



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Friday the 8th day of November, 2024, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M. (*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 the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment*)
Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.
Senator J. A. King, B.S.S., J.P.
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 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 R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

ABSENT

His Honour the Most Honourable Senator R. R. Farley, FB, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*), 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 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 A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)

EXCUSES

His Honour the Most Honourable Senator R. R. Farley, FB, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (*President*), Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.) Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ. Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HONOUR THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Madam Deputy President acknowledged the presence of and welcomed special guests Mrs. Jennifer Applewhaite and Mr. Nathaniel Layne.

Madam Deputy President also acknowledged the presence of and welcomed 30 students of the St Michael School accompanied by their tutors Ms. Kerri Howard and Ms. Aleshia Bourne.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 27th September, 2024 were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. Barbados' Medium-Term Fiscal Framework 2025-2026 to 2027-2028.
2. Report on the St. George North By-Election 2020.
3. The Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements of Hotels and Resorts Limited for the year ended March 31, 2023.
4. ILO Convention 160 - Labour Statistics, 1985 (No. 160) and associated Recommendation R170 - Labour Statistics, 1985 (No. 170).
5. 2023-2028 National Policy for Improving the Lives of Persons with Disabilities.
6. ILO Convention 149 - Nursing Personnel, 1977 (No. 149) and respective Recommendation R 157 - Nursing Personnel, 1977 (No. 157).
7. 2023 Report of the National Advisory Committee to Guide the Establishment of a Commission for Improving the Lives of Persons with Disabilities.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins Standing Order 45(2) was suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was elected to preside as Chairman of Committees for the remainder of the Sitting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the following Bills were read a first time:

1. The Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024.
2. The Merchant Shipping (Liability and Compensation) Bill, 2024.
3. The Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) Bill, 2024.
4. The Merchant Shipping (Multimodal Transport) Bill, 2024.
5. The Merchant Shipping (Maritime Marriage) Bill, 2024.
6. The Barbados Business Bill, 2024; and
7. The Human Tissue Transplant Bill, 2024.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 11

BUSINESS BARBADOS 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 establish a body corporate to be known as Business Barbados by coordinating and carrying out functions in relation to specific corporate and intellectual property enactments and to provide for related matters,

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

Senator R. O. Walters began to speak.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke on a point of order.

Senator R. O. Walters resumed his speech.

Madam Deputy Speaker spoke.

Senator R. O. Walters concluded his speech.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu began to speak.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke on a point of order.

Senator A. W. Mallalieu concluded his speech.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.35 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Madam Deputy President resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 11 (resumed)

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator Miss P. E. Parris spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

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

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

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke on a point of elucidation.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins concluded her 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, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 43 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The First to the Fifth Schedules respectively 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 Deputy 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. 6

MERCHANT SHIPPING 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 shipping activities in respect of international sea-going ships in Barbados waters, the regulation of international sea-going Barbados ships in any waters,

the Hon. Member sought and obtained leave to also introduce the Merchant Shipping (Liability and Compensation) Bill, 2024; the Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) Bill, 2024; the Merchant Shipping (Multimodal Transport) Bill, 2024 and the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Marriage) Bill, 2024 in a cognate debate.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins spoke and moved that the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024 be read a second time.

Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers 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, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 56; 57 (as amended) to 64 (as amended) and 65 to 91 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

Clauses 92 to 171 were called.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

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

Clauses 92 to 171 were passed.

Clauses 172 to 1488 were called in parts and passed.

The First to Fourteenth Schedules were called in parts 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 Deputy 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. 7

MERCHANT SHIPPING (LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION) 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 make provision for the limitation of the liability shipowners in relation to certain maritime claims and ensure that victims are reasonably compensated in relation to maritime claims, the Hon. Member moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins The Honourable The Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 118 were called in parts and the Schedule and were 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 Deputy 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. 8

MERCHANT SHIPPING (LINER CONFERENCES) 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 establish a regulatory environment for advancement of the liner conference system and facilitate the orderly expansion of liner shipping in Barbados,

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins The Honourable The Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 41 were called in parts 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 Deputy 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. 9

MERCHANT SHIPPING (MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT) 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 regulate the carriage of goods by sea when combined with other modes of transport and to support and promote maritime-connected multimodal transport,

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

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins The Honourable The Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 149 were called in parts 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 Deputy 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. 10

MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME MARRIAGE) 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 conduct and formalities of marriages on board ships, the Hon. Member moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The motion was passed.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins The Honourable The Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 54 were called in parts and the Schedule and were 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 Deputy 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.

Madam Deputy President spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6.50 p.m. Madam Deputy 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
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Friday, 8th November, 2024.
