

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
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No. 16

Friday, 15th 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, 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, S.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.

10:00 a.m.

Prayers

Minutes of the Meeting of March 8th were confirmed. Minutes from March 11th, and 13th, 2019 were deferred.

10:03 a.m.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER announced that Ms. L.K. Scott will be absent from today's meeting.

10:04 a.m.

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

10:15 a.m.

Orders of the Day

MS. K.N. WILSON, on behalf of 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.

(10:15 a.m. - MR. H.K.E. SWAN in the Chair.)

10:15 a.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved for consideration the following Heads: 32 – Department of Planning and 79 – Environment and Natural Resources.

(10:54 a.m. – MRS. R.D.L. MING in the Chair.)

(10:57 a.m. - MR. H.K.E. SWAN in the Chair.)

11:15 a.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS

11:25 a.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

11:32 a.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

11:34 a.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS

11:36 a.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

11:47 a.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

11:48 a.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

11:50 a.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

11:52 a.m. - MR. W.H. ROBAN

12:01 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged the presence of former Member of Parliament and Minister of the Environment, Mr. Arthur Hodgson in the Public Gallery.

12:02 p.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS

12:04 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

12:05 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

12:07 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

12:05 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

12:13 p.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS

12:24 p.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

12:25 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

12:27 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.

(MR. N.H.C. SIMONS in the Chair)

2:01 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

2:03 p.m. - MR. S.D. RICHARDS

2:13 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

2:15 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

2:28 p.m. - MR. S.D. RICHARDS

2:28 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:30 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

2:34 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

2:39 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

2:40 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

2:45 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

2:46 p.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that the following Heads: 32 – Department of Planning and 79 –

Environment and Natural Resources, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

2:47 p.m.

MR. D.A. BURCH moved for consideration the following Heads: 36 – Ministry of Public Works Headquarters, and 53 – Bermuda Housing Corporation.

3:39 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

(4:20 p.m. - MS. S.E. JACKSON in the Chair)

5:15 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

(5:15 p.m. – MRS. R.D.L. MING in the Chair)

5:17 p.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

5:36 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

5:39 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

5:40 p.m. - MR. D.A. BURCH

6:54 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

7:06 p.m. - MR. D.A. BURCH

7:08p.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

7:10 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

7:12 p.m.

MR. D.A. BURCH moved that the following Heads: 36 – Ministry of Public Works Headquarters, and 53 – Bermuda Housing Corporation, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

MR. D.A. BURCH 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 and 3 on the Order Paper were carried over.

MR. W.M. CAINES moved for consideration the “Bermuda Immigration and Protection (Land-Holding Charges) Amendment Regulations 2019” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for immigration, in exercise of the power conferred by section 102C(1)(a) of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956.

7:15 p.m. - MR. S.D. RICHARDS

7:15 p.m.

MR. W.M. CAINES moved that the said draft Regulations be approved, and that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

(No. 8)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled the “Bermuda Immigration and Protection (Land-Holding Charges) Amendment Regulations 2019”, proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for immigration, in exercise of the power conferred by section 102C(1)(a) of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House approved the said draft Regulations.

-which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

7:15 p.m.

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

7:23 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

7:28 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

7:29 p.m. - MR. W.L. FURBERT

The Bill was Committed.

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

7:33 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved Clauses 1 to 8, which was agreed to.

7:36 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

7:37 p.m. - MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA

7:37p.m. – MR.W.L. FURBERT

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.

7:39 p.m.

MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Bermuda Tourism Authority Amendment Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

7:42 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

7:45 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

7:51 p.m. - MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA

The Bill was Committed.

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

7:54 p.m.

MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA moved Clauses 1 to 4, which was agreed to.

7:56 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

7:58 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

7:59 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

8:01 p.m. - MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA

8:02 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

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8:03 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

8:03 p.m. - MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA

8:04 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

8:05 p.m. - MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA

Clauses 1 to 4 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.

8:06 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of MR. C.L. DICKINSON, moved the second reading of the

Bill entitled the “Payroll Tax Amendment Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

8:12 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

The Bill was Committed.

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

8:13 p.m.

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

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.

8:17 p.m.

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

8:27 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

8:29 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

8:37 p.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

8:38 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

8:40 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

8:42 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

8:43 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

8:48 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

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

8:49 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved Clauses 1 to 4, which was agreed to.

8:50 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

8:52 p.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN

8:53 p.m. - MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

8:55 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

Clauses 1 to 4 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 number 9 on the Order Paper was carried over.

8:59 p.m.

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

9:01 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

9:03 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

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

9:03 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved Clauses 1 to 3, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1 to 3 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.

9:06 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved for consideration the “Government Fees Amendment Regulations 2019”, proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965.

9:10 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

9:22 p.m. – MR. W.L.A SCOTT

9:25 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

9:30 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES

9:36 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved that the said draft Regulations be approved, and that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

(No. 9)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled the “Government Fees Amendment Regulations 2019”, proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House approved the said draft Regulations.

-which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

Order numbers 12 to 17 inclusive on the Order Paper were carried over.

9:37 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 “Miscellaneous Taxes 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 “Miscellaneous Taxes 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 “Payroll 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 “Payroll Tax 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 “Stamp Duties 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 “Stamp Duties 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 “Exempted Partnerships 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 “Exempted Partnerships Amendment Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

MR. W.L. FURBERT, on behalf of MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA, moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Bermuda Tourism Authority 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 “Bermuda Tourism Authority Amendment Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

9:39 p.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that, at its rising, the House adjourn to Monday, 18th March 2019, which was agreed to.

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

9:40 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

9:55 p.m.

The House adjourned until Monday, 18th March 2019 at 10:00 a.m.