

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

No. 17

Monday, 18th March, 2019

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, 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. De Silva, Curtis L. Dickinson, Michael H. Dunkley, Thomas C. Famous, Lovitta F. Foggo, 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, N. H. Cole Simons, Jamahl S. Simmons, Scott A. Simmons, Ben A. Smith, H. Kim E. Swan, Neville S. Tyrell, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

10:06 a.m.

Prayers

Minutes of the Meeting of March 11th were confirmed. Minutes of the Meetings of March 13th and March 15th, 2019 were deferred.

10:07 a.m.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER announced that Ms. T.S. Furbert will be absent from today's meeting.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER reminded Ministers that it was important and courteous to follow up with responses to questions posed by Members pertaining to Ministerial Statements.

10:08 a.m.

Papers and other Communications to the House.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read the following communication to the Speaker:-

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. 3 for Financial Year 2017/18".

Mr. C.L. Dickinson
Minister of Finance

MS. K.N. WILSON read the following communication to 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 "2018 Annual Report of the Bermuda Drug Information Network (BerDIN)".

Ms. K.N. Wilson
Minister of Health,
Spokesperson for Legal Affairs

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 2019 to 30 June 2019.

10:10 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers.

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement on the “Ministers and Members of the Legislature (Salaries and Pensions) Act 1975”.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read a Ministerial Statement on “Supplementary Estimate No. 3 for Financial Year 2017/18”.

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

10:25 a.m.

Orders of the Day

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 approved:

“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

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 (As a part-time Minister)	\$121,010	\$121,010
Attorney General	\$60,505	\$60,505
Other Ministers in House of Assembly (As a part-time Minister)	\$147,022	\$147,022
Other Ministers in the Senate (As a part-time Minister)	\$100,841	\$100,841
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Other Ministers in the Senate (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 House of Assembly	\$11,425	\$11,425

Senate
Party Whips \$7,593 \$7,593

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

10:27 a.m.

Orders resumed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that the House resume in Committee of Supply for further consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2019/2020, which was agreed to.

(MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG in the Chair.)

10:30 a.m.

MR. W.M. CAINES moved for consideration the following Head: 27 – Immigration.

- 10:50 a.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS
- 11:00 a.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN
- 11:11 a.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES
- 11:19 a.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN
- 11:20 a.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS
- 11:26 a.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES
- 11:31 a.m. – MR. B.A. SMITH
- 11:37 a.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER
- 11:40 a.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES
- 11:48 a.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN
- 11:52 a.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS
- 11:53 a.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN
- 11:55 a.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES
- 11:59 a.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER
- 12:00 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN
- 12:01 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES
- 12:05 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS
- 12:09 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN
- 12:10 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES
- 12:12 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

- 12:16 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES
- 12:17 p.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS
- 12:19 p.m. – MR. B.A. SMITH
- 12:20 p.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS
- 12:21 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN
- 12:23 p.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS

12:23 p.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN 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. L.K. SCOTT in the Chair)

- 2:01 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES
- 2:15 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER
- 2:20 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES
- 2:25 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER
- 2:29 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES
- 2:34 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:49 p.m.

MR. W.M. CAINES moved that Head 27 – Immigration, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

2:51 p.m.

MR. C.W.D. BROWN moved for consideration the following Head: 63 – Parliamentary Registrar.

The Chair acknowledged the presence of Youth Parliamentarian, Ms. McKenzie Kohl-Tuckett, who is acting as a Page.

- 3:04 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

3:36 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN
3:38 p.m. - MR. C.W.D. BROWN
3:41 p.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN
3:49 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN
3:51 p.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN
3:53 p.m. - MR. C.W.D. BROWN
3:53 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER
3:56 p.m. - MR. C.W.D. BROWN
3:57 p.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN
3:59 p.m. - MR. W.L. FURBERT
4:00 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN
4:01 p.m. - MR. W.L. FURBERT
4:01 p.m. - MR. T.C. FAMOUS

4:03 p.m.

MR. C.W.D. BROWN moved that Head 63 – Parliamentary Registrar, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

4:07 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved for consideration the following Heads: 43 – Department of Information and Digital Technologies; and 67 – Department of Information and Communication Technology.

4:41 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

(4:55 p.m. - MR. H.K.E. SWAN in the Chair)

5:20 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

5:30 p.m. - MR. E.D.G. BURT

(5:40 p.m. - MRS. R.D.L. MING in the Chair)

5:48 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that Heads 43 – Department of Information and Digital

Technologies; and 67 – Department of Information and Communication Technology, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

MR. E.D.G. BURT, on behalf of MR. C.L. DICKINSON, moved that following Heads: 01, 02, 05, 56, 85, 92, 98, 101, 09, 74, 75, 88, 10, 11, 12, 28, 38, 39, 58, 59, 49, 68, 81, 82, 97, 71, 93, 29, 50, and 95, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the Capital Development Estimates and the Capital Acquisition Estimates for the Financial Year 2019/2020 be approved, which was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

The Chairman reported the approval of the Capital Development Estimates and the Capital Acquisition Estimates for the Financial Year 2019/20, as printed, which was agreed to.

5:59 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Appropriation Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

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 2019” be taken forthwith, which was agreed to.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the Bill entitled “The Appropriation Act 2019” be now read the second time in the House, which was agreed to.

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 2019” 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 2019”

Copies of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2019/20 are also forwarded for the information of your House.”

-which was agreed to.

Order number 2 on the Order Paper was carried over to the next day of meeting.

By agreement, Order number 7 was considered prior to Order number 3.

6:01 p.m.

MS. K.N. WILSON, moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Dental Practitioners Amendment Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

6:04 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

6:05 p.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

The Bill was Committed.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

MS. K.N. WILSON moved Clauses 1 to 8, which was agreed to.

6:12 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

6:13 p.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

6:15 p.m. – MS. K.N. WILSON

6:15 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

6:16 p.m. – MS. K.N. WILSON

Clauses 1 to 8 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.

6:18 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of MR. C.L. DICKINSON, moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Land Tax Amendment Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

6:31 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

6:43 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

6:46 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

The Bill was Committed.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

6:50 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved Clauses 1 to 6, which was agreed to.

6:53 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

6:57 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

6:58 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

7:01 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

7:04 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

7:05 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

7:05 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

7:05 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

7:06 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

7:06 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

7:07 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

7:08 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

7:11 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

Clauses 1 to 6 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 4-6 and 8-10 on the Order Paper were carried over.

7:13 a.m.

MS. K.N. WILSON moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable her to move that the Bill entitled the “Dental Practitioners Amendment Act 2019” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MS. K.N. WILSON, the Bill entitled the “Dental Practitioners Amendment Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

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 “Land Tax 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 “Land Tax Amendment Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

7:14 p.m.

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

7:14 p.m.

The House adjourned until Friday, 22nd March 2019 at 10:00 a.m.