

**Proceedings  
of the  
Honourable House of Assembly  
Session of 2018-2019**

**No. 21**

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019**

**Members Present:** His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, C. Walton Brown, Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, E. David G. Burt, L. Craig Cannonier, Rolfe P. Commissiong, Zane J.S. De Silva, Curtis L. Dickinson, Michael H. Dunkley, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Thomas C. Famous, Lovitta F. Foggo, Tinee S. Furbert, Wayne L. Furbert, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis J. Lister III, Renee D.L. Ming, Trevor G. Moniz, R. Scott Pearman, Diallo V.S. Rabain, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Michael J. Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Jamahl S. Simmons, Scott A. Simmons, Ben A. Smith, H. Kim E. Swan, Neville S. Tyrrell, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

**10:01 a.m.**

Prayers

(Mr. D.V. Burgess in the Chair)

Minutes of the Meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were confirmed.

**10:02 a.m.**

HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER announced that Mr. W.L.A Scott and Ms. L.K. Scott will be absent from today's meeting.

**10:03 a.m.**

**Papers and other Communications to the House.**

MR. W.H. ROBAN, on behalf of MR. E.D.G. BURT, read the following communication to the Speaker:-

**TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:**

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of

Assembly the "Office of Information Commissioner Financial Statements as at March 31, 2018".

Mr. E.D.G. Burt  
Premier

**10:04 a.m.**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read the following communication to the Speaker:-

**TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:**

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information "The Bermuda Monetary Authority 2018 Annual Report"

Mr. C.L. Dickinson  
Minister of Finance

**10:04 a.m.**

MR. W.L. FURBERT read the following communication to the Speaker:-

**TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:**

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Consolidated Overall Report of the Efficiency Committee April 2019”.

Mr. W.L. Furbert  
Minister for the Cabinet Office

**10:05 a.m.**

**Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers.**

MR. D.V.S. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on T.N. Tatem Middle School”.

(10:10 a.m. – MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Railway Trail and Gibbets Island”.

MR. W.L. FURBERT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Efficiency Committee Report”.

**10:25 a.m.**

**Question Period.**

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question to MR. D.V.S. RABAIN on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on T.N. Tatem Middle School”.

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a supplementary question.

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a second supplementary question.

**10:28 a.m.**

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question to MR. D.V.S. RABAIN on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on T.N. Tatem Middle School”.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a second question.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a supplementary question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a third question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a second supplementary question.

**10:38 a.m.**

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. D.V.S. RABAIN on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on T.N. Tatem Middle School”.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a second question.

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a supplementary question.

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a second supplementary question.

**10:43 a.m.**

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question to LT. COL. D.A. BURCH on his Ministerial

Statement entitled “Railway Trail and Gibbets Island”.

**10:45 a.m.**

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question to MR. W.L. FURBERT on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Efficiency Committee Report”.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a second question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a second supplementary question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a third question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

**10:49 a.m.**

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a question to MR. W.L. FURBERT on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Efficiency Committee Report”.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a supplementary question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

**10:53 a.m.**

**Congratulatory and /or Obituary Speeches:  
(Please refer to the House Hansard)**

**11:20 a.m.**

**Introduction of Bills**

MR. E.D.G. BURT, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Bermuda Economic Development Corporation Amendment Act 2019”

MR. C.L. DICKINSON, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Government Loans Amendment Act 2019”, which according to section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution requires the Governor’s recommendation.

**11:21 a.m.**

**Notices of Motion:**

MR. W.L. FURBERT gave notice that at the next day of meeting, he proposed to move the following Motion:

“That this Honourable House take note of the Consolidated Overall Report of The Efficiency Committee’, dated April 2019.”

**11:22 a.m.**

**Orders of the Day**

Orders number 1 and 2 on the Order Paper were carried over.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Premier, Ministers and Opposition Leader Personal Staffs Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

11:26 a.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

11:38 a.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

11:55 a.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

12:05 p.m. - MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

12:07 p.m. - MS. S.E. JACKSON

12:14 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

12:18 p.m. – MR. T.G. MONIZ

12:22 p.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS

12:27 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

**12:33 p.m.**

The Bill was Committed.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

**12:34 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

**2:00 p.m.**

House resumes in Committee.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 1 to 11, which was agreed to.

2:09 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

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2:10 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

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2:15 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:17 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

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2:23 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:23 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:25 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

2:27 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

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2:30 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

2:32 a.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

2:33 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

2:35 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

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2:37 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

2:37 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:39 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

Clauses 1 to 11 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

The Bill was reported to the House, as printed, which was agreed to.

**2:43 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that consideration be now given to the following Resolution:

**“WHEREAS** the Government undertook in the 2018 Speech from the Throne to *“revise the mandatory retirement age to take account of a longer lifespan, the necessity to add additional stability to pension funds and to promote greater choice among the working population about when one retires from full-time employment”*

**AND WHEREAS** the Government undertook to cause the Legislature *“to discuss options for such revisions to the age of mandatory retirement from the Public Service, which will preserve the right to retire at sixty-five but permit a post holder to work beyond that age without the requirement for permission to do so”*;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Honourable House supports the recommendations of the Sub-Committee of the Labour Advisory Committee as contained in the Report *“Reviewing the Retirement Age”*.

3:01 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

3:19 p.m. – D.V. BURGESS

3:41 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

4:05 p.m. – MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG

4:25 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

4:40 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

4:48 p.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

5:12 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

5:20 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

5:24 p.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

5:24 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

**5:28 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the said Resolution be approved, which was agreed to.

Order number 5 on the Order Paper was carried over.

**5:28 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Premier, Ministers and Opposition Leader Personal Staffs Act 2019” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. E.D.G. BURT, the Bill entitled the “Premier, Ministers and Opposition Leader Personal Staffs Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

**5:29 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

5:29 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

5:46 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

5:58 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS

6:02 p.m. – MR. M.A. WEEKS

(6:03 p.m. - MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

6:19 p.m. – MR. Z.J.S. DE SILVA

(6:30 p.m. - MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

6:34 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

6:41 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

6:53 p.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS

7:14 p.m. - MR. H.K.E. SWAN

**7:27 p.m.**

The House adjourned until Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
at 10:00 a.m.