



# 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 5th day of February, 2025, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

#### PRESENT

His Honour the Most Honourable Senator 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. ( <i>Minister of Energy and Business Development</i> ) ( <i>Leader of the Senate</i> )	Senator Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A. (Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.
Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i> )	Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.	Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)
Senator J. A. King, B.S.S., J.P.	Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.	Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.
Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.	Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.
Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.	Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.
	Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)

#### ABSENT

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, F.B., LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist), L.L.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 the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister – Ministry of Economic Affairs & Investment*), Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A. and Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Ph.D.

#### PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Senator Rev. C. M. Morris.

#### OBITUARIES

The Senate observed a moment of silence in honour on the passing of former Senators Arni Walters and Anderson Morrison.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Her Honour the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott and the Hon. C. J. Blackman. He also announced excuses for lateness from Senators G. P. B. Nicholls, Mr. C. A. Maynard and Ms. M. C. Taitt.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 15th January, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

### **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 Bills following were read a first time:

- The Health Services (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and
- The Foreign Currency Permits Bill, 2025.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

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

#### **FOREIGN CURRENCY PERMITS 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 make better provision for the grant of a foreign currency permit to any qualified person that earns 100 percent of its annual income in foreign currency and for related matters,

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

Senator R. O. Walters began to speak and gave way.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

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

Senator R. O. Walters concluded his speech.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins began to speak in reply and gave way.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins concluded her speech in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

### **MOTIONS RELATING TO THE SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND**

#### **MOVED BY A MINISTER (recommitted)**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was appointed acting 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.

The Clauses of the Bill 1 to 16 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

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. 7**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved the passing of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of a parcel of land, the property of the State situate at Searles in the parish of Christ Church, in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for housing development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 17th day January, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

**SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land (formerly part of Searles Plantation) the property of the State situate at Searles Plantation in the parish of Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 7.406 Hectares or thereabouts (inclusive of 0.147 hectares of Road Reserve) Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly of Searles Plantation on three sides and on a public road which leads to Lowland in one direction and Eddy Village in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan made and certified on the 25th day of March, 2016 by Kenneth D. Ward, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 20th day of April, 2016 as Plan No. 370/2016.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

**ORDER NO. 8**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved the passing of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the compulsory acquisition by the State of the parcels of land situate at Trents in the parish of Saint James in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedules* hereto for a public purpose, namely for the relocation of the Hometown Civic Centre.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 17th day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of Lila E. G. Salazar *et al* situate at Lot 3 Trents in the parish of Saint James in this Island containing by admeasurement 16581.7 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 155.6 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding to the north on lands now or late of Marcus E. Beckles (Lot 2) to the east on a road reserve 7.92 metres wide to the south on lands

now or formerly of Island Dreams Inc. (Lot 4) to the west on lands now or late of Adrian C. Haynes (Lot 14) on lands now or late of Juanita Pir (Lot 13) on lands now or late of Marcus E. Beckles (Lots 12, 11 and 10) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 27th day of September, 2022 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded on the 5th day of October, 2022 in the Lands and Surveys Department as Plan number 1582/2022.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Island Dreams Inc. situate at Lot 4 Trents in the parish of Saint James in this Island containing by admeasurement 16711.9 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 292.7 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding to the north on lands now or late of Lila E. G. Salazar *et al* to the east on a road reserve 7.92 metres wide to the south on lands now or formerly of Island Dreams Inc. (Lot 5) to the west on lands now or late of Gloria L. Maynard (Lot 18) on lands now or formerly of Trents Limited (Lot 17) on lands now or late of Grantley Ifill (Lot 16) on lands now or late of Ainsley Linora Lovell (Lot 15) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 27th day of September, 2022 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded on the 5th day of October, 2022 in the Lands and Surveys Department as Plan number 1582/2022.

## THIRD SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Island Dreams Inc. situate at Lot 5 Trents in the parish of Saint James in this Island containing by admeasurement 16781.6 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 293.4 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding to the north on lands now or formerly of Island Dreams Inc. (Lot 4) to the east on a road reserve 7.92 metres wide to the south on lands now or formerly of Island Dreams Inc. (Lot 6) to the west on lands now or formerly of Trents Limited (Lot 23) on lands now or late of Cardinal Gibson (Lot 22) on lands now or late of Laura Mary Cridland (Lot 21) on lands now or late of Elsie M. Edwards (Lot 20) on lands now or late of Lorraine L. Alleyne (Lot 19) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 27th day of September, 2022 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded on the 5th day of October, 2022 in the Lands and Surveys Department as Plan number 1582/2022.

## FOURTH SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of Island Dreams Inc. situate at Lot 6 Trents in the parish of Saint James in this Island containing by admeasurement 24828.1 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 915.8 square metres in road reserve) abutting and bounding to the north on lands now or formerly of Island Dreams Inc. (Lot 5) to the east on a road reserve 7.92 metres wide to the south on a public road known as Highway C which leads to Highway 2A in one direction

and to Highway 1 in the other direction to the west on lands now or late of Linette Davis (Lot 30) on lands now or late of Alison Ingrid Thomas (Lots 29A and 29B) on lands now or late of Pernell Orlando Farley (Lot 28) on lands now or late of Ian S. Bovell (Lot 27) on lands now or late of Banele A. Serrano (Lot 26) on lands now or formerly of Trents Limited (Lots 25 and 23) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 27th day of September, 2022 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded on the 5th day of October, 2022 in the Lands and Surveys Department as Plan number 1582/2022.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris withdrew certain remarks and concluded his speech.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 2.28 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 10 (resumed)**

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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

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

The Resolution was passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

At 3.37 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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President.

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# **SENATE**

## **FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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### **MINUTES**

Wednesday, 5th February, 2025.