

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
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Friday, 5th July, 2019

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, C. Walton Brown, Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, Wayne M. Caines, L. Craig Cannonier, Rolf P. Commissiong, Zane J.S. De Silva, Curtis L. Dickinson, Michael H. Dunkley, 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, Walter H. Roban, Leah K. Scott, Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence A. Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Scott A. Simmons, Ben A. Smith, H. Kim E. Swan, Neville S. Tyrrell, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

10:09 a.m.

Prayers

Mr. C.L. Dickinson
Minister of Finance

Minutes of the Meeting of June 21st, 2019 were confirmed.

MR. SPEAKER announced that Mr. E.D.G. Burt, Mr. J.S. Simmons, Mr. T.C. Famous and Mrs. J.J. Atherden will be absent from today's meeting.

MR. W.H. ROBAN 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 "Annual Financial Statements of the Regulatory Authority for the Fiscal Years: (1) 2014-2015, (2) 2015-2016, and (3) 2016-2017"

Mr. W.H. Roban
Minister of Home Affairs

10:10 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:

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly, the "Annual Report on the Operations of the Bermuda Deposit Insurance Corporation (BDIC) for the year ended March 31, 2018"

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH, on behalf of MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA, read the following communication to 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 “Merchant Shipping (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2019”, proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Maritime Administration, in exercise of the power conferred by section 250 of the Merchant Shipping Act 2002.

Mr. Z.J.S. DeSilva
Minister of Tourism and Transport

MR. W.M. CAINES read the following communication to 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 “Pensions (War Service) Order 2019”, proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for defence, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 16A of the Pensions and Gratuities (War Service) Act 1947.

Mr. W.M. Caines
Minister of National Security

10:12 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers.

MR. W.H. ROBAN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Tabling of the Annual Financial Statements of the Regulatory Authority”.

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Sandys 360 PATI Request”.

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Bermuda Housing Corporation Home Start Programme”.

MS. L.F. FOGGO read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Report on International Labour Organization Conference and the Modernisation of Bermuda’s Labour Laws”.

MR. W.L. FURBERT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “BDA Post Office / Universal Postal Union (UPU)”.

MR. D.V.S RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “2019 Senior School Graduations”.

MR. W.M. CAINES read a Ministerial Statement entitled “War Veterans Pension Benefit Increase”.

11:02 a.m.

Question Period.

Under the provision of Standing Order 18(4), MR. E.D.G. BURT deferred oral response to a parliamentary question from MR. L.C. CANNONIER as follows:-

*1. Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House of the names of all the Members of the Legislature from July 2017 until present who have been paid to serve on any Government Committee, Board or Quango and the remuneration paid for that service?

Under the provision of Standing Order 18(4), MR. C.L. DICKINSON deferred oral response to parliamentary questions from MR. M.H. DUNKLEY as follows:-

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable an update on the progress of hiring an Executive Director for the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission (BCGC), and please provide details of the recruitment process since the Minister's statement to the House on March 1st, 2019 including the dates and contents of any advertising, the number of applicants and if an applicant has been selected for the position?

*2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House details of the costs to run the BCGC on a monthly basis from April 1st, 2018 through to June 30th, 2019 breaking down the total cost for each month into the following areas; salaries and wages, consultant fees, administrative costs, rent and general overhead and other expenses?

*3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide to this Honourable House details of the staff and consultants as of June 30th, 2019 at the BCGC and the remuneration including all benefits of each person?

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question to LT. COL. D.A. BURCH on his Ministerial Statement entitled "Sandys 360 PATI Request".

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

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

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a question to MS. L.F. FOGGO on her Ministerial Statement entitled "Report on International Labour Organization Conference and the Modernisation of Bermuda's Labour Laws".

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a second question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a question to MR. W.L. FURBERT on his Ministerial Statement entitled "BDA Post Office / Universal Postal Union (UPU)".

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

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

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. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a second question.

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

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question to MR. W.L. FURBERT on his Ministerial Statement entitled "BDA Post Office / Universal Postal Union (UPU)".

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a question to MR. W.L. FURBERT on his Ministerial Statement

entitled “BDA Post Office / Universal Postal Union (UPU)”.

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a supplementary question.

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

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

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. D.V.S RABAIN on his Ministerial Statement entitled “2019 Senior School Graduations”.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a supplementary question.

11:38 a.m.

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

12:10 p.m.

Introduction of Bills

MR. C.L. DICKINSON introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Public Service Superannuation Amendment Act 2019”

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of MS. K.N. WILSON, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Health Insurance Amendment (No. 2) Act 2019”

MS. L.F. FOGGO introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Employment (Wage Commission) Act 2019”

MR. W.L. FURBERT introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the

“Public Access to Information Amendment Act 2019”

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH, on behalf of MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled, “Superyachts and Other Vessels (Miscellaneous) Act 2019”, which according to section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution requires the Governor’s recommendation.

12:12 p.m.

Notices of Motion:

MR. H.K.E. SWAN gave notice that at the next day of meeting, he proposed to move the following Motion:

“**WHEREAS** this House ratified a resolution to establish a Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on December 1st 2017, and subsequently passed in the Senate on the 21st of February 2018, to carry out the said Inquiry into the said events of December 2nd, 2016

AND Thereafter, pursuant to Part IV of the Parliament Act 1957, that a Parliamentary Joint Select Committee be appointed to:

(1) to inquire into the events as aforesaid as thoroughly as may be;
(2) to bring closure to this event by the making of all proper and necessary findings, recommendations and where required sanctions;
(3) and to submit its report to the House of Assembly within three to six months.” (With the approved extension)

AND WHEREAS the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee undertook and has completed its inquiry into the events of December 2nd, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House supports the report, together with

findings, the recommendations and sanctions of the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee as contained in the Report.”

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY gave notice that at the next day of meeting, he proposed to move the following Motion:

“**WHEREAS** there are increasing challenges faced by small business and businesses in general;

AND WHEREAS there is a declining economy lacking business confidence with escalating costs and increased regulation;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House consider initiatives that will reduce the economic pressure on businesses and protect jobs.”

12:20 p.m.

Orders of the Day

Order number 1 on the Order Paper was carried over.

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

12:23 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

12:26 p.m. – MS. K.N. WILSON

12:28 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

(MR D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

MS. K.N. WILSON moved Clauses 1 to 5, which was agreed to.

12:31 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

12:31 p.m. – MS. K.N. WILSON

Clauses 1 to 5 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.

12:32 p.m.

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

2:02 p.m.

House resumes.

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved that consideration be now given to the following Motion:

“That this Honourable House take note of the ‘Consolidated Overall Report of The Efficiency Committee’, dated April 2019”

2:54 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

3:15 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER acknowledged the presence of Former Premier, Honourable Dame Jennifer Smith who was sitting in the Public Gallery.

3:26 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER acknowledged the presence of Former Deputy Speaker, Mr. Walter Lister who was sitting in the Public Gallery.

3:35 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS
3:58 p.m. – MR M.H. DUNKLEY
4:27 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

(4:27 p.m. - MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG in the chair)

4:39 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN
5:08 p.m. – MR. N.S. TYRRELL
5:20 p.m. – MS. L.K. SCOTT
5:50 p.m. – MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA
6:09 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN
6:23 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES

(6:24 p.m. - MR. SPEAKER in the chair)

6:27 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

6:47 p.m.

The House took note of the Motion by MR. W.L. FURBERT

6:47 p.m.

MR. W.M. CAINES, on behalf of MS. K.N. WILSON, moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Medical Practitioners Amendment Act 2019” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. W.M. CAINES, the Bill entitled the “Medical Practitioners Amendment Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

6:48 p.m.

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

6:48 p.m. – MR. C.W.D. BROWN

6:58 p.m. – MR. T.G. MONIZ

7:08 p.m. – MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG

7:23 p.m. – MS. L.F. FOGGO

7:32 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

7:34 p.m. – MR. M.A. WEEKS

7:49 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS

7:58 p.m. – MS. L.K. SCOTT

8:06 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES

8:21 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

8:32 p.m. - LT. COL. D.A. BURCH

8:50 p.m. – MR. S.A. SIMMONS

9:12 p.m. – MR. M.J. SCOTT

9:32 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

9:52 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

10:12 p.m. – MS. R.D.L. MING

10:25 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

10:37 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

11:00 p.m.

The House adjourned until Friday, 12th July 2019 at 10:00 a.m.