



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 10th day of May, 2023, at 10.00 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. 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 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., Ph.D.

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

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

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Senator G. P. B. Nicholls.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS

Ref. No. PB: 2/S. 1A

27th April, 2023

Dear Mr. President,

I shall be away from the island on duty leave during the period 2nd to 11th May, 2023.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, the Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson, will perform the functions of the Office of the President during my absence.

As The Honourable The Senate will not be meeting prior to my departure, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The Senate when next it meets.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Douglas Gibson'.

PRESIDENT

*His Honour
The President of The Senate
Parliament Buildings
Bridgetown*

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President informed that he was in receipt of excuses for absence for Senators the Hon. L. E. Nurse, Ms. M. C. Taitt and Miss C. N. Drakes and excuses for lateness from Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, Senators Mr. C. A. Maynard and Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 31st March, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Mr. President extended congratulations to Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers on his elevation to the Office of Canon in the Anglican Church. He also extended happy birthday greetings to Senator J. A. King who was celebrating his birthday on May 10th.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Caves of Barbados Limited Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2021.
2. Loan Contract No. 5728/OC-BA (BA-L1053) - Skills for the Future II: Digital Transformation for Inclusive and Quality Education between the Government of Barbados and the Inter-American Bank.
3. Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados National Oil Company for the years ended March 31, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.
4. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados National Oil Company for the year ended March 31, 2021.
5. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados National Oil Company for the year ended March 31, 2022.
6. Audited Statement of Accounts of the Board of Management of the Lodge School for the year ended March 2021.
7. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Tourism Authority for the seventeenth month period ended August 31, 2014.
8. Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Tourism Authority Marketing Inc. for the years 2015 to 2020.
9. Declaration of Mission Barbados.

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 Barbados Optional Savings Bonds (Offer to the Public) (Amendment) Bill, 2023 and on her motion the Bill was read a first time.

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 4

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS OF
THE SENATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING
THREE JOINT SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Resolution be amended as follows:

Resolution to refer to the Standing Orders Committee of the Senate a proposal for the establishment of three Joint Select Standing Committees.

On the further motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the amended motion was passed.

ORDER NO. 3**TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (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 *Transport Authority Act*, Cap. 295A to provide for the expansion of the functions of the Transport Authority and for related matters,

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

Senator Miss P. E. Parris spoke.

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

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator J. A. King 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 3 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 who spoke the Sitting was suspended at 1.28 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 1

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE VESTING IN HOME OWNERSHIP
PROVIDING ENERGY INC. (HOPE INC.) OF LAND AT HANSON
PLANTATION IN THE PARISHES OF SAINT GEORGE,
ST. MICHAEL AND CHRIST CHURCH**

On the Order being called Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins sought and obtained leave to introduce the Order together with Order No. 2 in a cognate debate.

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

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in Home Ownership Providing Energy Inc. (HOPE Inc.) of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Hanson Plantation in the parishes of Saint George, Saint Michael and Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for housing development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 28th day of March, Two thousand and twenty-three.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Hanson Plantation in the parishes of Saint George, Saint Michael and Christ Church in this Island (formerly part of a larger parcel of lands of Hanson Plantation) containing by admeasurement 8.046 hectares or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government on lands now or formerly of Kingsland Estates Ltd. (Hanson Plantation) on two sides and on lands now or formerly of the

National Housing Corporation (Open Area 4) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 1st day of March, 2023 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 1st day of March, 2023 as Plan No. 351/2023,

and on her motion the Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 2

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Hanson Plantation in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for residential and commercial purposes.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 28th day of March, Two thousand and twenty-three.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Hanson Plantation in the parishes of Saint George and Christ Church in this Island (formerly part of a larger parcel of lands of Hanson Plantation) containing by admeasurement 8.353 hectares or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of McDonald Best (Lot 4) on lands now or formerly of Kingsland Estates Ltd. (Hanson Plantation) on two sides on other lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government on lands now or formerly of the National Housing Corporation (Open Area 4) and on an unpaved road leading to Highway #5 or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 1st day of March, 2023 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 1st day of March, 2023 as Plan No. 352/2023.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (recommitted)

Mr. President laid the following:

REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Committee comprising:

His Honour the President (Chairman)
 Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins
 Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.
 Senator K. J. Boyce
 Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers

met on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 to consider the establishment of the Standing Committees and agreed to the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders of the Senate as follows:

(1) By inserting a new '60A' immediately after '60' (Sessional Select Committees):

60A. Joint Select Committees (Standing)

- (1) A Joint Select Committee established under this Standing Order shall be a Standing Committee appointed for the life of Parliament.
- (2) Pursuant to this Standing Order and a motion from the House, there shall be the following Joint Select Committees:

Committee on Governance and Policy Matters;
Committee on Economic and Productive Sectors; and
Committee on Social Sector and the Environment.
- (3) Each Committee should consist of seven (7) members from both Houses of Parliament of whom three (3) shall be from the Honourable the Senate. Four members shall constitute a quorum.
- (4) Appointment of Cabinet Ministers to the above-mentioned Committees should so be made as to avoid occurrence of conflict of interest.
- (5) Standing Committees shall meet in public, except: -
 - (a) When deliberating upon evidence received;
 - (b) When deliberating on its report to the House;
 - (c) If otherwise resolved by Order of the Committee; or
 - (d) Matters of National Security.

Committee on Governance and Policy Matters

The Committee on Governance and Policy Matters shall have the duty of considering and reporting to the House on: -

1. All legislation referred to it by the Lower House;
2. All legislation in the areas relating to Governance, Office of the Attorney General, Home Affairs, Labour and Industrial Relations; and
3. Examining policy documentation, statements and documents: from Ministers and Government agencies, or which have a bearing on subject matters of its term of reference on the recommendation of the Lower House.

Committee on Economic and Productive Sectors

The Committee on Economic and Productive Sectors shall have the duty of considering and reporting to the House on-

1. All legislation and policy matters referred to it by the Lower House;
2. All legislation in the areas relating to the Economic and Productive Sectors; and

3. Examining the Productive Sectors which are inclusive of the following areas but are not limited to:
 - (a) Tourism;
 - (b) International Business;
 - (c) Energy and Renewable Energy;
 - (d) Construction;
 - (e) Agriculture;
 - (f) Industry;
 - (g) Manufacturing;
 - (h) Small Business and Commerce; and
 - (i) Creative Economy

Committee on Social Sector and the Environment

The Committee on Social Sector and the Environment shall have the duty of considering from time to time and reporting on all matters related to social services and the environment;

In particular the Committee shall be authorized to examine:

1. All legislation and policy matters referred to it by the Lower House;
 2. All legislation in the areas relating to the Social Sector, Third Sector and the Environment; and
 3. Examining policy documentation, statements and documents: from Ministers and Government agencies as it relates the Social Sector, Third Sector and the Environment, or which have a bearing on subject matters in its terms of reference on the recommendation of the Lower House.
2. By Inserting a new '63A' immediately after '63' (Procedure in Select Committees):

63A. Special Procedures of Joint Select Committees (Standing)

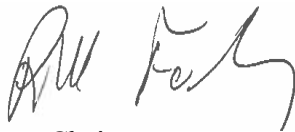
This Standing Order shall apply to all Standing Committees in addition to the procedure set out at Standing Order 63 with the exception of 63(4).

1. Within twenty-one (21) days following the appointment of Members to serve on a Joint Select Committee (Standing), the Speaker of the House shall summon a meeting of each Committee and the first business to be transacted shall be the election of a Chairman and a vice-chairman and the determination of a quorum. If at such meeting a Chairman is not elected, the Speaker shall appoint a Member of the Committee to be Chairman.
2. Each Committee would comprise of seven (7) members from both Houses of Parliament of which three (3) shall be from the Honourable the Senate. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

3. Every Standing Committee shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees and to delegate to any of such Sub-Committee all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House.
4. The Minister responsible for the Ministry or (Agency) under review shall not later than forty-five (45) days or less, after a report from a Standing Committee relating to his/her Ministry or (Agency) has been laid upon the Table, present a paper to the House in response to any recommendations or comments contained in the report which are addressed to it. All such papers presented by the Ministry or (Agency) shall be ordered to be laid upon the Table without question put, and any motion for printing thereof as a House paper shall be determined without amendment or debate.
5. If the period of forty-five (45) days referred to in this Standing Order expires on a day when Parliament is in recess or the House adjourned, the Minister referred to in paragraph (4) shall present to the House, the paper responding to the recommendations/comments, no later than the second sitting day following the recess or adjournment.
6. If a Minister is unable to provide a response referred to in paragraph (6), the Minister shall write to the Speaker of the House providing the reason the response could not be provided and seeking leave for an extension of time. This extension shall be for no more than forty-five (45) days.

The Committee examined the amendments before it by reference to a Paper entitled, ***“Paper on the Introduction of New Committees in the Parliament of Barbados”*** – Senate, dated 6th March, 2023. On the motion of Senator Miss P. E. Parris seconded by Senator K. J. Boyce the amendments were adopted and are now incorporated into the Standing Orders of the Honourable the Senate of Barbados made under the Constitution of Barbados, Section 50(1).

The Committee is therefore pleased to present the amendment as that of worthy commendation and supports the adoption by the Honourable the Senate.



Chairman

Dated this 10th day of May, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke the Senate was adjourned to
Wednesday, 17th May, 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

At 3.25 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
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 10th May, 2023.
