

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
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No. 32

Friday, 22nd June, 2018

Members Present: Jeanne J. Atherden, C. Walton D. Brown, Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, E. David G. Burt, Wayne M. Caines, L. Craig Cannonier, Rolfe P. Commissiong, Curtis L. Dickinson, Michael H. Dunkley, Lovitta F. Foggo, Wayne L. Furbert, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, 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, W. Lawrence 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.

MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair as Acting Speaker.

Prayers

Minutes of the Meeting of 15th June, 2018 were confirmed.

HIS HONOUR THE ACTING SPEAKER announced the “Ombudsman for Bermuda Annual Report 2017.”

MR. ACTING SPEAKER announced that the following Members will be absent from today’s meeting: His Honour The Speaker, Ms. T.S. Furbert, Ms. S.E. Jackson, Mr. T.C. Famous and Mr. Z.J.S. De Silva.

10:05 am

Papers and Communications to the House:

MR. E.D.G. BURT read the following communication to the Acting Speaker:-

TO HIS HONOUR THE ACTING SPEAKER:

“I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly, the “Ministers and Members of the Legislature

Pension Fund: Actuarial Valuation as at March 31, 2017”.

Mr. E.D.G. Burt
Premier, Minister of Finance

MR. E.D.G. BURT read the following communication to the Acting Speaker:-

TO HIS HONOUR THE ACTING SPEAKER:

“I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly, the “Public Service Superannuation Fund: Actuarial Valuation as at March 31, 2017”.

Mr. E.D.G. Burt
Premier, Minister of Finance

10:05 am

Statements by Ministers and/or Junior Ministers:

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement on the “Actuarial Review of the Ministers and Members of the Legislature Pension Fund 2017”.

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement on the “Actuarial Report of the Public Service Superannuation Fund as at March 31, 2017”.

(10:18am HIS HONOUR THE ACTING SPEAKER acknowledged the presence of the Clergy of the A.M.E. Church in the Public Gallery.)

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Righting a Historical Wrong”.

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement on the “Insurance Regulatory Sandbox to boost InsurTech in Bermuda”.

MR. W.H. ROBAN read a Ministerial Statement on “Road Sobriety Checkpoints”.

MS. K.N. WILSON read a Ministerial Statement regarding “Public Health Advisories on Travel, Summer Camps and Free Health Screenings”.

MS. L.F. FOGGO read a Ministerial Statement on the “Implementation of the Code of Practice for Project Management and Procurement”.

MR. C.W.D. BROWN read a Ministerial Statement on the “Creation of a New Category of Dwelling Unit”.

MR. D.V.S. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement on the “Transition of the Community Education Development Programme”.

11:00 a.m.

Question Period:

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a question to Ms. L.F. Foggo on her Ministerial Statement on the “Implementation of the Code of Practice for Project Management and Procurement”.

Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin asked a supplementary question.

Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin asked a second supplementary question.

Mrs. J.J. Atherden asked a supplementary question.

Mrs. J.J. Atherden asked a second supplementary question.

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

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

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

Mr. N.H.C. Simons asked a supplementary question.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a question to Mr. E.D.G. Burt on his Ministerial Statement on the “Insurance Regulatory Sandbox to boost InsurTech in Bermuda”.

Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin asked a supplementary question.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a second question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to Mr. D.V.S. Rabain on his Ministerial Statement on the “Transition of the Community Education Development Programme”.

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

Mr. N.H.C. Simons asked a supplementary question.

11:19 p.m.

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

11:39 a.m.

Introduction of Bills:

MR. E.D.G. BURT introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Insurance Amendment Act 2018”.

MR. W.H. ROBAN introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Road Traffic (Road Sobriety Checkpoints) Amendment Act 2018”.

11:40 a.m.

Orders of the Day

MS. K.N. WILSON moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Health Insurance Amendment (No. 2) Act 2018”, which was agreed to.

11:49a.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

12:20p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. Swan

12:30 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch and resume at 2:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

2:00 p.m.

The House resumed.

2:00p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. Swan

2:05p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley

2:24p.m. – Mr. E.D.G. Burt

2:31p.m. – Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin

2:48p.m. – Ms. K.N. Wilson

The Bill was Committed.

Mr. H.K.E. Swan in the Chair

MS. K.N. WILSON moved Clauses 1-4, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-4 were agreed to, as printed.

3:12 p.m.

MS. K.N. WILSON moved Clauses 5-7, which was agreed to.

3:12p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

3:13p.m. – Ms. K.N. Wilson

Clauses 5-7 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.

The House agreed to consider Order number 3 prior to Order number 2.

3:15 p.m.

MS. K.N. WILSON moved that consideration be now given to the draft Regulations entitled the “Government Fees Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2018” proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance, under the provisions of section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965.

3:16p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

3:17p.m. – Ms. K.N. Wilson

MS. K.N. WILSON moved that the said draft Regulations be approved, and that following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

(No.18)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the “Government Fees Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2018” proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance, under the provisions of section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House approved the said draft Regulations.

-which was agreed to.

3:18 p.m.

MR. W.M. CAINES moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Defence Amendment Act 2018”, which was agreed to.

3:38p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley

4:06p.m. – Mr. D.J.R Lister III
4:19p.m. – Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin
4:36p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. Swan
4:48p.m. – Lt. Col. D.A. Burch
5:06p.m. – Mr. R.P. Commissiong

(5:10p.m. Mr. H.K.E. Swan in the Acting Speaker's Chair.)

(5:24p.m. Mr. D.V. Burgess in the Acting Speaker's Chair.)

5:28p.m. – Mr. J.S. Simmons
5:34p.m. – Mr. W.M. Caines

The Bill was Committed.

Mr. H.K.E. Swan in the Chair

MR. W.M. CAINES moved Clauses 1-5, which was agreed to.

5:46p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley
5:48p.m. – Mr. W.M. Caines
5:49p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley
5:50p.m. – Mr. W.M. Caines
5:51p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley
5:51p.m. – Mr. W.M. Caines
5:52p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley
5:52p.m. – Mr. W.M. Caines

Clauses 1-5 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.

Order numbers 4-5 were carried over.

5:54 p.m.

MS. L.F. FOGGO moved that the House do now take under consideration the following motion:

“That this Honourable House take note of the 2016 Population and Housing Census Report.”

- which was agreed to.

6:46p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley
7:17p.m. – Mr. C.W.D. Brown
7:29p.m. – Mr. T.G. Moniz
7:47p.m. – Ms. K.N. Wilson
8:04p.m. – Mr. R.P. Commissiong
8:27p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden
8:45p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. Swan
9:10p.m. – Mr. L.C. Cannonier
9:24p.m. – Mr. J.S. Simmons
9:37p.m. – Mr. M.J. Scott
10:01p.m. – Mr. D.V.S. Rabain

The House took note.

10:11 p.m.

MS. K.N. WILSON moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable her to move that the Bill entitled the “Health Insurance Amendment (No. 2) Act 2018” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Ms. K.N. Wilson, the Bill entitled the “Health Insurance Amendment (No. 2) Act 2018” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

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

On the motion of Mr. W.M. Caines, the Bill entitled the “Defence Amendment Act 2018” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

10:12 p.m.

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

The House was adjourned until Friday, 29th June, 2018 at 10:00am.