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of the
Honourable House of Assembly
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No. 13

Friday, 8th 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, 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, Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Jamahl S. Simmons, Scott A. Simmons, Ben A. Smith, H. Kim E. Swan, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

10:04 a.m.

Prayers

Minutes of the Meeting of 6th March 2019 were confirmed.

10:05 a.m.

Papers and other Communications to the House

MR. D.V.S. RABAIN 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 Educators Council (Exemption) (2018 to 2019 School Year) Amendment Order 2019” made by the Minister responsible for education, acting on the advice of the Exemption Committee under sections 5 and 20(3) of the Bermuda Educators Council Act 2002.

Mr. D.V.S. Rabain
Minister of Education

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers:

MS. K.N. WILSON read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Child Care Oversight and Regulation”.

Premier’s Questions

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked the Premier a question.

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

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

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

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

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

10:27 a.m.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked the Premier a question.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a supplementary

question.

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

10:33 a.m.

MR. D.V. BURGESS asked the Premier a question.

MR. T.C. FAMOUS asked the Premier a question.

10:38 a.m.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked the Premier a question.

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

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

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked the Premier a question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked the Premier a question.

Question Period

MR. E.D.G. BURT under the provisions of Standing Order 18 (4), deferred written responses to the following parliamentary questions from MR. M.H. DUNKLEY.

Q1) Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House which Government Ministers have had advisers since 18th July 2017 as per Section 9.1 of the 2015 Ministerial Code of Conduct and accordingly, name the advisers paid for by the Government?

Q2) Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House which Government Ministers have had consultants since 18th July 2017 as per Section 9.1 of the 2015 Ministerial Code of Conduct and accordingly, name the consultants paid for by the Government?

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MS. K.N. WILSON on her Ministerial Statement entitled “Child Care Oversight and Regulation”.

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

10:48 a.m.

Congratulatory and /or Obituary Speeches continued:

(Please refer to the House Hansard)

11:04 a.m.

Introduction of Bills:

MR. C.L. DICKINSON introduced and read for the first time by its title, a Bill entitled the “Payroll Tax Amendment Act 2019”, which according to section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution requires the Governor’s recommendation.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON introduced and read for the first time by its title, a Bill entitled the “Stamp Duties Amendment Act 2019”, which according to section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution requires the Governor’s recommendation.

Orders of the Day

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

11:07 a.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved for consideration the following Head: 89 – Energy.

11:19 a.m.

The Chair recognised the presence of the Hon. W. Tony Coreara who was sitting in the Public Gallery.

11:33 a.m. – MS. L.K. SCOTT
11:42 a.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER
11:48 a.m. - MR. M.H. DUNKLEY
11:55 a.m. – MS. L.K. SCOTT
11:57 a.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN
12:24 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER
12:27 p.m. - MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN
12:28 p.m. - MR. W.H. ROBAN

12:30 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)

2:11 p.m. MS. L.K. SCOTT
2:11 p.m. - MR. W.H. ROBAN

2:15 p.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that Head: 89 – Energy, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

2:17 p.m.

MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA moved for consideration the following Heads: 30 – Marine and Ports, 34 – Transport Control Department; and 35 – Public Transportation.

3:02 p.m. – MS. L.K. SCOTT
3:40 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER
3:47 p.m. - MS. L.K. SCOTT

(3:53 p.m. - MS. S.E. JACKSON in the Chair.)

3:55 p.m. – MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA
4:05 p.m. – MS. L.K. SCOTT
4:11 p.m. – MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA
4:13 p.m. - MS. L.K. SCOTT
4:14 p.m. – MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA
4:20 p.m. - MS. L.K. SCOTT

4:20 p.m.

MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA moved that Heads: 30 – Marine and Ports, 34 – Transport Control Department, and 35 – Public Transportation, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA 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 number 2 on the Order Paper was carried over.

MR. C.W.D. BROWN, on behalf of MR. E.D.G. BURT, moved for consideration of the draft Order entitled “Good Governance (Protected Disclosures) Order 2019”, proposed to be made by the Premier, under section 3 (7) of the Good Governance Act 2012, which was agreed to.

MR. C.W.D. BROWN moved that the said draft Order be approved, and that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Order entitled “Good Governance (Protected Disclosures) Order 2019” proposed to be made by the Premier, under section 3 (7) of the Good Governance Act 2012, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House approved the said draft Order.”

-which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

4:28 p.m.

MS. L.F. FOGGO moved for consideration of the draft Order entitled the “Employment (Protected Disclosures) Order 2019” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Labour Relations, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 29A(5) of the Employment Act 2000, which was agreed to.

4:33 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

4:33 p.m. – MR. S.A. SIMMONS

4:35 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

4:37 p.m. – MS. L.F. FOGGO

MS. L.F. FOGGO moved that the said draft Order be approved, and that the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Order entitled the “Employment (Protected Disclosures) Order 2019”, proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Labour Relations, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 29A(5) of the Employment Act 2000, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House approved the said draft Order.”

-which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

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

4:44 p.m. - MR. R.S. PEARMAN

4:47 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

(MS. R.D.L. MING in the Chair)

MS. K.N. WILSON 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.

Orders 6-16 of the Order Paper were carried over.

4:52 p.m.

MS. K.N. WILSON moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable her to move that the Bill entitled the “Proceeds of Crime 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 “Proceeds of Crime Amendment Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

4:53 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that, at its rising, the House adjourn to Monday, 11th March 2019, which was agreed to.

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

4:53 p.m.

The House adjourned until Monday, 11th March 2019 at 10:00am.