



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 25th day of January, 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 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 of State 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 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 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 A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.

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

and

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

ABSENT

Senator the Most Honourable J. X. Walcott, FB, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Senior Minister*)
(*Minister of Health and Wellness*), Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT),

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

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President spoke and announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Mr. C. A. Maynard and Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers.

Mr. President acknowledged the presence of and welcomed members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, UK delegation comprising Ms. Lynn Gardner, Clerk of the Interparliamentary Relations Office; Mr. Chris Stanton, Principal Clerk, Select Committees; Mr. Martin Vickery, Ms. Victoria Bower and Ms. Imogen Richards.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 21st December, 2022 were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. The Annual and Audited Financial Statements of Grantley Adams International Airport Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2020.
2. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Port Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2021.
3. Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report on the Activities of the Board of Management, Harrison College for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2018.
4. Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2019, of the Ellerslie Secondary School.
5. Value Added Tax (Waiver) (Barbados Defence Force) (No.) Order, 2022 *Combat Boots.
6. Value Added Tax (Waiver) (Barbados Defence Force) (No.) Order, 2022 *Disaster Preparedness.
7. Value Added Tax (Waiver) (Barbados Defence Force) (No.) Order, 2022 *Robotic Equipment.
8. Value Added Tax (Waiver) (Barbados Defence Force) (No.) Order, 2022 *Avante Neoglider Transport Incubator.
9. Value Added Tax (Refund) (China Shanxi Construction Engineering Group Corp.) Order, 2022.
10. Value Added Tax (Waiver) (Hanshell Inniss Limited) Order, 2022.
11. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (12 Knights Templar LLC) Order, 2022.
12. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Alfundi Investments Ltd.) Order, 2022.
13. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Brent E. V. A. Phillips) Order, 2022.
14. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Caves of Barbados Ltd.) Order, 2022.
15. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Discovery Bay Beach Hotel Limited) Order, 2022.
16. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Julia Cadogan) Order, 2022.
17. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (National Sports Council) Order, 2022.
18. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Estate of Robert Hatfield Ellsworth) Order, 2022.
19. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Rolando Garcia) Order, 2022.
20. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Stephen Temprow) Order, 2022.
21. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (The Tabor Foundation (Barbados)) Order, 2022.
22. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (TVX (Barbados) Inc.) Order, 2022.
23. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Tyrone Davis) Order, 2022.
24. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Vinkar Limited) Order, 2022.
25. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Sovereign Counter-Guarantee Contract) Order, 2022.
26. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Conservation Funding Agreement) Order, 2022.
27. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Conservation and Sustainability Commitments Agreement) Order, 2022.
28. Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (China National Complete Plant Import & Export Corporation Limited) Order, 2022.
29. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the Year ended December 31, 2016.
30. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the Year ended December 31, 2017.
31. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the Year ended December 31, 2018.

32. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the Year ended December 31, 2019.
33. Report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Sugar Workers' Provident Fund for the Year ended December 31, 2020.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Standing Orders 22(1) and 45(2) were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins gave notice of the following Bills and on her motion the Bills were read a first time:

1. The Plant Protection Bill, 2023; and
2. The Companies (Economic Substance) (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 3

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VESTING OF 1298.7 SQUARE METRES
OF LAND AT SIX MEN'S, ST. PETER IN THE
BARBADOS TOURISM INVESTMENT INC.**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins sought and obtained leave to introduce the Resolution together with Orders Nos. 4 and 5 in a cognate debate.

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 in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Retreat, Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island, more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for tourism development.

Approved by the House of Assembly the 17th day of January, Two thousand and twenty-three.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island containing by admeasurement 1298.7 square metres (including 86.7 square metres in land and 1212 square metres in beach) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of Port Ferdinand S.R.L., on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (boulders), on the Sea (High Water Mark 7th June, 2022) on lands now or formerly of Corsair Cove S.R.L. (Lot P), and on a public road known as Highway #1 which leads to Shermans in one direction and to Heywoods in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 15th day of September, 2022 by Garrick L. Jenkins, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 16th day of September, 2022 as Plan No. 1489/2022,

and moved that the Resolution be passed.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 4

**RESOLUTION VESTING 1136.7 SQUARE METRES OF
LAND AT SIX MEN'S, ST. PETER IN BARBADOS
TOURISM INVESTMENT INC.**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved the passing of 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 the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State situate at Retreat, Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island, more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for tourism development

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 17th day of January, Two thousand and twenty-three.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island containing by admeasurement 1136.7 square metres (being an aggregate of 1091 square metres in road comprised in Lot G1 and 45.7 square metres in road reserve comprised in Lot G2) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (Lot C2) on lands now or formerly of Corsair Cove SRL (Lot P) on a public road (Highway #1) leading to Shermans in one direction and to Six Men's Cul-de-Sac in another direction on Lot R on Lot A and on a public road known as Highway #1 which leads to Heywoods or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 19th day of December, 2022 by Garrick L. Jenkins, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 19th day of December, 2022 as Plan No. 1966/2022.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 5

**RESOLUTION VESTING 2811 SQUARE METRES OF
LAND AT SIX MEN'S, ST. PETER IN BARBADOS
TOURISM INVESTMENT INC.**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved the passing of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 28(c) of the *Lands Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State situate at Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island, more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for tourism development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 17th day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State (formerly the Crown) situate at Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island containing by admeasurement 2811 square metres or thereabouts (formerly part of a larger area of land comprising 116,168 square metres) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of S. P. Musson Son and Company on lands now or formerly of Six

Men's Plantation on lands now or formerly of Port St. Charles Development Ltd. and on a public road known as Highway #1 which leads to Heywoods in one direction and to Shermans in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as delineated and shown on a plan certified on the 25th day of July, 2008 by Brian A. Hart, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 25th day of July, 2008 as Plan No. 937/2008.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 7

COMPANIES (ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

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 *Companies (Economic Substance) Act, 2019* (Act 2019-43),

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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.

ORDER NO. 1

ANIMAL HEALTH AND VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH BILL, 2022

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 provide for the establishment of a Veterinary Authority to regulate terrestrial and aquatic animal health in Barbados by the implementation of animal health and animal welfare standards in accordance with the World Organization for Animal Health; and for related matters,

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

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

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

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

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.

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

Part 2 (Clauses 3 to 12) was called.

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

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Part 2 was passed on the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

Part 1 (Clause 1) was recommitted.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight moved an amendment to Clause 1.

Part 1 (Clause 1) (as amended) was passed.

Part 3 (Clauses 13 to 28); Part 4 (Clauses 29 to 32); Part 5 (Clauses 33 to 35); Part 6 (Clauses 36 to 51); Part 7 (Clauses 52 to 54); Part 8 (Clause 55) and Part 9 (Clauses 56 to 62); were called and passed on the separate motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight.

Part 10 (Clauses 63 to 74) was called.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke and moved seconded by Senator Dr. the Hon. C. W. DaC. Brathwaite an amendment to Clause 71.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Madam Deputy President reported progress to Mr. President who resumed the Chair and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Sitting was suspended to 2.50 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

The Senate reverted to Committee.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

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

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

The motion for the amendment was put and negatived.

The motion for the passing of Part 10 of the Bill was put and resolved in the affirmative.

Part 11 (Clauses 75 to 83); the First and Second Schedules 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.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Senate was adjourned to Wednesday, 1st February, 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

At 3.10 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 _____, 2023.

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 25th January, 2023.
