

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

AMENDED

No. 15

Friday, 23rd February, 2018

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Jeffrey C. Baron, 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. DeSilva, Thomas C. Famous, Lovitta F. Foggo, Tinee S. Furbert, Wayne L. Furbert, Dr. E. Grant Gibbons, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis J. Lister III, Renee D.L. Ming, Trevor G. Moniz, 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, H. Kim E. Swan, Neville S. Tyrrell, Kim N. Wilson, Michael A. Weeks.

10:04 a.m.

Prayers

Minutes of the Meeting of 16th February 2018 were confirmed.

10:05 a.m.

The Speaker announced that the following Member will be absent from today's meeting: Ms. L.K. Scott

Messages from the Senate

The Speaker announced that the following messages had been received from the Senate:

(No. 3)

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

I am pleased to inform your Honourable House that the Senate has agreed to the establishment of a Parliamentary Joint Select Committee to examine, review and make recommendations on the existing legislation regarding sex offenders, the necessity for a public sex offenders' register and related matters, as per the Resolution approved by your Honourable House on 8th December 2017; and I am further pleased to

confirm the appointment of Senator Michelle Simmons and Senator Crystal Caesar to serve as the Senate's representatives on the said Parliamentary Joint Select Committee.

Senator the Hon. Joan E. Dillas-Wright, M.B.E., J.P.
PRESIDENT

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(No. 4)

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

I am pleased to inform your Honourable House that the Senate has agreed to the establishment of the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee appointed to investigate, report on its subsequent findings, and to make recommendations to the House of Assembly with respect to the implementation of a living wage regime for Bermuda, as per the Resolution approved by your Honourable House on 29th September 2017; and I am further pleased to confirm the appointment of Senator Jason Hayward and Senator Nandi Outerbridge to serve as the Senate's representatives on the said Parliamentary Joint Select Committee.

Senator the Hon. Joan E. Dillas-Wright, M.B.E., JP.
PRESIDENT

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**TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER AND
MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE
OF ASSEMBLY:**

I am pleased to inform your Honourable House that the Senate has agreed to the establishment of the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into the events of 2nd December 2016 at the House of Assembly as thoroughly as may be possible; to bring closure to this event by the making of all proper and necessary findings and recommendations; and to submit its report to the House of Assembly within three to six months, as per the Resolution approved by your Honourable House on 24th November 2017; and I am further pleased to confirm the appointment of yours truly, Senator Joan Dillas-Wright, and Senator Andrew Simons to serve as the Senate's representatives on the said Parliamentary Joint Select Committee.

Senator the Hon. Joan E. Dillas-Wright, M.B.E., J.P.
PRESIDENT

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(No. 6)

**TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER AND
MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE
OF ASSEMBLY:**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Senator Andrew W.R. Simons JP, in replacement of Senator Nandi S.O. Outerbridge JP, to serve as one of the Senate's representatives on the Standing Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the Register of Members' Interests.

Senator the Hon. Joan E. Dillas-Wright, M.B.E., J.P.
PRESIDENT

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Papers and Communications:

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER.

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly the form of a Sale and Purchase Agreement between the Trustees of the Sandys Secondary Middle School and the Government of Bermuda, regarding Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 situated at Broome Street in Sandys Parish for \$1 million dollars.

Lt. Col. D.A. Burch
Minister of Public Works

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MS. K.N. WILSON read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER.
TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the "Bermuda Hospitals Board Annual Report 2012-2013".

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Hon. K.N. Wilson
Minister of Health

Orders of the Day

10:08 a.m.

MRS. J.J.ATHERDEN, Shadow Minister of Finance, presented a Statement in reply to the Budget Statement presented by MR. E.D. G. Burt, Minister of Finance.

11:09 a.m. - Mr. W.L. Furbert
12:07 a.m. - Mr. T.G. Moniz

12:32pm

MS. K.N. WILSON moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

The Speaker announced the presence of Senators James Jardine, Justin Mathias, and Jason Hayward, in the chamber. The Speaker also acknowledged the presence of former member Arthur Hodgson in the public gallery.

His Honour the Speaker ordered that the House do now adjourn for lunch and resume at 2:00 p.m.

2:00pm

The House resumed

2:01pm-MR .M.J. SCOTT
2:30pm-MR. W.M. CAINES
2:49pm-MR. L.C. CANNONIER
3:18pm-MR. T.C. FAMOUS
(3:23pm-MR D.V. BURGESS IN THE CHAIR)
3:42pm-MR. D.J. LISTER III
3:58pm-MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
(4:15pm-MR. SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR)

4:29pm

The Speaker acknowledged the presence of Dr. Carika Weldon and visiting scientists group in the gallery, and congratulated Dr. Weldon on her work in the field of Gene Splicing.

4:30pm-MS. S.E. JACKSON
4:58pm-MRS. T.S. FURBERT
5:15pm-DR. E.G. GIBBONS
5:45pm-MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA
6:15pm-MR. S.D. RICHARDS
6:45pm- MRS. R. D. L. MING
7:00pm-MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN
7:27pm-MR. D.V. BURGESS
7:47pm-MR. R.P.COMMISSIONG

8:06pm

The Speaker acknowledged the presence of former member Mr. Darius Tucker in the public gallery.

8:07pm-MR. N.S. TYRRELL
8:18pm-MR. H.K.E. SWAN
8:35pm-MR. D.V.S. RABAIN
8:54pm- MR. S.A. SIMMONS
9:03pm-LT. COL. D.A. BURCH
9:15pm-MR. W.H. ROBAN
9:30pm-MR. E.D.G. BURT

The debate in the House having been concluded, the House resolved into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2018/2019.

MR.D.V. BURGESS in the Chair

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Heads 04 and 87 Ministry of Legal Affairs and Attorney-General's Chamber.

MR. E.D.G. BURT 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 2-3 inclusive on the Order Paper were carried over.

9:50pm

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that, at its rising, the House adjourn to Monday, 26th February 2018, which was agreed to.

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

9:51pm

The House adjourned until Monday, 26th February 2018 at 10:00am.