



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable The Senate

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The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 11th day of December, 2019 at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

### PRESENT

His Honour Senator Dr. Sir Richard L. Cheltenham, KA, Q.C., Ph.D., J.P., B.Sc. (Econ.) (*President*)  
His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)  
Senator the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe (*Minister of Information, Broadcasting and Public Affairs*)  
Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology*)  
Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)  
Senator R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A. (Econ.), LL.B., PG Dip. MA.  
Senator Dr. L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., D.Th.  
Senator Miss L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc.  
Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

Senator D. R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.)  
Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology)  
Senator C. A. Franklyn, 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. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.  
Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil.  
Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.  
Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.  
Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

### ABSENT

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*) (*Leader of the Senate*) and Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt.), M.Phil Econ.

Prayers were led by Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott and Miss C. N. Drakes.

He also announced that he was in receipt of late excuses from Senators the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe and Miss T. N. S-A. Moore.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Wednesday November 13th, 2019 and Wednesday November 27th, 2019 were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 2**

**FAMILY LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend certain enactments relating to Family Law, the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce the Bill, 2019 and the Family Law (Dissolution of Marriages) (Validation and Indemnification) Bill, 2019 in a cognate debate.

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

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt resumed her speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt concluded her speech.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge spoke.

Mr. President gave way to the Deputy President.

Senator Miss L. R. Cummins spoke.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator Rev. J. A. Rogers spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Sitting was suspended at 1.20 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 2 (resumed)**

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

The Schedule was called.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney moved that the Schedule stand part.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Mr. Deputy President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Mr. Deputy President spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

Mr. Deputy President spoke.

The Schedule was passed with Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt dissenting.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Chairman of Committees reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time the Senate dividing as follows:

*Ayes:* Senators the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, Dr. R. O. Springer, R. W. Grant, Dr. L. P. Holder, Miss L. R. Cummins, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, D. R. Sands, His Honour R. N. Greenidge, Mr. C. A. Maynard, Rev. J. A. Rogers, Miss T. N. S-A. Moore, K. J. Boyce and Miss A. M. Wiggins.

*Noes:* Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt.

*Abstentions:* Senator C. A. Franklyn.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was passed and the title read and agreed to.

### **ORDER NO. 3**

#### **FAMILY LAW (DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGES) (VALIDATION AND INDEMNIFICATION) BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to validate the purported dissolution of marriages, indemnify parties to those marriages and third parties against consequences of anything done by them in their reliance upon the lawfulness of those dissolutions and provide for related matters,

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 2 were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney 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. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Sitting was suspended until 4.00 p.m.

At 3.30 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

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

### **ORDER NO. 1**

#### **TOURISM LEVY BILL, 2019**

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for:

- (a) a room rate levy to be charged on tourist accommodation;
- (b) a product development levy to be charged on the services specified in paragraph 1 of the Fourth Schedule to the Value Added Tax Act, Cap. 87;
- (c) a shared economy levy to be charged on tourist accommodation owned or operated by persons who earn income from the Tourism Sector in Barbados, but who are not registered under the Value Added Tax Act, Cap. 87; and
- (d) related matters,

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

Senator C. A. Franklyn began to speak.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke on a point of order.

Senator C. A. Franklyn concluded his speech.

Senator R. W. Grant began to speak.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant resumed his speech.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. W. Grant resumed his speech

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. W. Grant concluded his speech.

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, His Honour Deputy President in the Chair.

The Objects and Reasons Section was called.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke and moved amendments thereto.

The amendments were approved.

The Long Title of the Bill was called and amended on the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

Clause 1 was called and passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

Clause 2 was called and amendments thereto were moved by Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney.

Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

Senator Miss T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

Senator R. W. Grant spoke.

The Chairman spoke.

Clause 2 (as amended) was passed.

Clause 3 was called and passed.

Clause 4 (as amended) was passed.

Clause 5 (as amended) was passed.

Clause 6 (as amended) was passed.

Clause 7 (as amended) was passed.

Clause 8 was passed.

Clause 9 (as amended) was passed.

Clause 10 (as amended) was passed.

Clauses 11 (as amended) to 14 were passed.

Clauses 15 (as amended) and 16 (as amended) were passed.

Clauses 17 to 26 were called and passed.

Clause 27 (as amended) was passed.

The First Schedule and the Second Schedule (as amended) were passed.

The Third Schedule (as amended) was called.

Senator C. A. Franklyn spoke.

The Chairman spoke.

The Third Schedule (as amended) was passed.

The Fourth Schedule (as amended), the Fifth Schedule (as amended) and the Sixth Schedule (as amended) were passed.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney 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. Miss K. S. McConney the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to the Senate dividing as follows:

*Ayes:* Senators the Hon. Miss L. C. Moe, the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney, Dr. R. O. Springer

R. W. Grant, Dr. L. P. Holder, Miss L. R. Cummins, Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, D. R. Sands and Honour R. N. Greenidge.

*Noes:* Senator C. A. Franklyn.

*Abstentions:* Senators K. J. Boyce and Mr. C. A. Maynard.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.  
At 8.10 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
, 2019.

President.

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