



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, the 15th day of October, 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. (<i>President</i>)	
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 the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology</i>)	Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)
Senator J. A. King, B.S.S., J.P.	Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.
Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.	Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.	Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Ph.D.
Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.	Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.
Senator Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A. (Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.	Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.
Senator Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc.	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, 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*) and Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of Friday, 14th March, 2025; Wednesday, 30th July, 2025 and Wednesday, 20th August, 2025, were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

EXCUSES

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson and Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

He also announced the receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators Dr. C. N. Drakes and Mr. C. A. Maynard.

Mr. President recognized the presence of Misses Karen Hinkson and Sally-Anne King, officials from the Ministry of Labour.

Mr. President reported that the 68th Annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference hosted by the Barbados Branch of the Commonwealth Association was a success. He thanked the Senators who attended the sessions and events of the Conference. He further thanked the Clerk of Parliament and his Deputies and staff and the Staff of CPA Secretariat of the UK for the execution of the Programme.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Barbados' Fiscal Framework 2026/2027 to 2028/2029.
2. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (The Marinara Inc.) Order, 2025.
3. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (CBL Developments SRL and GT Developments SRL) Order, 2025.
4. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Corsair Cove SRL and Port Ferdinand SRL) Order, 2025.
5. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Sandridge Beach SRL) Order, 2025.
6. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (St. Peter's Bay SRL) Order, 2025.
7. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (TropOps SRL) Order, 2025.
8. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Mina (Barbados) Hospitality SRL) Order, 2025.
9. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (The Maria Holder Memorial Trust) (No. 3) Order, 2025.
10. Loan Contract No. 6209/OC-BA-Global Credit Program for Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSME).

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 following Bills were read a first time:

1. The Tourist Accommodation Bill, 2025;
2. The Barbados Tourism Product Authority (Repeal) (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Bill, 2025;
3. The Barbados National Energy Company (Transfer and Vesting of Assets) Bill, 2025;
4. The Caribbean Community (Free Movement of Nationals) Bill, 2025.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Barbados National Energy Company (Transfer and Vesting of Assets) Bill, 2025 at Order No. 14 and to substitute a new Bill.

ORDER NO. 11

FAMILY LEAVE 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 provide for family leave for male and female employees, access for the parents of the child to have leave together at the birth of the child or during the essential early months of development and to provide for related matters,

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

Senator A. R. Worrell began to speak.

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

Senator A. R. Worrell concluded his speech.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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

Senator Miss R. W. Trim spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls 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 16 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.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to 3.15 p.m.

At 2.10 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 14

BARBADOS NATIONAL ENERGY COMPANY LIMITED (TRANSFER AND VESTING OF ASSETS) 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 transfer the assets and liabilities of the National Petroleum Corporation to Barbados National Energy Company Limited and to repeal the National Petroleum Corporation Act, Cap. 280, the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins began her reply.

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

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins concluded her 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, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 11 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.

ORDER NO. 7**COPYRIGHT 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 revise the law of copyright,

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

Senator J. A. King spoke.

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

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 5); Part 2 (Clauses 6 to 18); Part 3 (Clauses 19 to 26); Part 4 (Clauses 27 to 33); Part 5 (Clauses 34 to 54); Part 6 (Clauses 55 to 94); Part 7 (Clauses 95 to 110); Part 8 (Clauses 111 to 114); Part 9 (Clauses 115 to 163); Part 10 (Clauses 164 to 166); Part 11 (Clauses 167 - 168) and Part 12 (Clauses 169 to 185) 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 the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025 at 11.00 a.m.

At 4.55 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.

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President.

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