



# 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 24th 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 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 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 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 G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb., 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 Senator Miss P. E. Parris.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President read the following:



STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS

**MESSAGE No.     /2023**

***HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT***

***TO***

***THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE***

*Her Excellency The President wishes to inform The Honourable The Senate that, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister under Section 3(1) of the Ombudsman Act, Cap. 8A, she proposes to appoint Dr. Nigel Taylor, JP, SCM, to the Office of the Ombudsman established by Section 2 of the said Act.*

*Her Excellency further wishes to seek the approval of The Honourable The Senate for the proposed appointment pursuant to Section 3(2) of the said Act.*

  
**PRESIDENT**

***State House  
BARBADOS.***

***23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT  
MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 31st March, 2023 were taken as read and were approved on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17th May, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, G. P. B. Nicholls, Ms. M. C. Taitt, Miss C. N. Drakes and Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

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

1. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Fair Trading Commission for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

**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:

1. Water Reuse Bill, 2023.
2. Duties, Taxes and other Payments (Exemption) Bill, 2023.
3. Resolution that an Address be presented to Her Excellency the President approving the proposed appointment of Dr. Nigel Taylor, JP, SCM, to the office of Ombudsman.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Water Reuse Bill, 2023 and the Duties, Taxes and other Payments (Exemption) Bill, 2023 were read a first time.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 4**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a humble Address be presented to Her Excellency the President approving the proposed appointment by Her Excellency that, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister under Section 3(1) of the *Ombudsman Act*, Cap. 8A of Dr. Nigel Taylor, J.P., SCM, to the office of Ombudsman established by section 2 of the said Act.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2023.

**ORDER NO. 1**

**PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

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 Public Procurement Act, 2021,

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

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds 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.

Clauses 1 to 8 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. 2****THREE HOUSES SPRING (MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL) 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 provide for the management and control of the spring known as Three Houses Spring,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders Nos. 2 and 3 in a cognate debate.

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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

Senator L. R. Harewood spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse 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 16 and 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. 3****BARBADOS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING CORPORATION (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 Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation Act, Cap. 254,

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

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.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended to 3.10 p.m. at 2.10 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 5****WATER REUSE BILL, 2023**

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight spoke and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

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

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes spoke.

Senator L. R. Harewood spoke.

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was appointed Temporary Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Part 1 (Clauses 1 to 4); Part 2 (Clauses 5 to 7); Part 3 (Clauses 8 to 12); Part 4 (Clauses 13 to 15); Part 5 (Clauses 16 to 21); Part 6 (Clauses 22 to 28) and the Schedule 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 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.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICE**

Senator Dr. K. G. Hinds gave notice of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 26th October, 2020, Parliament was empowered to meet from 27th October, 2020 with some Members present in the Chambers and others participating virtually for sundry reasons which necessitated amendments to the Standing Orders of the Honourable the House of Assembly in particular;

AND WHEREAS at the Commencement of the 2022–2027 Session of Parliament, the Honourable the House of Assembly adopted the Standing Orders of the previous session;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Honourable the Senate should meet in the aforesaid Hybrid format thereby necessitating amendments to the Standing Orders;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Standing Orders 60 of the Honourable the Senate this matter should be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for its consideration;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House empower the Standing Orders Committee to consider the said amendments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke, the Senate was adjourned *sine die*.  
At 5.25 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**

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**MINUTES**

Wednesday, 24th May, 2023.

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