

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

No. 10

Friday, 1st March, 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, Wayne M. Caines, L. Craig Cannonier, Rolfe P. Commissiong, Zane J.S. De Silva, Curtis L. Dickinson, Michael H. Dunkley, Thomas C. Famous, Lovitta F. Foggo, Tinee S. Furbert, Wayne L. Furbert, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis J. Lister III, Renee D.L. Ming, Trevor G. Moniz, R. Scott Pearman, Diallo V.S. Rabain, Walter H. Roban, Leah K. Scott, Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Jamahl S. Simmons, Scott A. Simmons, Ben A. Smith, H. Kim E. Swan, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

10:03 a.m.

Prayers

Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd February, 2019 were confirmed.

2019 proposed to be made by the Minister of National Security, under the provision of section 102C(1)(a) of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956.

W.M. Caines
Minister of National Security

10:03 a.m.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER announced that Mr. N.S. Tyrrell and Mr. S.D. Richards will be absent from today's meeting.

10:05 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers:

MR. SPEAKER announced the extension to the proceedings of the Joint Select Committee on the events of December 2nd, 2016.

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Government Reform Strategic Plan".

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Update on the Work of the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission".

10:04 a.m.

Papers and Communications:

MR. W.M. CAINES read the following communication to HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

MR. W.H. ROBAN read a Ministerial Statement on the "The Bill Entitled Municipalities Reform Act 2019".

TO HIS HONOUR 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 Bermuda Immigration and Protection (Land-Holding Charges) Amendment Regulations

10:32 a.m.

MS. L.F. FOGGO read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Updates on Community and Cultural Affairs Programmes".

MR. W.M. CAINES read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Disaster Risk Reduction and Mitigation Team Update”.

MR. D.V.S. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “2018-2019 Financial Support for Bermuda College Students”.

11:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker acknowledged the presence of the Department of Parks employees who were sitting in the Public Gallery.

11:01 a.m.

Question Period

MR. E.D.G. BURT under the provisions of Standing Order 18 (4), deferred a written response to the following parliamentary question from MR. M.H. DUNKLEY.

Q1. Will the Honourable Premier please provide this Honourable House with a list of the names of all Fintech consultants employed by the Government since 18th July 2017, including the terms of reference for the position, length of contract, remuneration and all benefits?

MR. C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. C.L. DICKINSON on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on the Work of the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission”.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a question to Mr. C.L. DICKINSON on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on the Work of the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission”.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a supplementary question.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a second question.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a third question.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a supplementary question.

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question to MR. W.H. ROBAN on his Ministerial Statement entitled “The Bill Entitled Municipalities Reform Act 2019”.

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

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

MR. B.A. SMITH asked a question to MR. W.M. CAINES on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Disaster Risk Reduction and Mitigation Team Update”.

MR. B.A. SMITH asked two supplementary questions.

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

MR. B.A. SMITH asked a second question.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a question.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a supplementary question.

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

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a supplementary question.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a second question.

MS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a supplementary question.

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

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

MR. C.L. DICKINSON gave a response.

MS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. W.M. CAINES on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Disaster Risk Reduction and Mitigation Team Update”.

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

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

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. D.V.S. RABAIN on his Ministerial Statement entitled “2018-2019 Financial Support for Bermuda College Students”.

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

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Congratulatory and /or Obituary Speeches continued:

(Please refer to the House Hansard)

12: 20p.m.

Introduction of Bills:

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

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

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

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

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

MR. W.H. ROBAN introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Municipalities Reform Act 2019”.

12:25 p.m.

The Motion for the approval of the “Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 2019/2020” – deferred until after lunch.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER ordered that the House do now adjourn for lunch and resume at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

The House resumed

Orders of the Day

2:00 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER noted that MRS. P.J. GORDAN-PAMPLIN Shadow Minister of Health, Spokesperson for Finance, will deliver the Opposition Reply to the Budget.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 2019/2020 be approved.

MRS. P.J. GORDAN-PAMPLIN, Shadow Minister of Health, Spokesperson for Finance, presented a Statement in reply to the Budget Statement presented by MR. C.L. DICKINSON, Minister of Finance.

3:17 p.m. MR. W.L. FURBERT

3:57 p.m. – MR. T.G. MONIZ

(4:07 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

(4:25 p.m. – MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

4:29 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

4:59 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

5:28 p.m. – MR. J.S. SIMMONS

(5:45 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

5:46 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

6:13 p.m. – MS. K.N. WILSON

6:30 p.m. – MS. L.K. SCOTT

6:40 p.m. – MR. D.V.S. RABAIN

(6:56 p.m. - MR. D.V. BURGESS recognised the presence of former Sunday school teacher Ms. Rabain; Mr. D.V.S. Rabain's mother in the Public Gallery).

6:56 p.m. – MR. C.W.D. BROWN

7:07 p.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

(7:10 p.m. – MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

7:32 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES

7:51 p.m. – MR. B.A. SMITH

8:00 p.m. – MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG

8:33 p.m. – MR. S. PEARMAN

8:58 p.m. – MS. L.F. FOGGO

9:28p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

9:39 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS

9:54 p.m. – MR. D.A. BURCH

10:15 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT

10:30 p.m. – MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA

10:50 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

11:11 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

11:26 p.m.

The debate in the House having been concluded, the House resolved into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2019/2020.

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

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Head 48 – Ministry of Tourism and Transport Headquarters.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON 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.

Order numbers 2-6 inclusive on the Order Paper were carried over.

11:28pm

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that, at its rising, the House adjourn to Monday, 4th March 2019, which was agreed to.

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

11:29 p.m.

The House adjourned until Monday, 4th March 2019 at 10:00am.