



# 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 12th 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 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. 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 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 Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Ph.D.

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 Miss P. E. Parris, J.P., Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., 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. and Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

#### PRAYERS

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

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President read the following:



**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS**

**Ref. No. PB: 2/S. 1A**

*3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2025*

*Dear Mr. President,*

*I shall be away from the island today, Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2025 on vacation leave.*

*In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, the Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson will perform the functions of the Office of the President during my absence.*

*As the Honourable The Senate will not be meeting prior to my departure, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The Senate when next it meets.*

*Yours faithfully,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Douglas Gibson'.

**PRESIDENT**

***His Honour  
Senator the Most Honourable Reginald Farley, FB, JP  
President of the Senate  
The Senate  
Parliament Buildings  
BRIDGETOWN***

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

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 7th October, 2025; Wednesday, 15th October, 2025; and Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025 were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 20th October, 2025 was deferred 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 Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, Senators Miss P. E. Parris, R. O. Walters, A. W. Mallalieu and Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

Mr. President also announced that he was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators Dr. C. N. Drakes, Ms. M. C. Taitt, Mr. C. A. Maynard and G. P. B. Nicholls.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

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

1. Loan Agreement No. 2/854 - Urban Renewal Project in the Water, Housing and Infrastructure Sector (Phase I) Between the Saudi Fund for Development and the Government of Barbados.

### **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 Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean Bill, 2025 was read a first time.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

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

#### **DEVELOPMENT BANK OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN BILL, 2025**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for Barbados to become a member country of the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean and for recognition of the Agreement on Immunities, Exemptions and Privileges,

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

Senator A. R. Worrell began to speak.

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

Senator A. R. Worrell resumed his speech.

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

Senator A. R. Worrell resumed his speech.

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

Senator A. R. Worrell resumed his speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell resumed his speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell resumed his speech.

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

Senator A. R. Worrell concluded his speech.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator Miss R. W. Trim spoke.

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

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

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed his speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris concluded his speech.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

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

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was appointed temporary Deputy President for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 8 and the First to the Third Schedules were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight 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. Dr. S. M. Munro-Knight 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 at 2.35 p.m. to 3.40 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Deputy President assumed the Chair.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**

#### **ORDER NO. 7**

On the Order being called, Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders No. 7 and 8 in a cognate debate.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 28(c) of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the sale to The Pilgrim Holiness Church (The Wesleyan Holiness Church) of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Welch Village, Bath in the parish of Saint John in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 29th day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

### **SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Bath in the parish of Saint John in this Island containing by admeasurement 2467.7 square metres or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on lots 99, 98 and 94 on lands now or formerly of the Government of Barbados on Lot 91, on other lands of the Government of Barbados on two sides and on a public road leading to Coach Hill in one direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 24th day of May, 2024 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 24th day of May, 2024 as Plan No. 796/2024 together with the building situate thereon.

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

The Resolution was passed.



**ORDER NO. 8**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Resolution following was passed.

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to The Pilgrim Holiness Church (The Wesleyan Holiness Church) of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Bath in the parish of Saint John in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* hereto on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* hereto for the purpose to operate and undertake its church services.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 29th day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-five.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Bath in the parish of Saint John in this Island containing by admeasurement 311.9 square metres (including 6.8 square metres in road) or thereabouts Abutting and Bounding on a public road on two sides which leads to Coach Hill in one direction, on lands now or late of Charles Haynes and on lands now or late of Thomas Haynes or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 23rd day of October, 2024 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 30th day of October, 2024 as Plan No. 1746/2024.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

The terms and conditions for the lease of 311.9 square metres of State land situate at Welches Village, Bath, in the parish of Saint John to The Pilgrim Holiness Church (The Wesleyan Holiness Church) are as follows:

- (a) the lease shall be for a term of one year with an option to renew for a further term of 12 months;
- (b) the rent shall be payment of \$1.00 plus value added tax, payable in advance;
- (c) the rent shall be subject to the payment of \$100 per month at the end of the first term;
- (d) the demised premises are to be used for the purpose of carrying out Church activities;
- (e) the lessee will liaise with the Ministry responsible for Youth, Sports and Community Development to have use of the demised premises for community activities;
- (f) the lessee shall indemnify the State from all actions arising from its use of the demised premises;

- (g) the lessee shall not assign, mortgage, demise, underlet or otherwise part with possession of any part of the demised premises without the landlord's consent;
- (h) the lessee reserves the right to surrender its lease with improvements thereon at any time by giving 3 months' written notice;
- (i) the demised premises shall revert to the State for nil consideration at the end of the lease or its sooner determination; and
- (j) the lessee shall not use, permit or suffer the demised premises or any part thereof to be used for any purpose other than a church except with the permission of the lessor first obtained in writing, such permission not to be unreasonably withheld.

#### **ORDER NO. 12**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on 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 River Bay in the parish of Saint Lucy in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* for sale to qualified tenants under the *Tenancies Freehold Purchase Act*, Cap. 239B, and for housing development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 4th day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

#### **SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at River Bay in the parish of Saint Lucy in this Island containing by admeasurement 12,266.6 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 21.6 square metres in road) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (Saint Lucy District Hospital) on lands now or late of sundry owners on lands now or late of Edward Toppin on lands now or formerly of Virginia Investments Inc. on lands now or late of Anthony Toppin on lands now or late of Seibert Johnson (Lots 3, 2 and 1) and on a public road known as River Bay Road leading to River Bay in one direction and to Hope Road in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 24th day of November, 2021 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 1st day of December, 2021 as Plan No. 1579/2021.

and moved that the Resolution be passed.  
The Resolution was passed.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT  
(recommitted)

Mr. President read the following:



STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS

Ref. No. PB: 2/S.1 A

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

*Dear Mr. President,*

*I wish to inform that I shall be away from the island on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 on vacation leave.*

*In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, the Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson, will perform the functions of the Office of President during my absence.*

*As The Honourable The Senate will not be meeting prior to the departure, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The Senate when next it meets.*

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**PRESIDENT**

*His Honour  
President of the Senate  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.  
At 4.50 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2025.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
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# **SENATE**

## **FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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### **MINUTES**

Wednesday, 12th November, 2025.