



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Monday the 25th day of March, 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. (*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. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Energy and Business Development*) (*Leader of the Senate*)

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office*)

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb (*Minister – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*)

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

Senator J. A. King, B.S.S.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris, 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 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 K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ.

Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., D. Th.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

Senator T. D. Watson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A.

Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 11th March, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for lateness from Senators Ms. M. C. Taitt, Miss C. N. Drakes and Mr. C. A. Maynard.

Mr. President recognized the presence of and welcomed three members of the Barbados National Youth Parliament.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Fiscal Risk Statement, 2024.
2. The Department of Emergency Management's Comprehensive Disaster Management Policy 2022.

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

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Appropriation Bill, 2024 was read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 3

APPROPRIATION 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 grant a sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund and to appropriate the same for the service of Barbados for the Year ending 31st March, 2025,

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

Mr. President vacated the Chair in favour of Madam Deputy President.

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

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

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 began to resume her speech.

Mr. President spoke and ruled that Senator Watson withdraw her remarks.

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

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson withdrew her remarks and began to resume her speech.

Mr. President spoke.

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

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

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

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

Mr. President ruled that Senator Watson withdrew her remarks.

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson withdrew her remarks and began to resume 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 the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President ruled that Senator Watson withdrew her remarks, the remarks were withdrawn.

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 resumed her speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

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 began to speak.

Mr. President ruled that Senator Watson's remarks be withdrawn.

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson withdrew her remarks and began to resume 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.

Mr. President spoke.

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended until 4.45 p.m.

At 3.26 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT (recommitted)

Mr. President made the following statement:

The Committee of Selection is a Sessional Select Committee in that it is appointed at the beginning of every session. This Committee, (reflecting the interests represented in the Honourable The Senate) is empowered to nominate Senators to sit on the other Sessional Select Committees of Parliament.

That Committee was due to meet today and has had to be rescheduled. Since its appointment, the composition of the Honourable The Senate has changed.

At the beginning of this Session, on the 4th February, 2022, there were no Opposition Senators and the Committee therefore nominated Senators to sit on those Committees based on the then composition of the Honourable The Senate. On the 7th February, 2024, Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman was appointed to the said Committee.

On the 13th February, 2024, two (2) Opposition Senators were appointed. To recognize this change in composition, it is now being proposed that the appointment of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman to sit on the Committee of Selection be revoked in favour of Senator Ms. T. D. Watson.

Once approved, the Committee of Selection should comprise the following members:

1. His Honour The President (Chairman) *ex officio*;
2. Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins;
3. Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes;
4. Senator K. J. Boyce; and
5. Senator Ms. T. D. Watson.

The revocation of the appointment of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman and the appointment of Senator Ms. T. D. Watson was approved.

SUSPENSION

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved the suspension of the Sitting to Tuesday, 26th March, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 7.02 p.m. Mr. President suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION (Tuesday, 26th March, 2024)

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.39 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Senator Miss P. E. Parris spoke.

Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Mr. President vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy President.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Further consideration of the Bill was postponed.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (recommitted)

Mr. President read the following Report of the Committee of Selection:

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

Parliament
Parliament Buildings
Bridgetown
St. Michael

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 **Tuesday, 26th March, 2024.**

Present were:

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

Senator the Honourable Ms. L. R. Cummins

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson

Senator K. J. Boyce

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes

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 the nomination to fill the vacancy for the membership of one (1) Committee of the Senate.

The Committee proposed that Senator Mr. R. O. Walters be nominated to serve on the Committee on Governance and Policy Matters.

The Committee further proposed that the appointment of Senator A. A. O. Boyce be revoked in favour of Senator G. P. B. Nicholls.

The above proposals were unanimously agreed to by the Committee.

The Committee unanimously agreed to defer all recommended nominations for membership of the Management Commission of Parliament and the other Sessional Select and Standing Committees until the next meeting.

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

1. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE AND POLICY MATTERS

Senator R. O. Walters

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls

The Committee of Selection hereby submits its report accordingly.



CHAIRMAN

Dated this 26th day of March, 2024.

The Report was adopted by the Senate.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to Wednesday, 27th March, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

RESUMPTION (Wednesday, 27th March, 2024)

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS (recommitted)

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

1. The Annual Report of the Deighton Griffith Secondary School for the year September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.
2. Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of Needham's Point Development Inc. and Needham's Point Holdings Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 2022.
3. Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of Hotels and Resorts Limited for the year ended March 31, 2022.
4. Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Aircraft and Aviation Services Company Ltd. for the year ended March 31, 2022.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Senator R. O. Walters began to speak.

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

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

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

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

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

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke on a point of order.
 Senator R. O. Walters concluded his speech.
 Senator Rev. C. M. Morris began to speak.
 Mr. President spoke.
 Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed his speech.
 Senator R. O. Walters spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. President spoke.
 Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed his speech.
 Senator R. O. Walters spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. President spoke.
 Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed his speech.
 Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. President spoke.
 Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed his speech.
 Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. President spoke.
 Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed his speech.
 Senator R. O. Walters spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. President spoke.
 Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed his speech.
 Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke on a point of order.
 Mr. President spoke.
 Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed his speech.
 Mr. President spoke.
 Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed his speech.
 Mr. President spoke.
 Senator Rev. C. M. Morris concluded his speech.
 Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 12.54 p.m. to 1.05 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

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

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 2.10 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

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

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

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke on a point of elucidation.

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

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.

Mr. President vacated the Chair in favour of Madam Deputy President.

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

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Senate be adjourned *sine die*.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 6.58 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.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Monday, 25th March, 2024.

Government Printing Department