



# 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 29th day of May, 2024, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

### PRESENT

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

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

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

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

and

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A.

### ABSENT

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B. (*Deputy 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. and Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

### PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Senator Rev. C. M. Morris.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott and Senator R. O. Walters.

Mr. President recognized the presence of and welcomed a delegation of teachers from the Combermere School led by Mr. Terry Haynes.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 25th March, 2024 and Friday, 3rd May, 2024 were 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:

1. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Student Revolving Loan Fund for the year ended March 31, 2023.
2. Report on the Barbados General Election 2022.
3. Deed of Guarantee between the Government of Barbados acting through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment as Guarantor and the African Export-Import Bank as Lender relating to obligations under a USD 25,000,000 term loan facility agreement between Kensington Oval Management Inc. and the African Export-Import Bank.
4. The 2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Central Bank of 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**

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

1. The Child Protection Bill, 2024; and
2. The Child Justice Bill, 2024.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **ORDER NO. 4**

#### **CHILD PROTECTION BILL, 2024**

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 make provision for the reform of the law in relation to a child who is in need of care and protection,

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

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke.

### **SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### **ORDER NO. 4 (resumed)**

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.

Senator Rev. C. M. Morris spoke.

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

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman began to speak.

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke on a point of elucidation.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman resumed his speech.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman concluded his speech.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce began his speech.

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

Senator K. J. Boyce concluded his speech.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was appointed to act as Deputy President/Chairman for the remainder of the Sitting.

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

Clauses 1 to 73 were called in parts and the First Schedule and were 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.

Mr. President spoke.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

At 6.07 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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President.

SENATE CHAMBERS  
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**SENATE**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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Wednesday, 29th May, 2024.

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