

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2017-2018**

No. 19

Monday, 5th March, 2018

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Jeffrey C. Baron, Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, E. David. G Burt, Wayne M. Caines, L. Craig Cannonier, Michael H. Dunkley, Thomas C. Famous, Lovitta F. Foggo, Tinee S. Furbert, Wayne L. Furbert, Dr. E. Grant Gibbons, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis J. Lister III, Renee D.L. Ming, Trevor G. Moniz, Diallo V. S. Rabain, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Leah K. Scott, Michael J. Scott, Jamahl S. Simmons, Scott A. Simmons, N.H. Cole Simons, Ben A. Smith, H. Kim. E. Swan, Neville S. Tyrrell, Kim N. Wilson, Michael A. Weeks.

10:03 a.m.

Prayers

Minutes of the Meeting of 28th February 2018 were confirmed. The Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd March 2018, were deferred.

MR. SPEAKER announced that the following Members will be absent from today's meeting: Mr. C.W.D. Brown, Mr. R.P. Commissiong, Mr. W.L.A. Scott and Mr. Z.J.S. DeSilva.

10:05 a.m.

Papers and Communications to the House:

MS. K.N. WILSON on behalf of Mr. W.H. Roban, read the following communication to the Speaker:-

With the Governor's recommendation and in accordance with section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution, I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly, the "Regulatory Authority (Service Fees) Regulations 2018" proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Energy, under the provisions of section 44 of the Regulatory Authority Act 2011.

W.H. Roban
Minister of Transport and Regulatory Affairs

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Statements by Ministers and/or Junior Ministers:

MR. J.S. SIMMONS read a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Update on the Gaming Regulations, the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission”.

10:12 a.m.

Question Period:

DR. E.G. GIBBONS asked a question to Mr. J.S. Simmons on his Ministerial Statement providing an “Update on the Gaming Regulations, the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission”.

Dr. E.G. Gibbons asked a supplementary question.

MS. L.K. SCOTT asked a question.

Ms. L.K. Scott asked a second question.

Ms. L.K. Scott asked a third question.

10:15 a.m.

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

10:40 a.m.

The House held a moment of silence in memory of the late Mrs. Margaret “Kim” Young JP, a former Member of Parliament.

10:41 a.m.

Introduction of Bills:

MR. E.D.G. BURT introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Financial Services Tax Amendment Act 2018”, which according to section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution requires the Governor’s recommendation.

10:42 a.m.

Orders of the Day

MR. E.D.G BURT moved that the House resume in Committee of Supply for further consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2018/2019, which was agreed to.

Ms. R.D.L. Ming in the Chair.

MR. M.A. WEEKS moved for consideration of the following Heads: 71 – Ministry of Social Development and Sports HQ and 20 – Youth, Sport and Recreation.

11:54a.m. – Mr. B.A. Smith
12:07p.m. – Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin
12:31p.m. – Mr. N.S. Tyrrell
12:33p.m. – Mr. M.A. Weeks
12:38p.m. – Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin
12:40p.m. – Mr. B.A. Smith
12:41p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. Swan
12:41p.m. – Mr. M.A. Weeks

12:44 p.m.

MR. M.A. WEEKS moved that Heads: 71 – Ministry of Social Development and Sports HQ and 20 – Youth, Sport and Recreation be approved, which was agreed to.

12:45 p.m.

Mr. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch and resume at 2:15 p.m., which was agreed to.

2:15pm

The House resumed in Committee.

Ms. S.E. Jackson in the Chair.

MR. J.S. SIMMONS moved for consideration the following Head: 95 – Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism HQ.

3:04p.m. – Ms. L.K. Scott

3:53p.m. – Dr. E.G. Gibbons

4:34p.m. – Mr. N.H.C. Simons in the Chair.

5:16p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. Swan

5:40p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley

6:17p.m. – Ms. J.J. Atherden

6:24p.m. – Mr. J.S. Simmons

6:39p.m. – Dr. E.G. Gibbons

6:42p.m. – Mr. J.S. Simmons

6:43 p.m.

MR. J.S. SIMMONS moved that Head: 95 – Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism HQ, be approved, which was agreed to.

6:43 p.m.

MR. J.S. SIMMONS moved that the Committee rise, report progress and ask for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

The Committee rose

The House resumed

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

6:45 p.m.

Orders of the Day

Item number 2 on the Order Paper was carried over.

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH moved that consideration be given to the Form of “Sale and Purchase Agreement between the Trustees of the Sandys Secondary Middle School and the Government of Bermuda” regarding all that lot of land situate off of Broome Street in Sandy’s Parish in the Islands of Bermuda together with the appurtenances thereto and the building(s) erected thereon or on part thereof and known as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, for the sum of one million dollars.

6:50p.m. – Mr. T.G. Moniz

6:51p.m. – Lt. Col. D.A. Burch

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6:53p.m. – Mr. L.C. Cannonier

6:57p.m. – Lt. Col. D.A. Burch replied.

7:00 p.m.

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH moved that the said Form of Sale and Purchase Agreement be approved, and that a suitable Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor, which was agreed to.

(No.7)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the Form of “Sale and Purchase Agreement between the Trustees of the Sandys Secondary Middle School and the Government of Bermuda” regarding all that lot of land situate off of Broome Street in Sandy’s Parish in the Islands of Bermuda together with the appurtenances thereto and the building(s) erected thereon or on part thereof and known as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, for the sum of one million dollars, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House approved the said Form of Sale and Purchase Agreement.

-which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

7:01 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT on behalf of Mr. E.D.G. Burt, moved the second reading of the Public Bill entitled “Companies and Partnerships (Fees) Act 2018”, which was agreed to.

7:05p.m. – Ms. J.J. Atherden

7:06p.m. – Dr. E.G. Gibbons

7:08p.m. – Mr. W.L. Furbert replied.

The Bill was Committed.

Mr. D.V. Burgess in the Chair

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved Clauses 1 to 7 which was agreed to.

Clauses 1 to 7 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

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

7:13 p.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved the second reading of the Public Bill entitled “Motor Car Amendment Act 2018”, which was agreed to.

7:15p.m. – Ms. L.K. Scott

7:16p.m. – Mr. W.H. Roban replied.

The Bill was Committed.

Mr. D.V. Burgess in the Chair

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved Clauses 1 to 8 which was agreed to.

7:19p.m. – Dr. E.G. Gibbons

7:20p.m. – Mr. W.H. Roban

Clauses 1 to 8 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

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

7:23 p.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved the second reading of the Public Bill entitled “Auxiliary Bicycles Amendment Act 2018”, which was agreed to.

7:25p.m. – Ms. L.K. Scott

The Bill was Committed.

Mr. D.V. Burgess in the Chair

Mr. W.H. Roban moved Clauses 1 to 3 which was agreed to.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

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

Order numbers 7-11, inclusive on the Order Paper, were carried over.

7:29 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. E.D.G. Burt, moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Companies and Partnerships (Fees) Act 2018” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. W.L. FURBERT, the Bill entitled the “Companies and Partnerships (Fees) Act 2018” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Motor Car Amendment Act 2018” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. W.H. Roban, the Bill entitled the “Motor Car Amendment Act 2018” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Auxiliary Bicycles Amendment Act 2018” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. W.H. Roban, the Bill entitled the “Auxiliary Bicycles Amendment Act 2018” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

7:30 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that, at its rising, the House adjourn to Wednesday, 7th March 2018, which was agreed to.

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

7:31p.m. – Mr. W.M. Caines

7:44p.m. – Mr. W.H. Roban

7:46p.m. – Mr. T.C. Famous

7:53p.m. – Mr. J.C. Baron

8:00p.m. – Mr. D.V. Burgess

8:04p.m. – Mr. E.D.G. Burt

8:06 p.m.

The House adjourned until Wednesday, 7th March 2018, at 10:00am.