



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 26th day of June, 2024, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

His Honour the Most Honourable Senator R. R. Farley, FB, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)
Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M. (*Deputy President*)

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 Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A. (Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.
Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i>)	Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>)	Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)
Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.	Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
Senator J. A. King, B.S.S.	Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ.
Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.	Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.
Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.	Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.
Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.	Senator Ms. T. D. Watson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A.

ABSENT

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 Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A. and Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott and Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman; and for lateness from Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, Senators C. A. Maynard and Ms. M. C. Taitt.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 11th March, 2024 and Wednesday, 29th May, 2024 were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEE

On the motion of Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, seconded by Senator Ms. T. D. Watson, an extension of 6 weeks from 26th June, 2024 was granted to the Joint Select Committee (Standing) on Governance and Policy Matters to report on the Cybercrime Bill, 2024 and the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

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 Bills following were read a first time:

1. Shipping (Domestic Vessels) Bill, 2024.
2. Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2024; and
3. Blue Green Bank Bill, 2024.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 7

BARBADOS BLUE GREEN BANK BILL, 2024

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 make provision for the facilitation of the financing of the sustainable green and blue sectors of the economy for the assistance of creditors and investors; the stimulation of innovation within the financial sector to mobilise the securities and loans markets; and mobilising private sector investments and directing international finance to projects aligned with national priorities,

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson began to speak.

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson resumed her speech.

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson resumed her speech.

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson resumed her speech.

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson concluded her speech.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins began to speak.

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins concluded her speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.20 p.m. to 2.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes began to speak.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes resumed her speech.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes resumed her speech.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes resumed her speech.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes concluded her speech.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight began to speak in reply.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight concluded her 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.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 4) was called and the passing moved by Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke and moved seconded by Senator K. J. Boyce, amendments to Clause 2.

Madam Chairman spoke.

On the motion of Senator G. P. B. Nicholls seconded by Senator J. A. King, further consideration of the Bill was postponed and progress was reported to the President who resumed the Chair.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, the Sitting was suspended to 5.00 p.m. at 4.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 7 (resumed)

The Senate reverted to Committee on the Bill.

Part 1 Clauses 1 to 4 (resumed).

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Madam Chairman spoke.

Part 1 was deferred.

Part 3 (Clauses 20 to 30) was called and passed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

Part 4 (Clauses 31, 32 (as amended) to 35) was called and passed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

Part 5 (Clauses 36 to 38) and the Schedule 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 to the President who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Sitting was suspended at 5.48 p.m. to 6.05 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 6**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) 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 amend the Criminal Procedure Act, Cap. 127 in order to enable an accused person to opt to elect to be tried by a judge sitting alone,

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke in 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, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 10, the First and Second 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.

ORDER NO. 7 (recommitted)**BARBADOS BLUE GREEN BANK BILL, 2024**

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

Part 1 (Clauses 1, 2 (as amended) to 4) was called and passed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

Part 3 Clause 28 (as amended) was 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 passed and the title read and agreed to.

Mr. President indicated that the usual message to the Honourable the House on the amendments to the Bill would be communicated.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to Friday, 28th June, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

At 8.25 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION (FRIDAY, 28TH JUNE, 2024)

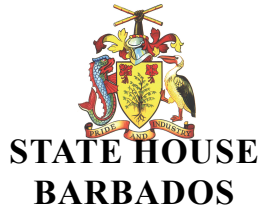
On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President recognised the presence of and extended a welcome to the members of the Barbados National Youth Parliament.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



MESSAGE No. _____ /2024

***HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT
TO
THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE***

Her Excellency the President wishes to inform The Honourable The Senate that she will be absent from the country during the period 29th June, 2024 to 6th July, 2024 on duty leave.

Her Excellency further wishes to inform The Honourable The Senate that, 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 for the period of Her Excellency's absence.


PRESIDENT

**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS.
27th June, 2024**

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 4****CHILD JUSTICE 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 provide for the reform of the criminal law applicable to children and the repeal of the

- (a) Juvenile Offenders Act, Cap. 138; and
- (b) Reformatory and Industrial Schools Act, Cap. 169,

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke.

Senator J. A. King began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator J. A. King concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.28 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)

Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers began to speak.

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers concluded his speech.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke on a point of order.

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke on a point of order.

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke on a point of elucidation.

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. C. J. Blackman began to speak.

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson began to speak on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson concluded her point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman concluded his speech.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke in 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, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 118 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The First to the Seventh 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.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

- Income Tax (Automatic Exchange of Information) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 4.45 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.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 26th June, 2024.
