



# 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 Friday the 27th day of September, 2024, 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 G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.
Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i> )	Senator Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A. (Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.
Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. ( <i>Minister – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</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 Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil. Econ.
Senator J. A. King, B.S.S.	Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.
Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.	Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.
Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.	Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.
	Senator A. R. Worrell, JP., B.A. (Hons.)

#### ABSENT

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, 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 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. and Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

#### PRAYERS

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

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President read the following:



**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS**

**Ref. No. PB: 8 Vol. I**

**29th August, 2024**

**Dear Sir,**

***I wish to inform that in accordance with the advice of the Leader of the Opposition under Section 39 (1)(f) of the Constitution, the seat in the Senate held by Ms. Tricia Dionne Watson was declared vacant with effect from 28th August, 2024.***

***I am to further inform that in accordance with the advice of the Leader of Opposition, Mr. Andre Ralston Worrell has been appointed under Section 36(3) of the Constitution as a Senator, with effect from 29th August, 2024.***

***Yours faithfully,***

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Ralston Worrell', written over a light blue circular stamp.

**ACTING PRESIDENT**

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



**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS**

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

*4th September, 2024*

*Dear Mr. President,*

*I wish to inform The Honourable The Senate that the President, Her Excellency the Most Honourable Dame Sandra Mason, FB, GCMG, DA, SC, LLD, has extended her vacation leave from 1st to 7th September, 2024.*

*In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, I have taken the necessary Oaths to perform the functions of the Office of President during Her Excellency's absence.*

*As The Honourable The Senate is not meeting at this time, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring the absence of Her Excellency formally to the attention of the Honourable The Senate when next it meets.*

*Yours faithfully,*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. P. Mason', written over a light blue circular stamp.

**ACTING PRESIDENT**

***His Honour  
The President of The Senate  
Parliament Buildings  
BRIDGETOWN***

Mr. President expressed his thanks to the former Senator, Ms. T. D. Watson for her service to The Honourable The Senate and wished her well in all her future endeavours.

The Clerk advised that the newly appointed Senator, Mr. Andre Ralston Worrell was present and waited without.

Mr. President invited Senator A. R. Worrell to take his seat.

Senator A. R. Worrell took his place in the Senate and was warmly welcomed by Mr. President.

Senator Worrell responded appropriately.

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

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of the Minutes and on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday, 26th June, 2024; Wednesday, 31st July, 2024 and Wednesday, 21st August, 2024 were confirmed.

### **EXCUSES**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Her Honour Ms. H. E. Thompson, The Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, Mr. C. A. Maynard, Ms. M. C. Taitt and K. J. Boyce; and an excuse for lateness from Senator Miss C. N. Drakes.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

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

1. Annual Report of the Deighton Griffith Secondary School for the year September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.
2. Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Accrediation Council for the Financial years ended March 31, 2020, March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

### **MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**

#### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins Standing Orders 22(1) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Electricity Supply Bill, 2024 of which notice was given on 23rd September, 2024 and to substitute the amended Bill of which notice was given on 27th September, 2024.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Bill was read a first time.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **ORDER NO. 6**

#### **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BILL, 2024**

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 regulate the generation, storage, transmission, distribution, dispatch, supply and sale of electricity,

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

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu began to speak.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu concluded his speech.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to 3.00 p.m. at 1.49 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.



**ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)**

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls began to speak.

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

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls concluded his speech.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator A. R. Worrell spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE SITTING OF THE SENATE**

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 79 were called in 8 parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The First Schedule was called, amended and passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The Second to the Fourth 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.

**REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (recommitted)**

Mr. President spoke and The Senate approved the appointment of Senator A. R. Worrell to the Committee of Selection in place of former Senator Ms. T. D. Watson.

The Senate approved the following Report of the Committee of Selection:

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Parliament Buildings  
Bridgetown  
St. Michael

**PARLIAMENT OF BARBADOS  
(FIRST SESSION OF 2022-2027)  
COMMITTEE OF SELECTION  
THE SENATE**

**Report of the Committee of Selection to the Honourable The Senate**

The Committee of Selection of the First Session of the Parliament of 2022-2027 met on **Friday, 27th September, 2024.**

**Present were:**

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, J.P. (Chairman)

Senator the Honourable Ms. L. R. Cummins

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes

**Absent:**

Senator K. J. Boyce

**In attendance:**

Mr. N. R. Jones, Q.C., Esq., Deputy Clerk of Parliament

Ms. B. S. Gibbons, J.P., Deputy Clerk of Parliament

The Committee met to consider nominations to fill the vacancies in the membership of the Management Commission of Parliament and five (5) Committees of the Senate.

The Committee proposed that Senator A. R. Worrell be nominated to serve on the Management Commission of Parliament.

The Committee proposed that Senator A. R. Worrell be nominated to serve on the Standing Orders Committee.

The Committee proposed that Senator A. R. Worrell be nominated to serve on the Committee of Privileges.

The Committee proposed that Senator A. R. Worrell be nominated to serve on the Library Committee.

The Committee proposed that Senator A. R. Worrell be nominated to serve on the Committee of Public Accounts.

The Committee proposed that Senator R. O. Walters be nominated to serve on the Committee on Economic and Productive Sectors.

Finally, the Committee further proposed that in relation to the Committee on Social Sector and the Environment that the membership of Senator R. O. Walters be withdrawn in favour of Senator A. R. Worrell.

The above proposals were unanimously agreed to by the Committee.

The Committee therefore makes the following nominations for appointment to the Commission and Committees listed below:

**1. MANAGEMENT COMMISSION OF PARLIAMENT**

Senator A. R. Worrell

**2. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

Senator A. R. Worrell

**3. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES**

Senator A. R. Worrell

**4. LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Senator A. R. Worrell

**5. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

Senator A. R. Worrell

**6. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS**

Senator R. O. Walters

**7. COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECTOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Senator A. R. Worrell

The Committee of Selection hereby submits its report accordingly.



**CHAIRMAN**

**Dated this 27th day of September, 2024.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.  
At 5.58 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.

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Friday, 27th September, 2024.