



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 23rd day of April, 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*)
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 the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb.
(*Minister of Educational Transformation*)
Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.)
(*Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology*)
Senator Dr. the Hon. 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 A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.
and
Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)

ABSENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Energy and Business Development*) (*Leader of the Senate*), Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P., 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 Ms. M. C. Tait, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., 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 Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D. and Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

PRAYERS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 15th January, 2025 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 14th March, 2025 were deferred on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Hon. L. E. Nurse, Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers and Dr. C. N. Drakes.

Mr. President also announced that he was in receipt of a late excuse from Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight by command laid the following:

1. Barbados Revenue Authority Annual Report for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2022.
2. Financial Services Commission Annual Reports for the years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.
3. Loan Contract No. 5980/OC-BA between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank: Program to Strengthen Social Services in Barbados II.
4. Loan Agreement between the Government of Barbados and the Corporación Adina de Fomento/CAF– Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean Sector Wide Approach Programme (SWAP) to Support the Operation “Roots from Cultural Heritage to Innovation in Barbados”, February 21, 2025.
5. Reports of the Judicial Council for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.
6. National Cultural Foundation Annual Report 2021-2022.
7. National Payment System (Fees) Regulations, 2025.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight gave notice of the following:

- Storm Water Management Bill, 2025; and
- Barbados National Honours and Decorations (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Bills following were read a first time:

- Seaport Industry (Management, Operations and Development) Bill, 2025.
- Storm Water Management Bill, 2025; and
- Barbados National Honours and Decorations (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 8

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to establish the enabling conditions for the sustainable utilization of fisheries, aquaculture and mariculture resources, strategic development of the fisheries sector, the responsible management of fisheries activities and provide for related matters,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill together with Order No. 9 in a cognate debate.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 444 comprising 45 parts were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

The First to the Fourth Schedules inclusive were called and passed.

On motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. 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 Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 9

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (SEAFOOD MARKETS AND BUSINESS) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for (a) a regulatory regime for the management and operation of seafood markets and seafood business (b) a regulatory system for the seafood supply chain sector; and (c) related matters,

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 45 comprising eight parts were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

The First to the Fourth Schedules were called and passed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. 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 Dr. the Hon. 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 Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Sitting was suspended at 1.55 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7

HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Health Services Act, Cap. 44 to make provision for the imposition of administrative penalties and the removal and sanitary disposal of offensive matters,

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

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson began to speak.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke on a point of elucidation.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson resumed her speech.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke on a point of order.

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson concluded her speech.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 7 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott.

On the motion of Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott 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 Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 30th April, 2025 at 11.00 a.m.

At 4.40 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 _____, 2025.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025.