



SUMMARY REPORT NO. 11
OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
18th PARLIAMENT OF THE MONTSERRAT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD 11th November 2025

1. The following papers were laid on the Table by the:

(a) Honourable Financial Secretary:

- i. S R & O No. 42 of 2025 Customs Duties and Consumption Tax (Clifford Ryan) (Exemption) Order;
- ii. S R & O No. 44 of 2025 International Banking and Trust Companies (Fees) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations.

(b) Honourable Attorney General

- i. S R & O No. 40 of 2025 National Audit Office Act 2024 (Commencement) Order 2025;
- ii. S R & O No. 41 of 2025 Child Justice Committee (Term of Office) Regulations
- iii. S R & O No. 43 of 2025 Public Procurement Regulations 2025.

2. The following Bill had its Introduction, First, Second, and Third readings:

Supplementary Appropriation (2025) (No.2) Bill 2025.

- First Reading 11th November 2025
- Second Reading 11th November 2025
- Third Reading 11th November 2025

The Bill sought to sanction certain payments from the consolidated fund and the development fund in excess of the sums provided by law for the services of the Government of Montserrat for the period ending on the thirty-first day of March, 2026.

The Bill was passed with no amendments.

3. The Introduction and First Reading of the following Bills took place:

- i. Bank Interest Levy (Amendment) Bill 2025
The Bill seeks to amend the principal Act, the Bank Interest Levy Act (Cap. 11.28). In clause 3, section 5 of the principal Act is deleted and replaced. It provides for the payment of levy and furnishing of returns. In Clause 4, Section 5 of the principal Act is deleted and substituted. This section imposes a late payment fee of 5% of the amount of unpaid levy, for every thirty days where a Bank fails to pay all or part of the levy by the

due date. Clause 5 amends the principal Act by inserting a Schedule which provides for Bank Interest Levy Return.

- ii. Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation Agreement (Amendment) Bill 2025.
The Bill seeks to amend the Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation Agreement (Amendment) Act (Cap. 11.34) 2025. Clause 1 of the Bill provides for the short title of the Act. Clause 3 amends section 5 of the principal Act by deleting paragraph (a) in subsection (1) and substituting: (a) The banking Act (Cap. 11.02), except part 10 and section 178.
- iii. Hotel Tax (Amendment) Bill 2025
The Bill seeks to amend the Hotel Tax Act (Cap. 17.13) by (1) Deleting and substituting section 3 of the Act. Section 3 requires the proprietor of every hotel or guest house to charge and collect taxes, as well as, account for the tax charged and collected under the Act, and keep full and true records. Taxes must be paid to the Accountant General no later than 21 days after the end of each month. A copy of a return must be submitted to the Comptroller in physical or digital form. A proprietor who wilfully omits or neglects to submit a return will be liable to a fine of \$1,000. Clause 4 amends section 4 of the principal Act by deleting subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5). Clause 5 inserts Section 15 and this section provides for amendment of schedules. Clause 6 amends the principal Act by inserting a Third Schedule which provides for Hotels Tax Return.
- iv. Mined Aggregates (Export Duty) Bill 2025
The Bill seeks to provide for the imposition of a duty on the exportation of sand, stone, gravel, soil and ash from Montserrat and for related matters. Clause 1 sets out the short title of the Bill. Clause 2 provides the interpretation of certain words in the Bill. Clause 3 provides for the duty on mined aggregate. Clause 4 provides for the payment of duty. Clause 5 provides for the declaration of shipment. Clause 6 provides for the securing and deferment of duty. Clause 7 provides for alteration etc. of duty. Clause 8 provides for offence in relation to exportation and Clause 9 provides for amendment of schedule.
- v. Elections (Amendment) Bill 2025
The Bill seeks to amend the Elections Act (Cap 10.04). Clause 1 sets out the short title of the Bill. Clause 2 amends section two of the Act by inserting a definition of “unconvicted prisoner.” Clause 3 inserts section 2A which provides for the application to an existing prisoner.
- vi. Police (Amendment) Bill 2025)
The Bill seeks to amend the Police Act (Cap. 10.01). Clause 1 sets out the short title of the Bill. Clause 2 defines the term principal Act. Clause 3 and 4 deletes section 35 and 36 and substitutes new sections that provide for the hearing and determination of charges or complaints, as well as appeals under the Act. Clause 5 deletes section 37 of the principal Act. Clause 6 amends section 38(b) of the principal Act. Section 35(1) is deleted and substituted with “Regulations made under this Act.” Clause 7 deletes section 39 of the Act and substitutes a new section which provides that payment during suspension and related matters shall be in accordance with Regulations made under section 54 of this Act. Clause 8 amends section 54(1) of the Act by inserting a new subsection which

provides that the Governor may make regulations relating to the conduct and performance of members of the Service to include hearing and determination of a charge or complaint, suspension and related matters.

Bills that have had a First Reading can be found in the following places:

Legislature Department #1 Farara Plaza Brades Montserrat	Legal Department Valley View Brades Montserrat	Public Library BBC Complex Brades Montserrat	Montserrat Legislative Assembly's Website www.Parliament.ms
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