



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY BERMUDA

Session 2014 – 2015

Sitting No. 1 Friday November 7, 2014

Convening of the Legislature

Order of Business

10:00 a.m.- House convenes

(c) Prayers

Deputy Speaker moves S.O. 14 & 21 to be suspended to move message to His Excellency the Governor.

Speaker dispatches two (2) Members with Message to Governor – Ms. Kim Wilson & Mr. Jeff Sousa.

Black Rod, Chief Inspector Nicholas Pedro, arrives at Bar of House to request Members attendance on the Cabinet Office Lawn for Throne Speech.

THRONE SPEECH at Cabinet Grounds

Speaker and Members return to Chamber.

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Premier moves motion relating to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne.

(e) Confirmation of Minutes - July 18, 2014

(f) Announcements by the Speaker or Member presiding

Announcement of appointment of Members to the following Sessional Select Committees: - Standing Orders and Privileges; House and Grounds; Regulations and Panel of Chairmen

Member N. H. Cole Simons' article on "Assessing Bermuda's Parliament against the CPA Benchmarks" appearing in The Parliamentarian

Absence of Mr. W.L. Furbert from proceedings - Overseas on business.

(g) Messages from the Governor

(h) Messages from the Senate

(i) Papers and other communications to the House

Government Fees Amendment (No.4) Regulations 2014 – E. T. Richards by command laid for the consideration of the House.

Charities (Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorist Financing and Reporting) Regulations 2014 – Mr. S. D. Richards by command laid for the consideration of the House.

- (j) Petitions**
- (k) Statements by Ministers**
- (l) Reports of Committees**
- (m) Question Period**

Hon. E. T. Richards to provide written responses to parliamentary questions from Mr. D. E. Burt

1. Will the Honourable Minister please share with this Honourable House the total amount of persons contributing to the Contributory Pension Fund at the end of each of the last 12 calendar quarters (Dec. 31, 2011 – Sept. 30, 2014)?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please share with this Honourable House the total number of entities (exempted undertakings, all other categories), filing a payroll tax return for each of the last 12 payroll tax quarters (Jan. 15, 2012 – Oct. 15, 2014)?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please share with this Honourable House by industry, the amount of payroll tax filed, but not collected during each of the last 12 payroll tax quarters (Jan. 15, 2012 – Oct. 15, 2014), from hotels, bars/nightclubs; retail due to the payroll tax relief extended to these industries?

Hon. R. W. Scott to provide written responses to parliamentary questions from Mr. M. A. Weeks

1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House of the total number of individual persons receiving financial assistance, including the total financial assistance granted for the period Oct 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013?
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3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House of the total number of persons who had their financial assistance reward revoked under Section 11(1) of the Financial Assistance Act 2001, in the first nine months of 2014?

- (n) Congratulatory and/or Obituary Speeches.**
- (o) Matters of Privilege**
- (p) Personal Explanation**
- (q) Notice of motions for the Adjournment of the House on matters of urgent public importance**

(r) Introduction of Bills

(i) Government Bills

Fire Safety Act 2014 – Hon. M. H. Dunkley

International Cooperation (Tax Information Exchange Agreements) Amendment Act 2014 – Hon. E. T. Richards

U.S.A. – Bermuda Tax Convention Agreement Act 2014 – Hon. E. T. Richards

Children Amendment Act 2014 – Hon. R. W. Scott

(ii) Opposition Bills

Statutory Interest Rate Reduction Act 2014 – Mr. E. D. Burt

Debtor’s Amendment Act 2014 – Hon. W. L. Furbert

Public Holidays Amendment Act 2014 – Mr. M. A. Weeks

(iii) Private Member’s Bills

(s) Notices of Motions

“That pursuant to Part IV of the Parliament Act 1957, BE IT Resolved that given Bermuda’s colonial status, a Select Committee of the House be appointed with a mandate to examine and review the viability of the decolonisation of Bermuda and report to this Honourable House on its findings and recommendations.” – Hon. D. P. Lister

“BE IT RESOLVED by this Honourable House that for an entity funded by Government wherein the principals receive remuneration that exceeds fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) annually, the Minister responsible for that entity shall, when requested by this Honourable House, disclose to this House the nature and details of the remuneration of the principals of that entity as soon as practicable.” – Hon W. L. Furbert

“That this Honourable House take note of the escalation of healthcare and insurance costs and the need to ensure that accessible and affordable healthcare is available for every member of our community.” – Hon. Z. J. DeSilva

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House establish a Select Committee to examine, review and make recommendations and report to this House its findings on existing legislation which addresses the necessity for a public sex offenders’ register along with other pertinent matters relating to convicted sex offenders.” – Hon. Z. J. DeSilva

(t) Orders of the Day