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Honourable House of Assembly
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Friday, 10th May, 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, R. Scott Pearman, Diallo V.S. Rabain, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Leah K. Scott, Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Jamahl S. Simmons, Scott A. Simmons, H. Kim E. Swan, Neville S. Tyrell, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

10:05 a.m.

Prayers

Minutes of the Meetings of March 18th and March 22nd, 2019 were confirmed.

10:06 a.m.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER announced a Moment of Silence in memory of former Member of Parliament, Mr. Lloyd James.

10:07 a.m.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER announced that Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin, Mr. T.G. Moniz and Mr. B.A. Smith will be absent from today's meeting.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER informed Members about the need for those Members who attended the Parliamentary Strengthening Seminar (PSS) last week to sign off on the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's General Data Protection Consent Forms and Evaluation Forms for the PSS.

10:08 a.m.

Papers and other Communications to the House.

MR. E.D.G. BURT 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 "Labour Advisory Committee (LAC), Sub-Committee: Reviewing the Retirement Age 2018 Report".

Mr. E.D.G. Burt
Premier

10:09 a.m.

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 following:

“Economic Substance Amendment Regulations 2019”;

“Economic Substance Amendment (No 2) Regulations 2019”;

“Companies and Limited Liability Company (Beneficial Ownership)(Transitional Period Extension) Order 2019”;

“Partnership, Exempted Partnerships and Limited Partnership (Beneficial Ownership) (Transitional Period Extension) Order 2019”;

“Customs Tariff (Approved Businesses) Notice 2019”; and

“Customs Tariff (Approved Organizations)) Amendment Notice 2019”.

Mr. C.L. Dickinson
Minister of Finance

10:10 a.m.

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 “Bermuda Hospitals Board Annual Report 2014”.

Ms. K.N. Wilson
Minister of Health

10:10 a.m.

MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA 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 following:

“Merchant Shipping (Anti-Fouling Systems) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Compulsory Insurance of Shipowners for Maritime Claims) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (International Safety Management (Ism) Code) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-Operation Convention) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Amendment Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Amendment Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution from Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Amendment Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Repatriation) Amendment Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Ship-To-Ship Transfers) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Seafarer’s Employment) Amendment Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Control of Noise at Work) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Control of Vibration at Work) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Artificial Optical Radiation) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Asbestos) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Biological Agents) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Carcinogens and Mutagens) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Chemical Agents) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Work at Height) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment) Regulations 2019”;

“Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Provision and Use of Work Equipment) Regulations 2019”;

“Marine Board (Control over Maritime Traffic) Notice 2019”; and

“Marine Board (Control Over Maritime Traffic) (No. 2) Notice 2019”.

Mr. Z.J.S. DeSilva

Minister of Tourism and Transport

10:13 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers.

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Reviewing the Retirement Age – a Report of the Labour Advisory (LAC) Sub-Committee”.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read a Ministerial Statement entitled “European Union Tax Listing”.

MR. W.H. ROBAN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Streamlining Planning Processes”.

MR. W.M. CAINES read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Westgate Correctional Facility Work to Rule Update”.

MS. K.N. WILSON read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Bermuda Hospitals Board Annual Report 2014”.

MS. L.F. FOGGO read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Role of the Labour Relations Section”.

MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Public Bus Service”.

10:50 a.m.

Premier’s Questions

10:50 a.m. - 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.

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

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

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

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

11:03 a.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked the Premier a question.

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

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

11:05 a.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked the Premier a question.

11:07 a.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked the Premier a question.

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

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

11:11 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.

11:13 a.m. – MR. D.V BURGESS asked the Premier a question.

MR. D.V BURGESS asked a supplementary question.

11:16 a.m. – MR. N.S. TYRRELL asked the Premier a question.

MR. N.S. TYRRELL asked a supplementary question.

11:19 a.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS asked the Premier a question.

MR. T.C. FAMOUS asked a supplementary question.

11:20 a.m.

Question Period.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a question to MR. C.L. DICKINSON on his Ministerial Statement entitled “European Union Tax Listing”.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. C.L. DICKINSON on his Ministerial Statement entitled “European Union Tax Listing”.

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

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

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. W.H. ROBAN on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Streamlining Planning Processes”.

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

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question to MR. W.M. CAINES on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Westgate Correctional Facility Work to Rule Update”.

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

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a question to MR. W.M. CAINES on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Westgate Correctional Facility Work to Rule Update”.

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

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

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

MS. L.K. SCOTT asked a supplementary question.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MS. L.K. SCOTT asked a supplementary question.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a second question.

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

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

11:50 a.m.

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

12:50 p.m.

Introduction of Bills

MS. K.N. WILSON introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Health Insurance Amendment Act 2019”

12:51 p.m.

Notices of Motion:

MR. E.D.G. BURT gave notice that at the next day of meeting, he proposed to move the following Motion:

“**WHEREAS** the Government undertook in the 2018 Speech from the Throne to *“revise the*

mandatory retirement age to take account of a longer lifespan, the necessity to add additional stability to pension funds and to promote greater choice among the working population about when one retires from full-time employment”

AND WHEREAS the Government undertook to cause the Legislature “*to discuss options for such revisions to the age of mandatory retirement from the Public Service, which will preserve the right to retire at sixty-five but permit a post holder to work beyond that age without the requirement for permission to do so*”;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House supports the recommendations of the Sub-Committee of the Labour Advisory Committee as contained in the Report “Reviewing the Retirement Age”.

12:52 p.m.

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

12:52 p.m. – MR. M.A. WEEKS

1:03 p.m. – MR. M.A. DUNKLEY

1:22 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES

1:42 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

2:01 p.m. – MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA

(2:13 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

2:23 p.m. – MR. S.D. RICHARDS

2:29 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

(2:42 p.m. – MR SPEAKER in the Chair)

2:46 p.m. – MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG

2:59 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

3:17 p.m.

The House adjourned until Friday, 17th May 2019 at 10:00 a.m.