



# 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 Wednesday the 17th day of May, 2023, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

### PRESENT

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*)

Her Honour Senator 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. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

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

Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.

Senator L. R. Harewood, J.P., BSM, B.Sc., M.Sc.,  
M.B.A.

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle, B.Sc., M.Sc.

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 the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.

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

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

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite  
CHB, Ph.D.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds, Ph.D.

### 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 Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office*), 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 Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D., Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

### PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT MINUTES

The Minutes of Wednesday, 10th May, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

### EXCUSES

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, and Senator A. W. Mallalieu. He also announced that he was in receipt of late excuses on behalf of Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson and Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

1. Three Houses Spring (Management and Control) Bill, 2023
2. Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

and on her motion the Bills were read a first time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Public Procurement (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### ORDER NO. 3

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the following Resolution be passed:

RESOLVED that the Senate adopt the Report of the Standing Orders Committee.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

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

The Resolution was passed.

#### ORDER NO. 1

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting of the parcel of land, the property of the State situate at Black Rock in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* to this Resolution, in the Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation, a corporation established by section 3 of the *Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation Act*, Cap. 254, for community agricultural purposes.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 2nd day of May, Two thousand and twenty-three.

### SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Black Rock in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 1.356 hectares (13 559 square metres) or thereabouts (which comprises the Parcel A being 1.052 hectares (10 520.0 square metres) and the Parcel B being 0.304 hectares (3 039.9 square metres) Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly of The Barbados Government (Psychiatric Hospital) on two sides on lands now or formerly of National Housing Corporation "Rosemont" on two sides on lands now or formerly of the The Barbados Government (Lot 1B) on lands

now or formerly of National Housing Corporation (Open Space) and on Madison Terrace leading to Farm Road or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 24th day of January, 2023 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 30th day of January, 2023 as Plan No. 142/2023.

and moved that the Resolution be approved.

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle spoke.

Senator L. R. Harewood spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

#### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.52 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 2**

#### **BARBADOS OPTIONAL SAVINGS BONDS PLUS (OFFER TO THE PUBLIC) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Barbados Optional Savings Bonds Plus (Offer to the Public) Act, 2022 (Act 2022-13),

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

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds 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 2 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 laid the Report following of the Committee of Selection:

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION OF THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE**

The Committee of Selection met on the 17th day of May, 2023.

#### **Present were:**

- His Honour Senator R. R. Farley (Chairman)
- Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins
- Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes
- Senator Mrs. S. C. S. Roberts-Odle
- Senator K. J. Boyce

**Also in attendance:**

- Mr. N. R. Jones, Q.C., J.P., Deputy Clerk of Parliament
- Ms. B. S. Gibbons, J.P., Deputy Clerk of Parliament

The Committee considered and made the following nominations for appointment to the Joint Select Committees (Standing) set out hereunder.

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES (STANDING)**

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE AND POLICY MATTERS**

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds  
Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse  
Senator A. A. O. Boyce

**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS**

Senator A. W. Mallalieu  
Senator Miss C. N. Drakes  
Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes

**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECTOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite  
Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers  
Senator J. A. King

The Committee of Selection hereby submits its report accordingly.

R.R. Farley

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Chairman

Dated this 17th day of May, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke the Senate was adjourned to  
Wednesday, 24th May, 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

Mr. President spoke and adjourned the Sitting at 4.43 p.m.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
, 2023.

President.

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