

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
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Friday, 29th June, 2018

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, 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, 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, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Leah K. Scott, 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, Michael A. Weeks.

10:03 a.m.

Prayers

Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd June, 2018 were confirmed.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER announced that the following Member will be absent from today's meeting: Ms. K.N. Wilson

Statements by Ministers and/or Junior Ministers:

10:04 a.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement on the "Amending the Banks and Deposit Companies Act 1999".

10:14 a.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Energy Efficiency: A Throne Speech Initiative".

10:20 a.m.

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Waste Management".

Question Period:

10:28 a.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT provided written answers to the following parliamentary question from MR. M.H. DUNKLEY.

1. Would the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House of all paid consultants currently hired in the Cabinet Office; and provide details of their responsibility, remuneration and length of contract?

A1.

Name: The Group

Responsibility: To represent the Government in Washington DC and advocate the Government's interest before the United States Congress.

Remuneration: 20,000 per month

Length of Contract: 1st November 2017 (month to month)

Name: Public Service Negotiating Team

Responsibility: 4 members – J. Smith, V. Hollinsid, O. Simmons and M. Law. To act on behalf of the Bermuda Government on instruction on first point of contact with public sector Unions for the purposes of negotiations

Remuneration: \$5,000 (each member) per month

Length of Contract: May 2018 -
10:29 a.m.

MR. C.W.D. BROWN provided oral responses to the following parliamentary questions from MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN.

*1. Would the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House what progress has been made in negotiations with Her Majesty's Passport Office (HMPO) in respect of the issuance of new Bermuda passports with the required "BMU" code?

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

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

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

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

*2. Would the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House what is the rationale for sending the dispute between the Government and the Department of Public Transportation relating to the recent action by bus drivers, to the Labour Disputes Tribunal?

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

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a question to Mr. E.D.G. Burt on his Ministerial Statement on "Amending the Banks and Deposit Companies Act 1999".

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

MS. S. E. JACKSON asked a question to Mr. E.D.G. Burt on his Ministerial Statement on "Amending the Banks and Deposit Companies Act 1999".

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

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

10:54 a.m.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question to LT. COL. D.A. BURCH on his Ministerial Statement on "Waste Management".

10:55 a.m.

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

11:39 a.m.

Introduction of Bills:

MR. C.W.D. BROWN, on behalf of MS. K.N. WILSON, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled "Legal Aid Amendment Act 2018".

MR. M.A. WEEKS introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled "Family Mediation Act 2018".

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled "Land Title Registration Amendment Act 2018".

MR. C.W.D. BROWN introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled "Care and Protection of Animals Amendment Act 2018".

11:40 a.m.

Orders of the Day

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "The Internal Audit Amendment Act 2018", which was agreed to.

11:44 a.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

11:46 a.m.

The Bill was Committed.

MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved Clauses 1-2, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-2 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.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved the second reading of the Bill entitled “The Fintech Development Fund Act 2018”, which was agreed to.

11:55a.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

12:10p.m. - Mr. R.P. Commissiong

12:31 p.m.

MR. C.W.D. BROWN 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.

2:01 p.m. - Mr. M.H. Dunkley

2:16 p.m. - Mr. W.M. Caines

2:23 p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. Swan

2:26 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin

2:29 p.m. – Mr. E.D.G. Burt

2:40 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 1-7, which was agreed to.

2:42 p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

2:44 p.m. – Ms. L.K. Scott

2:47 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin

2:49 p.m. – Mr. E.D.G. Burt

2:52 p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley

2:52 p.m. – Ms. L.K. Scott

2:53 p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

2:55 p.m. – Mr. E.D.G. Burt

2:56 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin

2:58 p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

3:00 p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley

3:02 p.m. – Mr. E.D.G. Burt

Clauses 1-7 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.

3:04 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled “The Internal Audit Amendment Act 2018” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. E.D.G. BURT, the Bill entitled “The Internal Audit Amendment Act 2018” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled “The Fintech Development Fund Act 2018” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. E.D.G. BURT, the Bill entitled “The Fintech Development Fund Act 2018” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

3:05 p.m.

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

3:05 p.m. – Mr. R. P. Commissiong

3:25 p.m.

The House was adjourned until Friday, 6th July, 2018 at 10:00am.