



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Monday the 11th day of March, 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. (*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 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 K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

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

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

ABSENT

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister – Ministry of Economic Affairs & Investment*), Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A., Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil. Econ., Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S. and Senator Ms. T. D. Watson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A.

PRAYERS

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday, 31st January, 2024, Wednesday, 7th February, 2024, Wednesday, 14th February, 2024 and Wednesday, 21st February, 2024 were confirmed 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 absences from Senators the Hon. C. J. Blackman, Ms. M. C. Taitt, Miss C. N. Drakes, Ms. T. D. Watson and A. W. Mallalieu.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Port Inc., for the year ended March 31, 2022.
2. Loan Contract No. 5856/OC-BA Sustainable Development Policy Program III with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for a Policy Based Loan (PBL).

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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 Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 5

QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

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 Queen Elizabeth Hospital Act, Cap. 54 to abolish the post of Executive Chairman, re-establish the post of Chief Executive Officer and to provide for related matters; the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator R. O. Walters began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

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

Mr. President directed that certain remarks by Senator R. O. Walters be struck from the record.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

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 and gave way.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters concluded his speech.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard began to speak.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke on a point of order.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard resumed his speech.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke on a point of order.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard resumed his speech.

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

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard concluded his speech.
 Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.
 Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.
 Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, the Sitting was suspended at 2.10 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 5 (resumed)

Senator J. A. King 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.

Clause 1 and Clauses 2 to 6 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.

ORDER NO. 4

**CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (MOVEMENT OF SKILLED NATIONALS)
 (AMENDMENT) 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 amend the Caribbean Community (Movement of Skilled Nationals) Act, Cap. 186A; the Hon. Member spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.
 Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers spoke.
 Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke.
 Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.
 Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.
 Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris began to speak and gave way.
 Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson assumed the Chair.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris resumed and gave way.
 Mr. President resumed the Chair.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris concluded his speech.
 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 through 4 were called and passed on the separate 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.

ORDER NO. 3

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE VESTING IN THE NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION OF PARCELS OF LAND AT CASTLE GRANT PLANTATION, ST. JOSEPH, FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in National Housing Corporation of two parcels of land situate at Castle Grant Plantation in the parish of Saint Joseph in this Island, more particularly described in the Schedules hereto for a public purpose, namely for housing development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 16th day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land situate at Castle Grant Plantation in the parish of Saint Joseph in this Island and being the Lot 01A containing by admeasurement 0.747 hectares or thereabouts (inclusive of 0.031 hectares in road) abutting and bounding on the lots numbered 108, 31, 29, 27, 25, 23, 21, 19, 17 and 15 now or formerly of Branchbury Tenantry on lands now or formerly of Retreat Plantation (Lot LS01) on a cart road which leads to St. Ann's Church in one direction and on a road which leads to Highway 3A in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 22nd day of February, 2022 by Gregory StC. Hutchinson, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 4th day of March, 2022 as Plan No. 328/2022.

SECOND SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land situate at Castle Grant Plantation in the parish of Saint Joseph in this Island and being the Lot 01C containing by admeasurement 4.142 hectares or thereabouts (inclusive of 0.025 hectares in road) abutting and bounding on Lot A1 on a buffer zone 5 metres wide on lands now or formerly of Castle Grant Plantation (Lot 01B) on lands now or formerly of the Estate of T. E. Aurelien, deceased on land now or formerly of Lammings Plantation on lands now or formerly S & S Investment Ltd. on a public road known as Highway 3A which leads to Blackmans in one direction and to Airy Hill in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 22nd day of February, 2022 by Gregory StC. Hutchinson, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 4th day of March, 2022 as Plan No. 328/2022,

and on her motion the Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.
At 6.32 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, 11th March, 2024.
