

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

**No. 32**

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

**Members Present:** Jeanne J. Atherden, Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, L. Craig Cannonier, Wayne M. Caines, Rolf P. Commissiong, Zane J.S. De Silva, 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, Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence A. Scott, Scott A. Simmons, N.H. Cole Simons, Ben A. Smith, Neville S. Tyrrell, Michael A. Weeks.

**[This meeting of the House was conducted in the Temporary House Chamber located on the Third Floor at Veritas Place on Court Street in the City of Hamilton.]**

**10:05 a.m.**

Prayers

HIS HONOUR THE ACTING SPEAKER administered the Oaths of Allegiance and of an Assemblyman to the following Honourable Member Mr. Jason Hayward.

**10:08 a.m.**

Minutes of the Meeting of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were confirmed.

HIS HONOUR THE ACTING SPEAKER announced that His Honour The Speaker, Mr. E.D.G. Burt, Mr. C.L. Dickinson, Ms. K.N. Wilson, Mr. J.S. Simmons, Mr. H.K.E. Swan, Ms. L.K. Scott, and Mr. S.D. Richards will be absent from today's meeting.

**10:10 a.m.**

**Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers.**

MR. W.M. CAINES read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Roadside Sobriety Checks".

**10:11 a.m.**

MR. L.C. CANNONIER provided an apology to the Acting Speaker and the House of Assembly.

**10:11 a.m.**

MR. W.M. CAINES resumed reading the Ministerial Statement entitled "Roadside Sobriety Checks".

**10:21 a.m.**

LT. COL. DAVID A. BURCH read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Staffing Updates in the Ministry of Public Works".

**10:30 a.m.**

THE ACTING SPEAKER congratulated those staff members of Public Works who were recently promoted.

**10:31 a.m.**

MS. L.F. FOGGO read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Celebration of Sammy Wilson and Clarence Hill”.

MS. L.F. FOGGO read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Improving Race Relations in Bermuda”.

**10:43 a.m.**

**Reports of Committees.**

MS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN moved the following motion to the Acting Speaker:

TO HIS HONOUR THE ACTING SPEAKER:

Under the provisions of Standing Order 34(3) of the House of Assembly, I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly, the following reports:

“Public Accounts Committee Report on: The Work and Activities of the Public Accounts Committee over the Period from June 2018 to November 2019”;

“Public Accounts Committee Report on: Breaches of Financial Instructions and Corrective Measures”; and

“Public Accounts Committee Report on: The Processes Involved in Handling the Cases of Public Officers Placed on Administrative Leave”.

10:48 a.m. – MRS. R.D.L. MING

10:57 a.m. - MS. S.E. JACKSON

**11:03 a.m.**

**Question Period.**

Under the provisions of Standing Order 18(4), MR. E.D.G. BURT deferred written response to the following parliamentary questions from Mr. L.C. Cannonier:-

1. Notwithstanding, the responses provided to questions by the Honourable Premier on July 12, 2019; will the Honourable Premier please advise this Honourable House if any Members of Parliament have been paid from the public purse for any services, other than Government Committees, Government Boards or Quangos?

2. Will the Honourable Premier please identify for this Honourable House the Members of Parliament and the amounts paid or the outstanding amounts due to them?

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked the Acting Speaker about a set of Parliamentary Questions that had not been answered since July 2019.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked why the questions in his name on the Order Paper were not answered.

*\*The matter was referred to the Speaker’s Chambers.*

**11:07 a.m.**

MRS P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question to Mr. W.M. Caines on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Roadside Sobriety Checks”.

**11:09 a.m.**

MRS P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question to Ms. L.F. Foggo on her Ministerial Statement entitled “Celebration of Sammy Wilson and Clarence Hill”.

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

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

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

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question to Ms. L.F. Foggo on her Ministerial Statement entitled “Improving Race Relations in Bermuda”.

**11:14 a.m.**

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

**11:23 a.m.**

THE ACTING SPEAKER acknowledged the presence of Senate President, Senator the Hon. Joan Dillas-Wright, MBE, JP, who was sitting in the Speaker’s Gallery.

**11:26 a.m.**

**Introduction of Bills**

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. C.L. Dickinson, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Bermuda Monetary Authority Amendment Act 2019.”

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. C.L. Dickinson, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Economic Substance Amendment (No. 2) Act 2019.”

MR. W.L. FURBERT introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Government Authorities Act 2019.”

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. C.L. Dickinson, introduced and read for the first time

by its title a Bill entitled the “Insurance (No. 2) Amendment Act 2019.”

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. C.L. Dickinson, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Investment Funds Amendment (No. 2) Act 2019.”

MR. N.S. TYRRELL, on behalf of Ms. K.N. Wilson, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Criminal Injuries (Compensation) Amendment Act 2019.”

MR. Z.J.S. DE SILVA introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Superyachts and Other Vessels (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2019.”

MR. Z.J.S. DE SILVA introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “West End Development Corporation (Traffic Officers) Amendment Act 2019.”

**11:26 a.m.**

**Orders of the Day**

Order number 1 on the Order Paper was carried over.

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. C.L. Dickinson moved the following motion to the Acting Speaker:

TO HIS HONOUR THE ACTING SPEAKER,

Under the provisions of Standing Order 48, I move to withdraw the Bill entitled “Investment Funds Amendment Act 2019” that was tabled September 27, 2019.

Order number 2 on the Order Paper was withdrawn.

**11:28 a.m.**

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. C.L. Dickinson, moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “National Pension Scheme (Occupational Pensions) Temporary Amendment Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

11:40 a.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

11:54 a.m. – MR. N.S. TYRRELL

11:57 a.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

12:01 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

12:10 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

The Bill was Committed.

(Committee Chair to be named after lunch)

**12:22 p.m.**

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

**2:01 p.m.**

House resumes in Committee.

(MRS. R.D.L. MING in the Chair)

**2:04 p.m.**

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved Clauses 1 to 5, which was agreed to.

2:09 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:13 p.m. – MR. T.G. MONIZ

2:22 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:25 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved that the Committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again on the Bill, which was agreed to.

**2:28 p.m.**

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. C.L. Dickinson, moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Internal Audit Amendment Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

2:30 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:32 p.m. – MRS. R.D.L. MING

2:33 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

The Bill was Committed.

(MRS. R.D.L. MING in the Chair)

**2:35 p.m.**

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

2:40 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:42 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

Clauses 1 to 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.

Order numbers 5 to 7 inclusive on the Order Paper were carried over.

**2:46 p.m.**

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of Mr. C.L. Dickinson, moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Internal Audit Amendment Act 2019” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. W.L. FURBERT, the Bill entitled the “Internal Audit Amendment Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

**2:47 p.m.**

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that, at its rising, the House adjourn to Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019, which was agreed to.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

2:47 p.m. – MR. J.P. HAYWARD – Maiden Speech

2:56 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

3:08 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

3:28 p.m. – MR. D.V.S. RABAIN

3:37 p.m. – MR. D.J.R. LISTER

3:48 p.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

4:08 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

4:28 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES

4:44 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

5:04 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT

5:17 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

5:31 p.m. – MR. W.L.A. SCOTT

5:48 p.m. – MR. Z.J.S. DE SILVA

6:09 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

**6:29 p.m.**

The House adjourned until Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 10:00 a.m.