



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 17th day of July, 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 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 A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

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

Senator R. O. Walters, 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 the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister*

– *Ministry of Economic Affairs and 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. and Senator Rev. Canon Dr.
J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott and Hon. C. J. Blackman; and for lateness from Senators Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers and Miss C. N. Drakes.

Mr. President spoke concerning the functioning of the elevator lift at Parliament.

MINUTES

In error it was sought to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, 26 June, 2024.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 26th June, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

- Barbados Population Policy 2023-2040.

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

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of the following:

1. Resolution that the Parliament of Barbados take note of the Barbados Population Policy 2023.
2. Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Pilgrim Place in the parish of Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the Schedule for housing development.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Marine Transport (Emission Control) Bill, 2024 was read a first time.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 3

NOTARIES PUBLIC 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 revise the law relating to the appointment and regulation of Notaries Public in Barbados and provide for related matters,

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.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson 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.

Mr. President spoke.

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

Mr. President spoke.

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

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

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

Mr. President spoke.

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

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu concluded his speech.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

Mr. President spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins concluded her speech 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 20 and the First to Eighth 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.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 4

SHIPPING (DOMESTIC VESSELS) 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 regulation of maritime activities of domestic vessels, water sports devices and small vessels operating in Barbados' waters and related matters,

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

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

Senator A. A. O. Boyce 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 309 were called in part and on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins were passed.

The First to the Third 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. 5

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BORROWING OF
USDS12,400,000 FROM THE CARICOM
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

On the following Resolution being called:

WHEREAS by virtue of section 2 of the *Special Loans Act*, Cap. 105 the Government is authorised from time to time to borrow from another government, any bank, corporation, company or other institution sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate BBD 2,500,000,000 on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the lender of any such sum of money;

AND WHEREAS by section 3 of the said Act it is provided that any money borrowed under the authority of the Act shall be appropriated and applied to such purposes as Parliament may approve by resolution and that such money and any interest payable thereon is charged upon the general revenues and assets of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the Government considers it necessary to borrow the sum of up to USD 12,400,000 from the CARICOM Development Fund to co-finance and augment the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) for the Climate Resilient Wastewater Systems Project;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of up to USD 12,400,000 is borrowed on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of up to USD 12,400,000 is within the authorised borrowing limit given to the Government under section 2 of the said Act;

AND BE IT RESOLVED therefore that Parliament approve the borrowing of the said sum of up to USD 12,400,000 from the CARICOM Development Fund to co-finance and augment the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) for the Climate Resilient Wastewater Systems Project on the terms and conditions contained in the Loan Agreement, the main provisions of which are set out in the *Schedule*.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

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

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

The Resolution was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT (recommended)

Mr. President read a communication from Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott concerning his absence from the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 5.39 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
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SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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