

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2018-2019**

No. 30

Friday, 1st November, 2019

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, E. David G. Burt, L. Craig Cannonier, Wayne M. Caines, Rolf 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, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence A. Scott, Jamahl S. Simmons, Scott A. Simmons, N.H. Cole Simons, Ben A. Smith, H. Kim E. Swan, Neville S. Tyrrell, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

[This meeting of the House was conducted in the Temporary House Chamber located on the Third Floor at Veritas Place on Court Street in the City of Hamilton.]

Mr. C.L. Dickinson
Minister of Finance

10:09 a.m.

Prayers

Minutes of the Meeting of September 27th, 2019 were confirmed.

Papers and other Communications

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 “Pension Commission Annual Report for the Years 2011 to 2017”.

MS. K.N. WILSON 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 “The Bermuda Health Council Annual Report 2018/19”.

Ms. K.N. Wilson
Minister of Health

MR. D.V.S. RABAIN 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 “Chartered Professional

Accountants of Bermuda Amendment By-Laws 2019”.

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

10:11 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers.

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Appointment of Members of the Commission of Inquiry”.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Government Guarantee Hotelco Bermuda Holding Ltd”.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Pension Commission Annual Report for the Years 2011 to 2017”.

10:22 a.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Universal Postal Union Extraordinary Congress”.

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Temporary Repurposing of TN Tatem Facility”.

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Infrastructure Improvements”.

MR. D.V.S. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Recognition of Accountants with the ACCA Designation in Bermuda”.

10:41 a.m.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER acknowledged the presence of Ms. Shelly-Ann Muhammad, Head of ACCA Caribbean, who was sitting in the Speaker’s Gallery.

MR. W.M. CAINES read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Disaster Risk Reduction and Mitigation Team Update”.

MR. W.M. CAINES read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Gang Violence Reduction Team”.

10:59 a.m.

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

11:09 a.m.

Question Period.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 18(4), MR. E.D.G. BURT deferred written response to the following parliamentary questions from Mr. L.C. Cannonier:-

1. Notwithstanding, the responses provided to questions by the Honourable Premier on July 12, 2019; will the Honourable Premier please advise this Honourable House if any Members of Parliament have been paid from the public purse for any services, other than Government Committees, Government Boards or Quangos?

2. Will the Honourable Premier please identify for this Honourable House the Members of Parliament and the amounts paid or the outstanding amounts due to them?

MR. Z.J.S. DE SILVA provided oral responses to the following parliamentary questions from Ms. L.K. Scott:-

*1. Would the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with the total number of MAN technicians currently employed at the Department of Public Transportation Bus Depot and what is the hourly rate each one is currently being paid?

*2. Would the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House how long these MAN technicians have been in Bermuda and how much has the Government paid out in salaries, housing allowance, room and board and cycle livery rentals to date?

*3. Would the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House the number of local bus mechanics that have been apprenticed under the MAN technicians, with a view to reducing the reliance on the MAN technicians and increasing the knowledge and skill base of our Bermudian technicians and what is the longest work permit term granted to any MAN technician?

11:23 a.m.

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question to Mr. E.D.G. Burt on his Ministerial Statement entitled "Appointment of Members of the Commission of Inquiry".

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to Mr. C.L. Dickinson on his Ministerial Statement entitled "Government Guarantee Hotelco Bermuda Holding Ltd".

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

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a question to Mr. W.L. Furbert on his Ministerial Statement entitled "Universal Postal Union Extraordinary Congress".

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

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

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

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

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a supplementary question.

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

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question to Lt. Col. D.A. Burch on his Ministerial Statement entitled "Infrastructure Improvements".

11:30 a.m.

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

11:58 a.m.

Notice of Motions

MR. W.M. CAINES, on behalf of MR. W.L. FURBERT, gave notice that at the next day of meeting, he proposed to move the following Motion:-

"That this Honourable House take note of the Future State Report dated August 23rd, 2019 by Bermuda First"

Orders of the Day

Order number 1 on the Order Paper was carried over.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the "Government Loans Amendment (No. 2) Act 2019", which was agreed to.

12:06 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

12:15 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

12:17 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

12:30 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.

The Bill was Committed.

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

2:03 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 1 to 3, which was agreed to.

2:04 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

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.

Order number 3 on the Order Paper was carried over.

2:07 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Casino Gaming (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

2:11 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:15 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:16 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

2:17 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

2:29 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

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

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 1 to 6, which was agreed to.

2:31 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:33 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

2:34 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:35 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 1 to 6 were agreed to, as printed.

2:36 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 7 to 12, which was agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 12 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 13 to 18, which was agreed to.

2:40 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:41 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 13 to 18 were agreed to, as printed.

2:45 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 19 to 20, which was agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 20 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved the Schedule, which was agreed to.

2:47 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

2:48 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

The Schedule was 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.

2:52 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Incorporated Segregated Accounts Companies Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

3:09 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

3:20 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

The Bill was Committed.

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

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 1 and 2, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to, as printed.

3:23 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 3 to 7, which was agreed to.

3:26 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

3:28 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

3:30 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

3:30 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

3:32 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

3:33 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 3 to 7 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 8 to 11, which was agreed to.

3:35 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

3:37 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 8 to 11 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 12 to 17, which was agreed to.

3:40 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

3:41 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 12 to 17 were agreed to, as printed.

3:42 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 18 to 20, which was agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 20 were agreed to, as printed.

3:43 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 21 to 32, which was agreed to.

Clauses 21 to 32 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 33 to 43, which was agreed to.

Clauses 33 to 43 were agreed to, as printed.

3:48 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 44 to 55, which was agreed to.

Clauses 44 to 55 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 56 to 58, which was agreed to.

Clauses 56 to 58 were agreed to, as printed.

3:50 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 59 to 76, which was agreed to.

3:55 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

3:57 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 59 to 76 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 6 on the Order Paper was carried over.

3:59 p.m.

MR. W.M. CAINES, on behalf of MS. K.N. WILSON moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Misuse of Drugs (Hemp) Amendment Act 2019”, which was agreed to.

4:03 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

4:06 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

4:15 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

4:20 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

4:22 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

4:26 p.m. – MS. K.N. WILSON

The Bill was Committed.

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

MS. K.N. WILSON moved Clauses 1 and 2, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1 and 2 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.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY moved the following Motions:-

Mr. Speaker:

I ask for leave of the House to reinstate the motion standing in my name which reads as follows:

“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.”, which was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Standing Order 25 (3), I am requesting that the motion remain on the Order Paper for an additional three months or until such date as the Order is discharged, whichever is earlier, which was agreed to.

4:31 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Government Loans Amendment (No. 2) Act 2019” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. C.L. DICKINSON, the Bill entitled the “Government Loans Amendment (No. 2) Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Casino Gaming (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2019” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. C.L. DICKINSON, the Bill entitled the “Casino Gaming (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Incorporated Segregated Accounts Companies Act 2019” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. C.L. DICKINSON, the Bill entitled the “Incorporated Segregated Accounts Companies Act 2019” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

4:32 p.m.

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

4:33 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that, at its rising, the House adjourn to Friday, 15th November 2019, which was agreed to.

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

4:34 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

4:42 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

(4:45 p.m. - MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

5:02 p.m. – MR. J.S. SIMMONS

5:05 p.m.

The House adjourned until Friday, 15th November 2019 at 10:00 a.m.