



**Senate**

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**House of Representatives**

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**Minutes of the proceedings of a Special Joint Sitting of the Second Session  
of the Eleventh Parliament held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale,  
St. George's on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT**

*Senate*

Madam President

Senator the Honourable Dr. Dessima M. Williams  
*in the Chair*

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| Senator the Honourable Adrian A. Thomas    | - Minister of Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture                                         |
| Senator the Honourable David E. Andrew     | - Minister for Education                                                                    |
| Senator the Honourable Quinc Britton       | - Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture      |
| Senator the Honourable Norland Cox         | - Deputy President of the Senate                                                            |
| Senator the Honourable Claudette Joseph    | - Attorney General & Minister for Legal Affairs, Labour and Consumer Affairs                |
| Senator the Honourable Gayton J. La Crette | - Minister for Youth & Sports                                                               |
| Senator the Honourable Gloria Ann Thomas   | - Minister for Social & Community Development, Housing and Gender Affairs (Social Security) |

Senator the Honourable Katisha Douglas	- Member of the Senate
Senator the Honourable Neilon Franklyn	- Member of the Senate
Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis	- Member of the Senate
Senator the Honourable Salim Rahaman	Member of the Senate
Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair	- Member of the Senate

## PRESENT

### *House of Representatives*

Mr. Speaker  
The Honourable Leo Cato  
*in the Chair*

Honourable Dickon Mitchell, MP ( <i>St. David</i> )	- Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation and Transportation
Honourable Philip A. Telesford, MP ( <i>St. George South-East</i> )	- Minister for Health
Honourable Joseph Andall, MP ( <i>St. Patrick West</i> )	- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade & Export Development
Honourable Lennox J. Andrews ( <i>St. Andrew South-West</i> )	- Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources and Cooperatives
Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP ( <i>Carriacou &amp; Petite Martinique</i> )	- Ministry of Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government
Honourable Dennis Cornwall, MP ( <i>St. Patrick East</i> )	- Minister for Finance

Honourable Kerryne Z. James, MP (St. John)	- Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy
Honourable Ron Livingston Redhead, MP (St. George North-East)	- Member
Honourable Delma Thomas, MP (St. Andrew North-West)	- Minister for Mental Health, Wellness & Religious Affairs
Honourable Andy Williams, MP (South St. George)	- Minister for Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith C. Mitchell, PC, MP, JP (St. George North-West)	- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition
Honourable Peter David, MP (Town of St. George)	- Member
Dr. the Hon. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP (St. Mark)	- Deputy Speaker
Honourable Kate Lewis, MP (St. Andrew North-East)	- Member
Honourable Emmalin Pierre, MP (St. Andrew South-East)	- Member

The President of the Senate welcomed all to the Special Joint Sitting of both Houses of Parliament to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence of Grenada on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

***The Presiding Officers, Senator the Honourable Dr. Dessima Williams, President of the Senate and Honourable Leo Cato, Speaker of the House of Representatives, together with the Members of both Houses of Parliament extended a warm welcome to His Excellency, Nana Akufo-Addo President of Ghana and moved a Motion of invitation and welcome to the Special Joint Sitting of Parliament to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence of Grenada.***

## PRAYERS

The President and Speaker of both Houses of Parliament read prayers.

## MOTIONS

*(a) The Honourable Prime Minister moved the following Motion standing in his name:*

### **MOTION FOR THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF GRENADA**

**WHEREAS** Camerhogne and her indigenous people the Kalinago, existed for many years in a sustainable and thriving order;

**AND WHEREAS** it was a seat of regional indigenous gathering which conferred leadership status;

**AND WHEREAS** Camerhogne was sighted in 1498 by the Europeans but was not colonised until 1649 by the French, due to resistance from the indigenous peoples;

**AND WHEREAS** on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1763, the French ceded Camerhogne which was renamed Grenada to the British under the Treaty of Paris;

**AND WHEREAS** in 1779, there was a war between the British and the French over possession of Grenada, with the French ruling Grenada from 1779 and Grenada being returned to the British in 1783;

**AND WHEREAS** from 1958 to 1962, Grenada was a part of the Federation of the West Indies although remaining under British rule;

**AND WHEREAS** on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1967, Grenada was granted full autonomy over its internal affairs as an Associated State;

**AND WHEREAS** Grenada attained independence on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1974 under the leadership of Sir Eric Matthew Gairy and became a member of the Commonwealth of Nations;

**AND WHEREAS** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 marks 50 years of the Independence of Grenada from Colonial rule and both Houses of Parliament are desirous of marking this milestone;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** further endorsed at this Special Joint Sitting of the Houses of Parliament held at Mt. Wheldale, St. George, this 6<sup>th</sup>

day of February 2024, is the sentiment of the motion of 11<sup>th</sup> December 1973 by the House of Commons of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, which read:

“That the Grenada Termination of Association Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.”,

and which took effect on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1974;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Houses of Parliament of Grenada at this Joint Sitting records heartfelt independence wishes to all citizens of the State of Grenada.

The Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen seconded the Motion proposed by the Honourable Prime Minister.

The Leader of Government’s Business, Honourable Philip Telesford associated the House with the sentiments of the Motion.

The Leader of Government’s Business in the Senate, Sen. the Hon. Adrian Thomas associated the Senate with the sentiments of the Motion.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives proposed the question to the House of Representatives.

**Question put and agreed to.**

The President of the Senate proposed the question to the Senate.

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Motion approved.**

**The Speaker informed the House of the invitation extended to Secondary Schools to be present at the Special Joint Siting.**

**Mr. Speaker invited the Honourable Members of the House of Representatives to make their contributions.**

**The Under-mentioned spoke on the Motion:**

- ❖ Leader of Government’s Business and Minister for Health
- ❖ Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade & Export Development
- ❖ Minister for Economic Development, Planning, Agriculture & Lands, Marine Resources & Cooperatives

- ❖ Ministry of Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government
- ❖ Minister for Finance
- ❖ Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy
- ❖ Member for St. George North-East
- ❖ Minister for Mental Health, Wellness & Religious Affairs
- ❖ Minister for Mobilization, Implementation and Transformation
- ❖ Member for the Town of St. George
- ❖ Member for St. Mark
- ❖ Member for St. Andrew North-East
- ❖ Member for St. Andrew South-East

**Mr. Speaker informed the Houses of a rotation process to allow all the students a chance to sit in the Chamber for a period of time.**

**Madam President invited the Honourable Members of the Senate to make their contributions.**

**The Under-mentioned spoke on the Motion:**

- ❖ Sen. the Hon. Adrian A. Thomas, Leader of Government's Business & Minister of Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture

**Madam President directed that the Parliament adjourn for a short period.**

**Houses Resumed.**

- ❖ Sen. the Hon. David E. Andrew, Minister for Education
- ❖ Sen. the Hon. Quinc Britton, Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Economy & Culture
- ❖ Sen. the Hon. Claudette Joseph, Attorney General & Minister for Legal Affairs, Labour and Consumer Affairs
- ❖ Sen. the Hon. Gayton J. La Crette, Minister for Youth and Sports
- ❖ Sen. the Hon. Gloria A. Thomas, Minister for Social & Community Development, Housing and Gender Affairs (Social Security)
- ❖ Sen. the Hon. Norland Cox, Member (Deputy President)
- ❖ Sen. the Hon. Katisha Douglas, Member
- ❖ Sen. the Hon. Neilon Franklyn, Member
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis, Member, Member
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Salim Rahaman, Member
- ❖ Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair, Member

**Mr. Speaker invited the Honourable Leader of His Majesty's Opposition to speaker.**

- ❖ Leader of His Majesty's Opposition & Member for St. George North-West

- ❖ Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation and Transportation

**Mr. Speaker put the Question to the House of Representatives**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Motion approved by the House.**

**Madam President put the question to the Senate**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Motion approved by the Senate.**

***(b) The Prime Minister moved the following Motion standing in his name:***

**Whereas** the President of Ghana is here with us today. I move that both Houses of Parliament extends an invitation to the President to address both Houses.

**Speaker puts the question to the House.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**President puts the question to the Senate.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Motion approved.**

**His Excellency Nana Akufo-Addo President of Ghana made remarks.**

**Prime Minister makes thank you remarks.**

***(c) The Prime Minister moved the following Motion standing in his name:***

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Honorable Houses of Parliament record their thanks for the Gracious Address delivered today to the Houses by His Excellency **Nana Akufo-Addo President of Ghana.**

**Speaker puts the question to the House.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**President puts the question to the Senate.**

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Motion approved.**

The Prime Minister acknowledged the distinguished presence of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago, Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne and the distinguished presence of the Foreign Affairs Minister of Ghana, Honourable Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey.

The Prime Minister asked Mr. Speaker to be allowed to extend a message of congratulations from Congresswoman Barbara Lee of the United States Congress.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

***The Prime Minister moved the following Motion standing in his name:***

The Honourable Prime Minister moved the adjournment of the Houses ***sine die***.

The Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen seconded the Motion for the adjournment of the Houses ***sine die***.

Senator the Honourable Adrian Thomas associated the Senate with the sentiments of the Motion.

Senator the Honourable Norland Cox seconded the association of the Senate with the sentiments of the Motion.

**Madam President made brief remarks.**

**Mr. Speaker made brief remarks.**

The Speaker of the House of Representatives proposed the question to the House of Representatives.

**Question put and agreed to.**

The President of the Senate proposed the question to the Senate.

**Question put and agreed to.**

The Speaker advised all Honourable Members of both Houses to meet at the anti-Chamber immediately after the Special Joint Sitting.

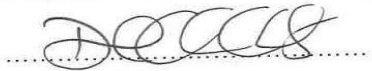
Houses adjourned ***sine die*** at **1:31 p.m.**

Submitted to the President for her signature in accordance with Section 7 (2) of the Standing Orders of the Senate.



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Andrew Augustine  
**CLERK OF PARLIAMENT**

Signed by me pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 (2).



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Dr. Dessima W. Williams  
**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

Submitted to the Speaker for his signature in accordance with Section 6 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives.



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Andrew Augustine  
**CLERK OF PARLIAMENT**

Signed by me pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 6 (2).



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Leo Cato  
**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**