



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

The Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday the 21st day of August, 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 and 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 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.

and

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

ABSENT

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. (*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., Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc.,
B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D., Senator Ms. T. D. Watson, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. and Senator

R. O. Walters, M.B.A.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne Kirton.

OBITUARY

The Senate observed a moment of silence in honour of the memory of the late Hon. Rudolph N. Greenidge OR, former Senator and Deputy President of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President read the following:



**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS**

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

9th August, 2024

Dear Mr. President,

I wish to inform that I shall be away from office during the periods 11th to 22nd August, 2024 and 25th to 31st August, 2024 on vacation leave.

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 President during my absence.

As The Honourable The Senate will not be meeting prior to the start of my vacation leave, 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,


PRESIDENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators, Her Honour Ms. H. E. Thompson, G. P. B. Nicholls, Miss C. N. Drakes, Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers and Ms. T. D. Watson.

MINUTES

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 31st July, 2024 were deferred on the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

- The 2023 - 2028 National Policy on Ageing for Barbados.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 6

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (PLEA NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS) 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 provide for plea negotiations and plea agreements in criminal cases and for related matters;

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

Senator K. J. Boyce spoke.

Senator J. A. King spoke.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke.

Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY DEPUTY PRESIDENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse was elected temporary Deputy President for the remainder of the Sitting.

On the motion of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman the Honourable the Senate resolved itself into Committee on the Bill, Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 35 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Senator the Hon. C. J. Blackman.

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 and the title read and agreed to.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Sitting was suspended at 1.05 p.m. to 2.05 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. President resumed the Chair.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES (recommitted)

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse spoke and laid the Report of the Committee on Governance and Policy matters on the Cybercrime Bill, 2024 and the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

Mr. President spoke.

PUBLIC BUSINESS (resumed)**ORDER NO. 3****MARINE TRANSPORT (EMISSIONS CONTROL) 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:

- (a) the implementation of the 1997 Protocol to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and by the Protocol of 1997;
- (b) the implementation of Article 212 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982;
- (c) the implementation of the Technical Code on Control of Emission of Nitrogen Oxides from Marine Diesel Engines adopted by the International Maritime Organization;
- (d) the control of emissions from ships that exceed 150 gross tons;
- (e) the promotion of energy efficiency in shipping;
- (f) and related matters;

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

Senator A. W. Mallalieu spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight began to speak.

Mr. President spoke.

Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight concluded her speech.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard 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, the acting Deputy President in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 133 and the First to the Thirteenth 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 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. 5

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VESTING OF LAND AT
PILGRIM PLACE, CHRIST CHURCH IN THE
NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION**

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

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approved the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of a parcel of land, the property of the State situate at Pilgrim Place in the parish of Christ Church, in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* for housing development.

APPROVED by the House of Assembly the 16th day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land situate at Pilgrim Place in the parish of Christ Church in this Island containing by admeasurement 8150.9 square metres of land (inclusive of 862.0 square metres in right of way) Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly of Joseph Brathwaite (Lot 1) on lands now or late of Reuven Best on lands now or formerly of Jonathan Taylor on lands now or late of Vincent Best on lands now or formerly of Clyde Riley on lands now or late of Diven Chapman *et al* on lands now or formerly of Lewin Green on lands now or late of Isalene Roach on a right of way 4.88 metres wide on lands now or late of Favourita Blanchard (Lot 2B) on lands now or formerly of Isalene Roach (Lot 2A) on lands now or late of Meta Edgehill and on a public road called Highway #7 leading to Grantley Adams International Airport in one direction and to Pilgrim Place 'A' in the other direction as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 18th day of June, 2014 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 26th day of June, 2014 as Plan No. 572/2024, and on her motion the Resolution passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved that the Senate be adjourned *sine die*.

Mr. President spoke.

The motion was passed.

At 3.56 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2024.

day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Wednesday, 21st August, 2024.
