

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2025-2026**

No. 40

Friday, 17th July, 2026

Members Present:

His Honour the Speaker | The Hon. Jache A. K. Adams | Dr. Leroy G. W. Bean | The Hon. E. David G. Burt | Mr. Vance M. E. Campbell | The Hon. L. Craig Cannonier | The Hon. Owen K. Darrell | Dr. Douglas S. J. De Couto | The Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva | The Hon. Curtis L. Dickinson | The Hon. Rev. Dr. Emily G. A. Dill | Mr. T. Christopher Famous | The Hon. Lovitta F. Foggo | The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert | The Hon. Jason P. Hayward | Mr. L. M. Robert King | The Hon. Alexa. N. H. Lightbourne | Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister | Mrs. Renée D. L. Ming | Mr. R. Scott Pearman | The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain | Mr. Jarion C. Richardson | Mr. Dwayne V. Robinson | Mr. W. Lawrence A. Scott | Mr. Scott A. Simmons | The Hon. Ben A. Smith | Ms. Linda C. Smith | Mr. H. Kim E. Swan | Ms. Robin S. Tucker | The Hon. Michael A. Weeks | The Hon. Kim N. Wilson

This meeting of the House was held at the House Chamber, 3rd Floor, Veritas Place, 65 Court Street, City of Hamilton.

10:03 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers

10:05 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of 10th July, 2026 were confirmed.

Announcements by the Speaker

His Honour the Speaker informed Members that Mr. N. S. Tyrell, Mr. J. S. Simmons, the Hon. W. L. Furbert and the Hon. M. M. Fahy, will be absent from today's proceedings.

Papers and Other Communications to the House

10:06 a.m.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward, on behalf of the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, read the following communication to His Honour the Speaker:-

"I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the **"Electricity (Integrated Resource Planning Process Suspension and Reconstitution) Order 2026"** proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for energy, in exercise of the power conferred by sections 13A and 45B of the Electricity Act 2016.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

10:07 a.m.

Statement entitled "Official Visit to the Azores" was read by the Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance.

10:16 a.m.

Statement entitled "Building a Better and Fairer Bermuda" was read by the Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance.

10:17 a.m.

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto (PoO)

10:29 a.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

10:30 a.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman (PoO)

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10:31 a.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

10:32 a.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

10:36 a.m.

Statement entitled “Updates on Phase 2 of the Housing Programme” was read by the Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva, Deputy Premier and Minister of Housing and Municipalities.

10:41 a.m.

Statement entitled “Parent Cyber Safety and Digital Wellness Courses” was read by the Hon. T. S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors.

10:49 a.m.

Statement entitled “Emancipation Commemoration 2026” was read by the Hon. O. K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport.

10:59 a.m.

Statement entitled “Progress Report on the Implementation of Bermuda’s Ridesharing Programme” was read by the Hon. O. K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport.

11:07 a.m.

Statement entitled “Building Better Communities, One Project at a Time” was read by the Hon. J. A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment.

11:16 a.m.

Statement entitled “Transparency, Accountability, and Action: The Cambridge Checkpoint Report for Bermuda, 2023–2025” was read by the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain, Minister of Education.

11:23 a.m.

Statement entitled “The Education Authority Bill: Purpose, Progress, and Principles” was read by the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain, Minister of Education.

11:37 a.m.

Statement entitled “Update on the Affordable Bermuda Agenda and the Affordable Bermuda Basket” was read by the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs.

11:52 a.m.

Statement entitled “Integrated Resource Plan Pause and Alignment with the National Electricity Sector Policy” was read by the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs.

Reports of Committees

12:02 p.m.

Mr. W. L. A. Scott read the following to His Honour the Speaker:

“I hereby present the “Report of the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the September 2023 Cyber-Attack on the Government of Bermuda”, which is respectfully submitted for the information of this Honourable House.

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto read the following to His Honour the Speaker:

“Under the provisions of Standing Order 34 (3) of the House of Assembly, I hereby submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly a “Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Public Accounts on: Compliance with Procurement Rules, Financial Instructions, Governance and Value for Money of Covid- 19 Travel Authorization Procurement and Operation.”

“The PAC request that this Report be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance for consideration and response on the recommendations made by the Committee”

Question Period

12:03 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker noted that Junior Minister Mr. D. J. R. Lister had given an undertaking at the last meeting to provide answers to supplementary questions put to him from Mr. L. M. R. King.

Mr. L. M. R. King was provided the answers.

12:04 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain, Minister of Education, provided Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. B. A. Smith:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House, for each graduating class of Government senior schools from 2018 through June 2026, the number and percentage of graduates who met the academic entrance requirements to apply directly to an accredited overseas university?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide for this Honourable House the performance indicators currently used by the Ministry of Education to evaluate the

post-secondary outcomes of graduates from Government senior schools?

3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide for this Honourable House the annual results for each performance indicator identified in question 2 for each year from 2018 through 2026?

12:05 p.m.

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment, provided Oral Responses to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. L. C. Cannonier:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House how long has the asphalt patching machine been on the island?

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams replied.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams replied.

12:08 p.m.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams replied.

- *2. Will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House why we are not using this asphalt patching machine islandwide to patch potholes?

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams replied.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs, Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Mr. D. V. Robinson was deferred:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House on when she intends to pause the Integrated Resource Plan's planning process?

The Hon. E. G. A. Dill, Minister for the Cabinet Office, Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Mr. D. V. Robinson was deferred:

- *1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with an update on the progress of the Electoral Reform Working Group?

12:11 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Official Visit to the Azores".

His Honour the Speaker

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto clarified his question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto asked a second question.

His Honour the Speaker

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto repeated the question.

12:16 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt (PoO)

His Honour the Speaker

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto repeated the question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

12:19 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a supplementary question.

His Honour the Speaker

Mr. L. M. R. King

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a second question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a third question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

12:25 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Building a Better and Fairer Bermuda”.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a second question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

12:33 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned for lunch.

2:03 p.m.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

Question Period continued

2:03 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. O. K. Darrell a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Progress Report on the Implementation of Bermuda’s Ridesharing Programme”.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell replied.

2:07 p.m.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “The Education Authority Bill: Purpose, Progress, and Principles”.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked a second question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked a third question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

2:14 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

2:15 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker spoke on the length of the Ministerial Statement.

2:16 p.m.

The Hon. E. G. A. Dill, Minister for the Cabinet Office, provided Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Mr. D. V. Robinson:

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with an update on the progress of the Electoral Reform Working Group?

The Hon. E. G. A. Dill replied.

Mr. D. V. Robinson asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. G. A. Dill replied.

2:19p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson asked the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on the Affordable Bermuda Agenda and the Affordable Bermuda Basket”.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

Mr. D. V. Robinson asked a second question.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

2:21 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto asked a question.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

Dr. D. S. J. DeCouto asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

2:25 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked a question.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked a second question.

2:28 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt (PoO)

2:29 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker directed the Hon. L. C. Cannonier and the Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva to leave the Chamber.

2:30 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson asked the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Integrated Resource Plan Pause and Alignment with the National Electricity Sector Policy”.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

Mr. D. V. Robinson asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

2:31 p.m.

Ms. L. C. Smith asked a question.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches

(Please refer to the House Hansard)

2:35 p.m.- Mr. D. J. R. Lister

2:38 p.m.- The Hon. O. K. Darrell

2:41 p.m.- The Hon. B. A. Smith

2:44 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the presence of Dr. Woodson and Dr. Williams and sent condolences to their family.

2:45 p.m.- The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain

2:47 p.m.- Mr. W. L. A. Scott

The Hon. E. G. A. Dill

2:49 p.m. – Mr. H. K. E. Swan

2:52 p.m.- The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne

2:54 p.m.- Mr. C. L. Dickinson

Mr. S. A. Simmons

2:56 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker

Introduction of Bills

2:57 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt read for the first time by its title, a Bill entitled the “Trustee Amendment Act 2026”.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Health Insurance Amendment Act 2026”.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Motor Car and Auxiliary Bicycles (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2026”.

Orders of the Day

3:00 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the Bill entitled the “Corporate Income Tax Amendment Act 2026” be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt spoke on the Bill.

3:03 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

3:04 p.m.

The Bill was committed.

The Hon. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved Clauses 1-17, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-17 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

The Bill was reported to the House as printed, which was agreed to.

3:11 p.m.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert moved that the Bill entitled the “Human Rights Amendment Act 2026” be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert spoke on the Bill.

3:20 p.m.

Ms. R. S. Tucker

3:25 p.m.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert (PoO)

3:33 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

3:47 p.m.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward

3:50 p.m.

The Hon. B. A. Smith

3:57 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne

4:01 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

4:04 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the presence of the President of Bermuda College, Dr. David Sam, Attorney General, Senator the Hon. Kim R. Wilkerson and Senator Mischa G. Fubler in the Public Gallery.

4:05 p.m.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

4:06 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

4:09 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

4:10 p.m.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

4:21 p.m.

The Bill was committed.

The Hon. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert moved Clauses 1-6, which was objected to.

4:24 p.m.

Ms. R. S. Pearman moved that the Committee rise and report progress, which was objected to.

A voice vote was taken; the Motion was defeated.

4:25 p.m.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward (PoO)

The Hon. T. S. Furbert moved Clauses 1-6

4:27 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

4:30 p.m.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

4:36 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

The Hon. T. S. Furbert asked for clarification.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

4:37 p.m.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

4:40 p.m.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward

Mr. R. S. Pearman

4:43 p.m.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

Clauses 1-6 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

The Bill was reported to the House as printed, which was agreed to.

4:47 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the Bill entitled the “Tax Credits Amendment Act 2026” be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt spoke on the Bill.

4:49 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

4:52 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

The Bill was committed.

The Hon. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

4:53 p.m.

The Hon. L. F. Foggo acknowledged the presence of Senator Lindsay K. Simmons in the Public Gallery.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved Clauses 1-16, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-16 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

The Bill was reported to the House as printed, which was agreed to.

4:58 p.m.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson moved that the Bill entitled the “Bermuda Health Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2026” be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson spoke on the Bill.

5:01 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

5:03 p.m.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

The Bill was committed.

The Hon. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson moved Clauses 1-4, which was agreed to.

Typo was identified in Clause 1.

Clauses 1-4 were agreed to, with the correction of the typo in Clause 1 to be amended.

Schedules 1 and 2 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

The Bill was reported to the House as printed, which was agreed to.

5:09 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House do now resolve into Committee of Supply for further consideration of the Supplementary Estimate No. 1 for Financial Year 2026/2027, which was agreed to.

The Hon. L. F. Foggo in the Chair for Committee of Supply.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt spoke on the Supplementary Estimate.

5:12 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved that the following Ministry of Justice Head be now taken under consideration, which was agreed to:-

- 25 Corrections

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved Item 1 Head 25, for consideration, which was agreed to.

5:14 p.m.

Mr. S. A. Simmons (PoO)

5:21 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King

5:23 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

5:24 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

5:25 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

5:27 p.m.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward

5:30 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King

5:31 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

5:32 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King

5:33 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

5:36 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved that Item 1 Head 25, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain moved that the following Ministry of Education Head be now taken under consideration, which was agreed to:-

- 41 Bermuda College

5:44 p.m.

The Hon. B. A. Smith

5:51 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

5:56 p.m.

The Hon. B. A. Smith

5:57 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

5:59 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain moved that Item 2 Head 41 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved Item 3 Head 65, for consideration, which was agreed to.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved that Item 3 Head 65 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

6:01 p.m.

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams moved that the following Item 4 Head 65, Public Lands and Buildings be now taken under consideration, which was agreed to.

6:03 p.m.

Mr. V. M. E. Campbell

6:06 p.m.

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams replied.

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams moved that Item 4 Head 65 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

6:07 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne moved Item 5 Head 66, Information and Technologies for consideration, which was agreed to.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne moved that Item 5 Head 66 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

6:14 p.m.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva moved that the Supplementary Estimate No. 1 for the Financial Year 2026/2027 be approved, which was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

The report of the Committee was agreed to, as printed.

6:16 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, moved that the Bill entitled the “Cost of Living Commission Amendment (No.2) Act 2026” be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne spoke on the Bill.

6:39 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

6:41 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne (PoO)

6:50 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister (PoO)

6:53 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell

7:00 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

7:02 p.m.

Ms. L. C. Smith

7:06 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the presence of Senator Tarik J. D. Smith in the Public Gallery.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister

7:13 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King

7:16 p.m.

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams

7:25 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

7:28 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker

7:30 p.m.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan (PoO)

7:33 p.m.

Mr. W. L. A. Scott (PoO)

7:42 p.m.

Mr. W. L. A. Scott

7:47 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman (PoO)

7:48 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman (PoO)

7:49 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman (PoO)

7:50 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman (PoO)

7:57 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged visitors in the Public Gallery.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

8:08 p.m.

Mr. W. L. A. Scott (PoO)

8:22 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

8:25 p.m.

The Hon. B. A. Smith

8:34 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

8:48 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

The Hon. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne moved Clauses 1-20, which was agreed to.

9:01 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

9:04 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

9:07 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

9:11 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

9:12 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

9:14 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

9:15 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

9:18 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

9:19 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne replied.

Clauses 1-20 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

The Bill was reported to the House as printed, which was agreed to.

9:25 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister, moved that the Bill entitled the “Justice and Community Safety Reform Act 2026” be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister spoke on the Bill.

9:36 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

9:50 p.m.

The Hon. M. A. Weeks

10:05 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson

10:17 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

10:18 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

The Hon. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

10:19 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved Clauses 1-2, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-2 were agreed to, as printed.

10:24 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved Clause 3 and an Amendment to Clause 3, which was agreed to.

Clause 3 was agreed to, as amended.

10:26 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved Clauses 4-6, which was agreed to.

10:28 p.m.

Clauses 4-6 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

10:29 p.m.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

The Bill was reported to the House as amended, which was agreed to.

10:31 p.m.

In accordance with Standing Order 29 (1), the Hon. K. N. Wilson, moved that the Bill entitled the "Health Insurance Amendment Act 2026" be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson spoke on the Bill.

10:35 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

10:37 p.m.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

10:38 p.m.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

The Bill was Committed.

The Hon. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

10:39 p.m.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson moved Clauses 1-2, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-2 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

The Bill was reported to the House as printed, which was agreed to.

10:41 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson, moved that the Bill entitled the "Premier, Ministers and Opposition Leader Personal Staffs and Parliamentary Election Amendment Act 2026" be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

Mr. J. C. Richardson spoke on the Bill.

11:00 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

11:09 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

11:10 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt (PoO)

11:11 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker

11:13 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell (PoO)

11:14 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell (PoO)

11:16 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain

11:20 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto (PoO)

11:28 p.m.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan

11:32 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson (PoO)

11:38 p.m.

Mr. T. C. Famous

11:44 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

11:53 p.m.

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams

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12:04 a.m.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

12:06 a.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto (PoO)

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12:14 a.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson replied.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved for permission to remove jackets, which was agreed to.

12:26 a.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson moved that the Bill be Committed, which was objected to.

The motion was defeated on Division by a vote 9 ayes to 16 Nays.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier- Aye

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto- Aye

Mr. L. M. R. King- Aye

Mr. R. S. Pearman- Aye

Mr. J. C. Richardson- Aye

Mr. D. V. Robinoson- Aye

The Hon. B. A. Smith- Aye

Ms. L. C. Smith- Aye

Ms. R. S. Tucker- Aye

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams- Nay

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt- Nay

The Hon. O. K. Darrell- Nay

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva- Nay

The Hon. Rev. Dr. E. G. A. Dill- Nay

Mr. T. C. Famous- Nay

The Hon. L. F. Foggo- Nay

The Hon. T. S. Furbert- Nay

The Hon. J. P. Hayward- Nay

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne- Nay

Mr. D. J. R. Lister- Nay

Ms. R. D. L. Ming- Nay

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain- Nay

Mr. H. K. E. Swan- Nay

The Hon. M. A. Weeks- Nay

The Hon. K. N. Wilson- Nay

12:34 a.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled “Tax Credits Amendment Act 2026”, be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of The Hon. E. D. G. Burt, the Bill entitled “Tax Credits Amendment Act 2026” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

12:35 a.m.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable her to move that the Bill entitled “Human Rights Amendment Act 2026”, be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. T. S. Furbert, the Bill entitled “Human Rights Amendment Act 2026” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

12:36 a.m.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable her to move that the Bill entitled “Bermuda Health Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2026”, be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. K. N. Wilson, the Bill entitled “Bermuda Health Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2026” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable her to move that the Bill entitled “Health Insurance Amendment Act 2026”, be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. K. N. Wilson, the Bill entitled “Health Insurance Amendment Act 2026” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

12:37 a.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable her to move that the Bill entitled “Cost of Living Commission Amendment (No. 2) Act 2026”, be now read a third time, which was objected to.

A voice vote was taken; the Motion was approved.

On the motion of the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, the Bill entitled “Cost of Living Commission Amendment (No. 2) Act 2026” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

12:38 a.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled “Justice and Community Safety Reform Act 2026”, be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. D. J. R. Lister, the Bill entitled “Justice and Community Safety Reform Act 2026” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

His Honour the Speaker issued a Ruling on the application of the Sub Judice Rule regarding Item #8 on the Order Paper in the name of the Hon. E. D. G. Burt.

12:44 a.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House, at its rising, adjourn to Friday, September 4th, 2026, which was agreed to.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

Mr. T. C. Famous

12:48 a.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister

12:55 a.m.

The Hon. B. A. Smith

1:12 a.m.

Mr. T. C. Famous (PoO)

1:14 a.m.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

1:24 a.m.

Mr. T. C. Famous in the Chair

1:26 a.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

1:27 a.m.

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1:30 a.m.

Mr. T. C. Famous

1:32 a.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

1:49 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker

1:52 a.m.

The House adjourned.