



# 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 31st day of July, 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*)  
Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> )( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )	Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb.
Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Energy and Business Development</i> ) ( <i>Leader of the Senate</i> )	Senator Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A. (Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A.
Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i> )	Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman, LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. ( <i>Minister – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i> )	Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)
Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.	Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.
Senator J. A. King, B.S.S.	Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.
Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P.	Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ.
Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.	Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S.
	Senator Ms. T. D. Watson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A.
	Senator R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

### ABSENT

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

### PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson.

### MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 29th May, 2024 were confirmed on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 17th July, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President acknowledged the presence of and welcomed Ms. Tamar Moss, Attorney-at-Law from The Bahamas and a guest of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman.

Mr. President also acknowledged the presence of and welcomed Messrs. Ramario Barianga, Mauro Soares and Julius Mateo, guests 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 Barbados Port Inc for the year ended March 31, 2023; and
2. Audited Statement of Accounts of the Board of Management of the Lodge School for the year ended March 31, 2022.

### 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 Bills following:

- Bail Bill, 2024; and
- Criminal Justice (Plea Negotiations and Agreements) Bill, 2024

and on her motion the Bills were read a first time.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### ORDER NO. 6

#### BAIL BILL, 2024

On the Order being called for Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to revise the law relating to the provision of bail in or in connection with criminal proceedings and to provide for related matters,

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

Senator R. O. Walters spoke.

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator A. A. O. Boyce spoke.

### SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.29 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

#### ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes spoke.

Senator Ms. T. D. Watson spoke.

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt spoke.

Senator G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard spoke.

Her Honour Senator Ms. H. E. Thompson spoke.

Mr. President vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy President.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman began his speech in reply.

Mr. President resumed the Chair.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Her Honour the Deputy President in the Chair.

The Clauses of the Bill, Clauses 1 to 28 were called in parts and on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman were passed.

The Schedule was called and passed on the motion of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman 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. C. J. Blackman the Bill was read a third time and passed in accordance with section 49 of the Constitution, fifteen Honourable Members voting *Aye*, one Honourable Member voting *No* and two *Abstentions*.

The Title to the Bill was read and agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins who spoke the Senate was adjourned *sine die*. Mr. President spoke and adjourned the Sitting at 5.52 p.m.

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**

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Wednesday, 31st July, 2024.

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