

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

No. 37

Friday, 12th June, 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 | Rev. Dr. Emily G. A. Dill | The Hon. Michael M. Fahy | 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. Dwayne V. Robinson | Mr. Jamahl S. Simmons | The Hon. Ben A. Smith | Ms. Linda C. Smith | Mr. H. Kim E. Swan | Ms. Robin S. Tucker | Mr. Neville S. Tyrrell | 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.

10:00 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

10:03 a.m.

Prayers

10:05 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker asked Members to observe a moment of silence in recognition of the late Hon. Sir John W.D. Swan, KBE, JP.

10:06 a.m.

Minutes of the Meetings of 15th and 29th May, 2026 were confirmed.

Announcements by the Speaker

10:07 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker informed Members that the Hon. W. L. Furbert, will be absent from today's proceedings.

Papers and Other Communications to the House

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs, 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

"Regulatory Authority of Bermuda- Annual Report 2020-2021".

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs, 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 **"Cost of Living (Essential Commodities) Amendment Regulations 2026".**

10:06 a.m.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, 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 **"The Proposed Introduction of Cooperative Legislation in Bermuda",**

10:08 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker informed Members that Mr. Grant will be assisting the Sergeant-at-Arms during today's House proceedings.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

10:09 a.m.

Statement entitled "Hurricane Preparedness for the 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season" was read by the Hon. M. A. Weeks, Minister of National Security.

10:15 a.m.

Statement entitled “Online Rental Scams and the Protection of Consumers” was read by the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs.

10:20 a.m.

Statement entitled “Fuel Security and National Energy Risk” was read by the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs.

10:28 a.m.

Statement entitled “Update on Google Subsea Cable Landings: Nuvem and Sol” was read by the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs.

10:36 a.m.

Statement entitled “Update on the Implementation of Ridesharing in Bermuda” was read by the Hon. O. K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport.

10:41 a.m.

Statement entitled “Department of Child and Family Services Building Capacity for Parenting” was read by the Hon. T. S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors.

10:47 a.m.

Statement entitled “Establishment of the Electoral Reform Working Group” was read by the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation.

10:53 a.m.

Statement entitled “Proposed Introduction of Cooperative Legislation in Bermuda” was read by the Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour.

10:56 a.m.

Statement entitled “Precautionary Guidance for the Ebola Virus” was read by the Hon. K. N. Wilson, Minister of Health.

11:02 a.m.

Statement entitled “Observing HIV Awareness Month” was read by the Hon. K. N. Wilson, Minister of Health.

Premier’s Questions**11:08 a.m.**

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to CARICOM and US Pre-Clearance arrangements for Bermuda.

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

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

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

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

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

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a second question in reference to Bermuda Hospitals Board and Healthcare.

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

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

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

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

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

11:18 a.m.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a third question in reference to AI Impact on Bermudian Jobs.

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

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

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

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

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

11:22 a.m.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to Subsea Cable Project in Bermuda.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

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

Mr. H. K. E. Swan asked a supplementary question.

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

Mr. H. K. E. Swan asked a second supplementary question.

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

11:27 a.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to the Department of Corrections.

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.

11:33 a.m.

Mr. V. M. E. Campbell asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to Middle East Consultant and Benefits for Bermudians.

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

Mr. V. M. E. Campbell asked a supplementary question.

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

11:38 a.m.

Rev. Dr. E. G. A. Dill asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to Bank Fees.

(Time expired)

Question Period

11:40 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker noted that Written Answers to Parliamentary Questions due in today's proceedings, not all have been received. - Answers from the Premier and Deputy Premier had not yet been received.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister, Junior Minister of Justice and Spokesperson for Education, provided Written Response to Parliamentary

Questions from the Hon. B. A. Smith: (Answers deferred from May 29th)

1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide a list of all senior leadership positions within the Ministry of Education and Department of Education for which the substantive holder has announced retirement, resignation, or departure effective during the 2025/26 and 2026/27 academic years, together with the anticipated vacancy date for each position?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide details of all formal succession planning initiatives undertaken within the Ministry of Education and Department of Education from 2020-2026?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide the number of senior education leadership positions filled in an acting capacity with the length of time for each acting officer, from 2020-2026?

Mr. D. J. R. Lister, Junior Minister of Justice and Spokesperson for Education, provided Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. B. A. Smith:

1. Will the Junior Minister please identify and list for this Honourable House all the specific education programmes, qualifications, or institutional partnerships that would become newly available to Bermuda under full membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing CARICOM Associate Membership?
2. For each programme or opportunity identified, will the Junior Minister please state whether Bermuda currently has access through existing regional arrangements, including participation in institutions such as University of West Indies, and if not, what specific barrier full CARICOM membership would remove?
3. Will the Junior Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry conducted any analysis demonstrating measurable improvements in student outcomes, access to education, or cost efficiencies as a direct result of full CARICOM membership, and if so, will the Junior Minister table that analysis?

Mr. D. J. R. Lister, Junior Minister of Justice and Spokesperson for Education, provided Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from the Mr. R. S. Pearman:

1. Will the Junior Minister please identify and list any legal frameworks, dispute resolution mechanisms, or judicial cooperation arrangements that would

become newly available to Bermuda under full membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing Associate Membership?

2. For each mechanism identified, will the Junior Minister please state whether Bermuda already has access through existing legal agreements or international conventions, and if not, what barrier full membership would remove?
3. Will the Junior Minister please confirm whether the Government has conducted any legal analysis outlining the implications, obligations, or risks associated with full CARICOM membership, and will the Junior Minister table that analysis?

Mr. D. J. R. Lister, Junior Minister of Justice and Spokesperson for Education, provided Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from the Mr. L. M. R. King:

4. Will the Junior Minister please identify for this Honourable House any corrections, rehabilitation, prison management, or prison officer support programmes that would become newly available under Full CARICOM Membership?
5. Given the recent concerns regarding prison safety and threats against prison officers, will the Junior Minister please explain to this Honourable House how Full CARICOM Membership could offer opportunities to improve conditions within Bermuda's prison system?
6. Will the Junior Minister please confirm whether the Ministry has identified any measurable correctional benefit that is unavailable today under the Associate CARICOM Membership?

The Hon. O. K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport, provided Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. L. C. Cannonier:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify and list for this Honourable House all specific tourism marketing initiatives, cultural exchange programmes, or regional branding opportunities that would become newly available to Bermuda under full membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing Associate Membership?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether for each initiative identified, Bermuda already participates in or has access to similar regional or international tourism platforms, and if not, what barrier full CARICOM membership would remove?

3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry has conducted any analysis demonstrating potential for increased visitor arrivals, tourism revenue, or cultural sector growth as a direct result of full CARICOM membership, and if so, will the Honourable Minister table that analysis?

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, Minister of Home Affairs, provided Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from the Mr. D. V. Robinson:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with a detailed analysis demonstrating how full membership in CARICOM would reduce the cost of food in Bermuda, including specific categories of goods and projected price reductions?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what specific barriers currently prevent Bermuda from importing lower-cost food from CARICOM member states, and how would full CARICOM membership remove those barriers?

The Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, provided Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. M. M. Fahy:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify for this Honourable House all the opportunities that would become newly available to Bermudian small and medium-sized businesses under Full CARICOM Membership that are not currently available today?
2. For each opportunity identified, will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House what legal, regulatory, or commercial barrier currently prevents a Bermudian business from establishing operations in a CARICOM member state?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House if the Ministry identified any specific sectors in which Bermudian businesses would gain a competitive advantage under Full CARICOM Membership?

The Hon. M. A. Weeks, Minister of National Security, provided Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. J. C. Richardson:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify for this Honourable House all policing, intelligence-sharing, gang intervention, and crime reduction initiatives that would become newly available to Bermuda under Full CARICOM Membership and are not already available today?

2. For each initiative identified, will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House what measurable reduction in violent crime, gang activity or antisocial behaviour does the Government expect to achieve with Full CARICOM Membership?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry has identified any policing benefit that cannot already be achieved through existing bilateral relationships with the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, or regional law-enforcement partners?

The Hon. T. S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors, provided Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from Ms. R. S. Tucker:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please outline for this Honourable House how full membership in CARICOM could expand educational, training, and youth mobility opportunities for Bermuda's young people, particularly through regional youth programmes, scholarships, and skills-development initiatives offered within the Caribbean Community?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please explain to this Honourable House how full CARICOM membership could support Bermuda's long-term planning for our aging population, and whether any comparative analysis has been conducted with non-Caricom alternatives?
3. Will the Honourable Minister please outline for this Honourable House how full CARICOM membership could provide access to regional programmes that support vulnerable families, including those facing financial hardship or housing instability?

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and Environment, provided Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from Ms. L. C. Smith:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify and list for this Honourable House all specific environmental programmes, climate resilience initiatives, sustainability projects, funding opportunities, or technical assistance that would become newly available to Bermuda under Full Membership in CARICOM that are not currently accessible under Bermuda's existing Associate Membership?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether the Ministry has conducted any assessment demonstrating measurable environmental or financial benefits from Full CARICOM Membership and if so, will the Honourable Minister table that assessment?

3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether Bermuda is currently excluded from any major CARICOM environmental programme because it is an Associate Member rather than a Full Member?

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt informed His Honour the Speaker that his office has sent Written Answers to Parliamentary Questions from Dr. D. S. J. De Couto.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance, provided Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from Dr. D. S. J. De Couto:

1. Will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please provide for this Honourable House details of any formal economic, financial services, or reputational risk assessment undertaken by the Government regarding Bermuda becoming a Full Member of CARICOM?
2. Will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please identify for this Honourable House all financial services stakeholders, industry bodies, international business representatives, insurers, reinsurers, and professional organizations formally consulted by the Government regarding Bermuda becoming a Full Member of CARICOM, and provide a summary of any risks, concerns, recommendations, or conditions raised during those consultations?
3. Given that Bermuda's international business success relies on regulatory certainty, jurisdictional reputation, and confidence from global markets, will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please confirm for this Honourable House whether Government has conducted an assessment comparing the economic benefits of Full CARICOM Membership against any potential impact on Bermuda's existing international business relationships, and if so, will the Minister table that assessment?

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva, Deputy Premier and Minister of Housing and Municipalities, provided Written Response to Parliamentary Questions from Mr. V. M. E. Campbell:

1. Will the Honourable Minister please identify for this Honourable House any procurement arrangements, construction material supply chains, or housing initiatives that would become newly available under Full CARICOM Membership that are not available under associate membership?
2. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether Government has conducted any analysis demonstrating how Full CARICOM Membership would reduce the cost of construction

in Bermuda?

3. Will the Honourable Minister please identify for this Honourable House any specific construction materials that could be expected to become less expensive as a result of Full CARICOM Membership?

11:43 a.m.

Ms. L. C. Smith asked the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Fuel Security and National Energy Risk”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11:49 a.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

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

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

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

His Honour the Speaker

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne

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

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

11:55 a.m.

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

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

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

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

11:57 a.m.

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

The Hon. O. K. Darrell replied.

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

The Hon. O. K. Darrell replied.

12:02 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked the Hon. T. S. Furbert a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Department of Child and Family Services Building Capacity for Parenting”. The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

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

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

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

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

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

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

12:10 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked the Hon. K. N. Wilson a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Precautionary Guidance for the Ebola Virus”.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a second question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a third question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

12:18 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked the Hon. K. N. Wilson a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Observing HIV Awareness Month”.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches
(Please refer to the House Hansard)

12:23 p.m.- The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

12:25 p.m.- The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

12:28 p.m.- Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

12:29 p.m. – The Hon. T. S. Furbert

12:32 p.m.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned for lunch.

2:02 p.m.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches continued.

2:03 p.m.- Mr. D. J. R. Lister

2:05 p.m. – Mr. H. K. E. Swan

2:09 p.m. – Mrs. R. D. L. Ming

2:12 p.m.- The Hon. L. F. Foggo

2:15 p.m.- The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain

2:18 p.m.- The Hon. O. K. Darrell

2:20 p.m. – Ms. L. C. Smith

2:22 p.m. – The Hon. B. A. Smith

Mr. N. S. Tyrrell

2:24 p.m. - The Hon. M. A. Weeks

2:26 p.m. – The Hon. J. A. K. Adams

2:27 p.m.- Mr. R. S. Pearman

Orders of the Day

2:29 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt, moved that the Bill entitled the “Retail Shops (Temporary Customs Duty Relief for Capital Investments) Amendment Act 2026” be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

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

2:33 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

2:35 p.m.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward

2:40 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister

2:42 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. replied.

2:44 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

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

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved Clauses 1-3, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-3 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.

2:47 p.m.

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

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

2:50 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

2:51 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. replied.

2:52 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

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

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved Clauses 1-5, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-5 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.

2:59 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved that consideration be now given to the Draft Order entitled “Tourism Investment (Rosewood Bermuda) Order 2026”, proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Tourism, under section 3 of the Tourism Investment Act 2017 together with the written agreement of the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 5 of the Tourism Investment Act 2017, which was agreed to.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell spoke on the Order.

3:05 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

3:09 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King

Mr. H. K. E. Swan

3:23 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell replied.

3:26 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved that the said draft Order be approved, and that a suitable message be sent to His Excellency the Governor, which was agreed to.

3:27 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, moved that the Bill entitled the “Electricity Amendment Act 2026” be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

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

3:43 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

3:55 p.m.

Ms. L. C. Smith

4:02 p.m.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward

The Hon. M.M. Fahy (PoO)

4:08 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson (PoO)

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Mr. D. V. Robinson (PoO)

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Mr. D. V. Robinson (PoO)

4:15 p.m.

The Hon. M. M. Fahy

4:16 p.m.

The J. P. Hayward (PoO)

4:23 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

4:34 p.m.

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

4:38 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

4:49 p.m.

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

5:04 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

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

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne moved Clauses 1-8, which was agreed to.

5:14 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

5:16 p.m.

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

5:17 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

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

5:18 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

5:19 p.m.

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

5:20 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

5:21 p.m.

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

5:22 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

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

Mr. R. S. Pearman

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

Mr. R. S. Pearman

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

5:25 p.m.

Clauses 1-8 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.

5:28 p.m.

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams moved that the House do now take under consideration the following motion, notice of which was given on 29th May, 2026:

“BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with section 2(1)(a) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1970, that this Honourable House approve the purchase of the Compass Point Building together with all land appurtenant thereto, situate at 9 Bermudiana Road, Pembroke.”

5:39 p.m.

Mr. V. M. E. Campbell

5:45 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King

5:48 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

5:56 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

Mr. T. C. Famous

6:00 p.m.

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams moved that the Motion be approved, which was agreed to.
Order #9 was carried over.

6:06 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled “Retail Shops (Temporary Customs Duty Relief for Capital Investments) 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 “Retail Shops (Temporary Customs Duty Relief for Capital Investments) Amendment Act 2026” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled “Payroll Tax 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 “Payroll Tax Amendment Act 2026” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

6:07 p.m.

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

On the motion of the Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, the Bill entitled “Electricity Amendment Act 2026” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

6:08 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House, at its rising, adjourn to Friday, June 26th, 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

6:12 p.m.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert

6:23 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

6:28 p.m.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva (PoO)

6:30 p.m.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan

6:31 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

6:33 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

6:46 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne

6:58 p.m.

The Hon. B. A. Smith

7:05 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

7:07 p.m.

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

7:17 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker

7:19 p.m.

The House adjourned.