

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

**No. 28**

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

**Members Present:** His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, C. Walton Brown, Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, E. David Burt, Wayne M. Caines, L. Craig Cannonier, Rolf 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, Leah K. Scott, Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence A. Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Jamahl S. Simmons, Scott A. Simmons, Ben A. Smith, H. Kim E. Swan, Neville S. Tyrrell, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

**[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.]**

**10:10 a.m.**

Prayers

Minutes of the Meeting of July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were confirmed.

**10:12 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. W.M. CAINES to provide oral responses to parliamentary the following questions from MR. D.V. BURGESS (Deferred by ruling of the Speaker):-

\*1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what is the longest ongoing Bermuda Police investigation of a public official in the history of the Bermuda Police Force/Service?

\*2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what is the most money ever spent on a Bermuda Police investigation in Bermuda of a public official and a private resident?

MR. C.L. DICKINSON to provide written responses to the following parliamentary questions from MR. M.H. DUNKLEY (Deferred by ruling of the Speaker) :-

1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House the total number of persons contributing to the Contributory Pension Fund at the end of each calendar quarter starting from December 31st 2014 and ending June 30th 2019?

2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House the total number of entities (exempted and all other categories) filing payroll tax returns for each payroll tax quarter starting at the end of September 2014 ending June 30th 2019?

3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House the total amount of Payroll Tax and Land Tax that were in arrears as of March 31st 2017, March 31st, 2018 and March 31st 2019, including the number of delinquent entities (persons, as well as business and all other categories) in each year owing either Payroll Tax or Land Tax?

**10:13 a.m.**

### **Introduction of Bills**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Government Loans Amendment (No. 2) Act 2019", which according to section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution requires the Governor's recommendation.

**10:13 a.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved for leave to table and introduce certain Public Bills for First Reading, under the provisions of Standing Order 28(1).

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER indicated that, on principle and as was discussed in Chambers prior to the meeting, it was his preference that the House follow the Order of Business, as printed, for today's meeting.

MR. E.D.G. BURT noted Standing Order 28(4), which states that a notice of a Government Bill may be entered on the order paper, but held that, notwithstanding the absence of a notice appearing on the order paper, that absence does not prevent a bill from being introduced for first reading.

Pursuant to Standing Order 28(1), MR. E.D.G. BURT then moved for leave of the House to introduce an additional five Public Bills, which was agreed to by a Voice Vote.

Leave was accordingly granted by the House.

**10:25 a.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT introduced and read the following five Public Bills for the first time by their titles only:

"Economic Development Amendment Act 2019";

"National Pension Scheme (Occupational Pensions) Amendment Act 2019";

"Digital Asset Business Amendment Act 2019";

"Tourism Investment Amendment Act 2019";  
and

"Casino Gaming (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2019", which according to section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution requires the Governor's recommendation.

**Orders of the Day**

Orders 1 - 4 inclusive were carried over.

**10:26 a.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that, at its rising, the House adjourn to Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019, which was agreed to.

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

**10:27 a.m.**

The House adjourned until Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 10:00 a.m.