

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

**No. 22**

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

**Members Present:** His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Jeffrey C. Baron, 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. DeSilva, Michael H. Dunkley, Thomas C. Famous, Lovitta F. Foggo, Tinee S. Furbert, Dr. E. Grant Gibbons, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis J. Lister III, Renee D.L. Ming, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Leah K. Scott, W. Lawrence 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.

**10:04 a.m.**

Prayers

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

Minutes of the Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were deferred.

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MR. SPEAKER read the Commonwealth Day message from Her Majesty the Queen entitled "Towards a Common Future".

**10:09 a.m.**

**Statements by Ministers and/or Junior Ministers:**

Mr. Speaker announced the participation of Members of the Youth Parliament at a Summit held today, at the Hamilton Princess.

MR. M.A. WEEKS read a Ministerial Statement regarding the "CARF Accreditation of Drug Treatment Programmes".

Mr. Speaker announced that Mr. D.V.S. Rabain will be absent from today's meeting.

**10:16 a.m.**

**Question Period:**

**10:08 p.m.**

**Papers and Communications to the House:**

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

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a question to Mr. M.A. Weeks on his Ministerial Statement regarding the "CARF Accreditation of Drug Treatment Programmes".

**TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:**

Pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 96 of the Constitution, I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly "Supplementary Estimate No. 2 for Financial Year 2017/18".

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a second question.  
Mr. M.H. Dunkley asked a supplementary question.  
Mr. M.H. Dunkley asked a second supplementary question.

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

**10:20 a.m.**

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

**10:32 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.

Mr. R.P. Commissioning in the Chair.

**10:35 a.m.**

MS. L.F. FOGGO moved for consideration of the following Heads: 09 – Cabinet Office; 13 – Post Office; 14 – Department of Statistics; 26 – Department of Human Resources; 43 – Department of Information and Digital Technologies; 51 – Department of Communications; and 80 – Project Management and Procurement.

11:45a.m. – Mr. D.V. Burgess in the Chair.

11:51a.m. – Mr. R.P. Commissioning in the Chair.

12:10p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

**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 in Committee.

Ms. S.E. Jackson in the Chair.

2:01p.m. – Ms. Atherden continued.

2:30p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley

2:49p.m. – Ms. L.F. Foggo

**3:05 p.m.**

MS. L.F. FOGGO moved that Heads: 09 – Cabinet Officer; 13 – Post Office; 14 – Department of Statistics; 26 – Department of Human Resources; 43 – Department of Information and Digital Technologies; 51 – Department of Communications; and 80 – Project Management and Procurement, be approved, which was agreed to.

**3:07 p.m.**

MR. W.M. CAINES moved for consideration of the following Heads: 06 – Defence; 07 – Police; 12 – Customs; 25 – Department of Corrections; 45 – Fire Services; and 67 – Department of Information and Communication Technology.

4:02 p.m. – Mr. N.H.C. Simons in the Chair.

4:58p.m. – Mr. J.C. Baron

(5:18p.m. – Mr. N.H.C. Simons, in the Chair, acknowledged the presence of Pastor David Steede of the Hamilton Seventh-Day Adventist Church in the Public Gallery).

6:01p.m. – Mr. D.V. Burgess in the Chair.

6:06p.m. – Dr. E.G. Gibbons

6:46p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley

7:20p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. Swan

7:44p.m. – Mr. C.T. Famous

7:47p.m. – Mr. M.H. Dunkley

7:48p.m. – Mr. W.M. Caines

**8:07 p.m.**

MR. W.M. CAINES moved that Heads: 06 – Defence; 07 – Police; 12 – Customs; 25 – Department of Corrections; 45 – Fire Services; and 67 – Department of Information and Communication Technology be approved, which was agreed to.

**8:08 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that all remaining Heads: 01, 02, 05, 56, 63, 85, 92, 98, 101, 84, 03, 74, 75, 11, 12, 28, 39, 59, 19, 31, 57, 73, 83, 50, 46 of the “Appropriation Act 2018” be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

Mr. E.D.G. Burt moved that the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2018/2019 be approved, which was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

The Chairman reported the approval of the Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2018/2019, as printed.

-which was agreed to.

**8:10 p.m.**

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

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that in accordance with Standing Order 28 (5) (1) that under the provisions of Standing Orders 41 (12) & 42 the remaining stages of the Bill entitled “The Appropriation Act 2018” be taken forthwith, which was agreed to.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the Bill entitled “The Appropriation Act 2018” be now read the second time in the House

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 1 to 6 inclusive, together with Schedules A, B and C, as printed, which was agreed to.

The Preamble was approved.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the Bill entitled “The Appropriation Act 2018” be now read the third time by its title only and passed, which was agreed to.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the following Message be sent to the Senate:-

(No.9)

**TO THE HONOURABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:**

The House of Assembly has the honour to forward herewith the undernoted Bill for the concurrence of your House:

“The Appropriation Act 2018”

Copies of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2018/19 are also forwarded for the information of your House.

-which was agreed to.

**Orders of the Day**

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. E.D.G. Burt moved for consideration of the draft Regulations entitled the “Government Fees Amendment Regulations 2018” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Finance under the powers conferred by Section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965.

8:18p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

8:20p.m. – Mr. W.L. Furbert

8:21p.m. – Dr. E.G. Gibbons

8:23p.m. – Lt. Col. D.A. Burch

8:28p.m. – Mr. W.L. Furbert

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved that the said draft Regulations be approved, and that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

(No.16)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled the “Government Fees Amendment Regulations 2018” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Finance under the powers conferred by 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.

**8:30 p.m.**

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. E.D.G. Burt moved for consideration of the draft Regulations entitled the “Government Fees (Trade Marks and Service Marks) Amendment Regulations 2018” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Finance under the powers conferred by Section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965.

8:40p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved that the said draft Regulations be approved, and that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

(No.17)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled the “Government Fees (Trade Marks and Service Marks) Amendment Regulations 2018” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Finance under the powers conferred by 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.

**8:42 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. Burt moved the second reading of the Public Bill entitled the “Bermuda Monetary Authority Amendment Act 2018”, which was agreed to.

8:43p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

8:44p.m. – Mr. N.H.C. Simons

8:44p.m. – Mr. E.D.G. Burt

The Bill was Committed.

Mr. D.V. Burgess in the Chair

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 1 to 2 which was agreed to.

Clauses 1 to 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.

**8:48 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. Burt moved the second reading of the Public Bill entitled the “Cost of Living Commission Amendment Act 2018”, which was agreed to.

8:50p.m. – Mrs. J.J. Atherden

The Bill was Committed.

Mr. D.V. Burgess in the Chair

MR. E.D.G. BURT 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 House resumed.

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

Order numbers 6-10, inclusive on the Order Paper, were carried over.

**8:35 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Bermuda Monetary Authority 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 “Bermuda Monetary Authority 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 “Cost of Living Commission 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 “Cost of Living Commission Amendment Act 2018” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

**9:00 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G BURT moved that Standing Order 14 be suspended to enable him to present the following communication to the House, which was agreed to.

MR. E.D.G. BURT gave notice that at the next day of meeting he proposes to move the following resolution:

**“BE IT RESOLVED”** that previous resolutions of this House made pursuant to Section 2 of the Ministers and Members of the Legislature (Salaries and Pensions) Act 1975 be revoked.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to section 2 of the Ministers and Members of the Legislature (Salaries and Pensions) Act 1975 the annual salaries payable to Members of the Legislature listed in Part A and Officers of the Legislature listed in Part B of the table below shall be as set out in column 3 of the table with effect from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.”

#### **TABLE OF SALARIES**

##### **A. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE**

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
(1)	(2)	(3)
Senators	\$30,367	\$30,367
Members of the House of Assembly	\$56,023	\$56,023

##### **B. OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATURE**

(Salaries additional to salaries as Senators or Members of the House of Assembly)

President of the Senate	\$15,181	\$15,181
Speaker, House of Assembly	\$26,569	\$26,569
Vice President, Senate	\$3,308	\$3,308
Deputy Speaker, House of Assembly	\$13,285	\$13,285
Premier	\$151,262	\$151,262
Deputy Premier*	\$112,942	\$112,942
Minister of Finance	\$121,010	\$121,010

(As a part-time Minister)	\$60,505	\$60,505
Attorney General	\$147,022	\$147,022
Other Ministers in House of Assembly	\$100,841	\$100,841
(As a part-time Minister)	\$50,421	\$50,421
Other Ministers in the Senate	\$100,841	\$100,841
(As a part-time Minister)	\$50,421	\$50,421
Opposition Leader	\$30,367	\$30,367
Junior Ministers in House of Assembly	\$11,387	\$11,387
Junior Ministers in Senate	\$11,425	\$11,425
Party Whips	\$7,593	\$7,593

\* Where the Deputy Premier is also the Minister of Finance, the additional salary shall be \$121,010

**Hon. E.D.G Burt  
Premier, Minister of Finance**

**9:00 p.m.**

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

9:00p.m. – Mr. N.S. Tyrrell  
 9:09p.m. – Mr. C.T. Famous  
 9:21p.m. – Mr. J.C. Baron  
 9:29p.m. – Mr. Z.J.S. DeSilva  
 9:50p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. Swan  
 10:04p.m. – Mr. W.M. Caines  
 10:13p.m. – Mr. M.J. Scott  
 10:35p.m. – Mr. E.D.G. Burt

**10:37 p.m.**

The House adjourned until Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 10:00am.