



Senate

&

House of Representatives

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ceremonial State Opening of the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Friday 12th September, 2025 at 10:00 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 for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture |
| Senator the Honoiurable David E. Andrew | - | Ministry of Education |
| Senator the Honourable Quinc Britton | - | Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture |
| Senator the Honourable Seville M. C. Francis | - | Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Youth & Sports |

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| Senator the Honourable Claudette Joseph | - Attorney General & Minister for Legal Affairs, Labour and Consumer Affairs |
| Senator the Honourable Gloria Ann Thomas | - Minister for Social & Community Development, Housing and Gender Affairs |
| Senator the Honourable Norland Cox | - Opposition Member of the Senate and Leader of Opposition's Business |
| Senator the Honourable Dr. Myanna Charles | - Member of the Senate |
| Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair | - Member of the Senate |

ABSENT

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| Senator the Honourable Salim Rahaman | - Member of the Senate |
| Senator the Honourable Dwight Horsford | - Member of the Senate |

PRESENT

House of Representatives

Mr. Speaker
The Honourable Leo Cato
in the Chair

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| 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, Information and Communications Technology |
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Honourable Joseph Andall, MP (<i>St. Patrick West</i>)	- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade & Export Development
Honourable Lennox John Andrews, MP (<i>St. Andrew South West</i>)	- Minister for Blue Economy & Marine Affairs, Economic Development, Planning and Co-operatives, Agriculture & Lands, Forestry and Marine Resources
Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP (<i>Carriacou & 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 (<i>St. John</i>)	- Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy
Honourable Ron Livingston Redhead, MP (<i>St. George North-East</i>)	- Member
Honourable Philip A. Telesford, MP (<i>St. George South-East</i>)	- Minister for Health
Honourable Delma Thomas, MP (<i>St. Andrew North-West</i>)	- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health, Wellness & Religious Affairs
Honourable Andy Williams, MP (<i>South St. George</i>)	- Minister for Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation
Dr. the Hon. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP (<i>St. Mark</i>)	- Member
Honourable Kate Lewis, MP (<i>St. Andrew North-East</i>)	- Member
Honourable Peter David, MP (<i>Town of St. George</i>)	- Member

ABSENT

Honourable Emmalin Pierre, MP - Leader of His Majesty's Opposition
(St. Andrew South-East)

Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith C. Mitchell, PC, MP, JP - Member
(St. George North-West)

At 10:00 a.m. the Clerk of Parliament read the Proclamation summoning the Houses.

A PROCLAMATION

BY

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 22th day of September, 2025, issued under subsection (1) of section 52 of the Constitution of Grenada, Parliament was prorogued on the 29th day of September, 2025;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (1) of section 51 of the Constitution of Grenada that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place within Grenada and shall commence at such time as the Governor-General may by Proclamation appoint;

AND WHEREAS it is further provided by subsection (2) of section 51 of the Constitution of Grenada that there shall be a session of Parliament once at least in every year, so that a period of six months shall not intervene between the last sitting of Parliament in one session and the first sitting in the next session;

NOW THEREFORE, I CÉCILE LA GRENADE, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General in and over Grenada do hereby appoint the Parliament Building at Mount Wheldale, in the Town of Saint George as the place where the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament shall be

held at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on Friday the 12th day of September, 2025, as the time at which the said session shall begin;

AND MEMBERS of the said Parliament and all other of His Majesty's Officers and loving subjects in Grenada, and all others whom it may concern, are hereby required to take due notice hereof and give their ready obedience accordingly.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of Grenada this 2nd day of September, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five in the Third year of the reign of **HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES THE THIRD**.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

PRAYERS

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

The President of the Senate proposed that the Houses be adjourned during pleasure to await the arrival of Her Excellency the Governor-General.

Question put and agreed to.

Houses adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Houses resumed at 10:42 a.m.

Fanfare of trumpets sounded.

The Governor-General entered the Chamber and asked that all be seated.

The Prime Minister handed the Governor-General the Throne Speech and returned to his seat.

Her Excellency, the Governor-General read the Throne Speech.

The Governor-General declared the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament open.

The Prime Minister, Honourable Dickon Mitchell requested that the Gracious Address of the Governor-General be laid on the Table.

The Throne Speech was handed to the Clerk of Parliament who laid same on the Table.

Question put and agreed to.

The Presiding Officers ordered that the Throne Speech be laid on the Table.

MOTIONS

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honourable Houses of Parliament record their thanks for the Gracious Address delivered today to the Houses by the Governor-General;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the debate on the Address be deferred to a date to be named and approved.

Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters associated the Opposition with the sentiments of the Motion.

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.

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 Sergeant-at-Arms said “**All Rise**”.

Fanfare of Trumpets sounded.

The Governor-General took leave of the Houses.

ADJOURNMENT

The Prime Minister, Honourable Dickon Mitchell moved to adjourn the Houses sine die.

Honourable Kate Lewis-Peters supported the motion moved to adjourn 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.

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.

Houses adjourned ***sine die*** at 12:15 a.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