were commendable. Their efforts were instrumental in ensuring participants felt both comfortable and welcome throughout the event.

A special thank you to the Honourable Arthur Holder, MP, Speaker of the House of Assembly, and Mr. Pedro Eastmond, Clerk of Parliament, for their contributions, along with those of others, in ensuring that the Caribbean Americas and the Atlantic Region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association feel proud of the outstanding success of CPC 2025.

Please convey our heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to all involved in ensuring that the 68<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference was such an impeccably executed and memorable gathering. It was indeed a privilege for our delegation to be part of this distinguished conference.

Sincerely,

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Sen. the Hon. Wade Mark  
**President of the Senate**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson and Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes. He also announced that he was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

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

1. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Sanitation Service Authority) (No. 2) Order, 2025.
2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Atiba Aluko) Order, 2025.

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

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Standing Orders Nos. 22(4) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bills following were read a first time:

1. Companies (Economic Substance) (Repeal) Bill, 2025.
2. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025.
3. Final Appropriation (2022-2023) Bill, 2025.
4. Final Appropriation (2023-2024) Bill, 2025; and
5. Final Appropriation (2024-2025) Bill, 2025.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **ORDER NO. 10**

#### **COMPANIES (ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE) (REPEAL) BILL, 2025**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act repeal the *Companies (Economic Substance) Act, (Act 2019-43)*, the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill together with the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in a cognate debate.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was appointed temporary Deputy President for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse 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.

#### **ORDER NO. 11**

#### **INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025**

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 *Income Tax Act, Cap.73*,

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, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 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. 12****FINAL APPROPRIATION (2022-2023) BILL, 2025**

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 grant an additional sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the services of the Island for the Financial Year that ended 31st March, 2023, the Hon. Member sought and obtained permission to introduce the Bill in a cognate debate with the Orders Nos. 13 and 14.

Senator Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

The Bill having been certified a money Bill, on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

**ORDER NO. 13****FINAL APPROPRIATION (2023-2024) BILL, 2025**

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 grant an additional sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the services of the Island for the Financial Year that ended 31st March, 2024, the Hon. Member moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

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. 14****FINAL APPROPRIATION (2024-2025) BILL, 2025**

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 grant an additional sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the services of the Island for the Financial Year that ended 31st March, 2025, the Hon. Member moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bill was read a third time and the title read and agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.

At 1.30 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
, 2025.

day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS



# **SENATE**

## **FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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### **MINUTES**

Wednesday, 19th November, 2025.