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[Sen. the Hon. Joan E. Dillas-Wright, President, presiding]

The President: Good morning, Senators.
The Senate is in session.
Shall we pray?

PRAYERS

[Prayers read by Sen. the Hon. Joan E. Dillas-Wright, President]

The President: Please be seated.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

[Minutes of 14 February 2024]

The President: I will call on Senator Kiernan Bell, Vice President.

Sen. Kiernan Bell: Madam President, I move that the Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, February 14, 2024, be taken as read.

The President: Is there any objection to that motion?
Except that, Senator Bell, there is a correction that I would like to make, and that is on the Congratulatory and/or Obituary Speeches where I had indicated condolences for the family of Mr. Rodman Woolridge; however, the name needs to be changed. In the Minutes it says Roderick Pearman and I would like to make that correction. The name is Rodman, R-O-D-M-A-N, Woolridge.

Sen. Kiernan Bell: Thank you, Madam President. Subject to that amendment, I move that the Minutes of Wednesday, February 14, 2024, be confirmed.

The President: Is there any objection to that motion?
No objection. The Minutes will be confirmed with that correction.
Thank you, Senator Kiernan Bell, Vice President.

[Minutes of 14 February 2024 confirmed as corrected.]

MESSAGES

The Clerk: There are no messages, Madam President.

The President: Thank you, very much, Ms. Beale.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The President: There are none.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT**APOLOGIES**

The President: Senators, I would just like to inform you all that we have had apologies from Senator John Wight and Senator Dwayne Robinson who have work commitments at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President: The other announcement is in the name of Senator Arianna Hodgson, the Junior Minister for Finance.

Senator Hodgson, you have the floor.

Sen. Arianna Hodgson: Thank you, Madam President, and good morning.

The President: Good morning.

**NATIONAL ECONOMIC REPORT OF
BERMUDA FOR 2023**

Sen. Arianna Hodgson: I hereby present for the information of Senate the National Economic Report of Bermuda for 2023.

The President: Thank you.
And there is a second announcement, and that is in the name of Senator Leslie Robinson, the Junior Minister for Economy and Labour.
Senator Robinson, you have the floor.

**TIPS AND OTHER GRATUITIES POLICY
STATEMENT, PURSUANT TO SCHEDULE 1A OF
THE EMPLOYMENT ACT 2000**

Sen. Leslie Robinson: Thank you, Madam President.
I hereby present for the information of Senate the template entitled Tips and Other Gratuities Policy Statement, Pursuant to Schedule 1A of the Employment Act 2000.

Senators may access a copy of this template on their tablets and/or the Parliament website.

The President: Thank you, Senator Robinson.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

The President: There are none.

PETITIONS

The President: There are none.

STATEMENTS

The President: There are none.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The President: There are none.

FIRST READING OF PUBLIC BILLS

CIVIL AVIATION (AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING) AMENDMENT ACT 2024

The President: The following public Bill has been received from the Honourable House of Assembly and is now read for the first time. Its title is the Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licensing) Amendment Act 2024.

And Senators, this Bill will be taken up on our Orders of the Day later in the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

SENATOR VISITOR

The President: And at this time I would just like to acknowledge the presence of the Minister of Transport, [Honourable Wayne L.] Furbert, who is in the Gallery. Welcome, sir.

FIRST READING OF PRIVATE BILLS

The President: There are none.

QUESTION PERIOD

The President: There are none.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The President: And the Orders of the Day is the second reading of the Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licensing) Amendment Act 2024. And that is in the name of Reverend Doctor Emily G. Dill, Junior Minister for Transport.

Senator Dill, you have the floor.

STANDING ORDER 25

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I move that the provisions of Standing Order 25 be granted so that the Senate may now proceed with the second reading of the Bill entitled the Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licensing) Amendment Act 2024.

The President: Are there any objections to that motion?

No objection.

[Motion carried: Leave granted for the Investment Business Amendment Act 2024 to be read a second time on the same day as its first reading.]

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: I move that the Bill entitled Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licensing) Amendment Act 2024 be now read a second time.

The President: Is there any objection to the second reading?

No objection.

Carry on, Senator Dill.

BILL

SECOND READING

CIVIL AVIATION (AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING) AMENDMENT ACT 2024

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: Madam President, the Bill presented today before the [Senate] is the [Civil Aviation \(Air Transport Licensing\) Amendment Act 2024](#). And the purpose of the Bill is to update the Air Transport Licensing Panel composition and clarify that external airlines are not required to hold an air transport licence, or an ATL.

Madam President, air transport licensing regulates the use of aircraft registered in Bermuda for the carriage for reward of passengers or cargo. The principal purposes of licensing are to ensure the fitness of applicants for an ATL to operate such aircraft safely, their financial fitness and adequate insurance and that they are controlled by persons with Bermudian status.

Madam President, Bermuda's current airport transport licensing system became law almost 17 years ago. Air transport has evolved immensely since the Civil Aviation (Licensing of Air Transport and Commercial Flying) Act 1950 was enacted. The 1950 Act was no longer fit for purpose and was replaced by the Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licensing) Act 2007 and the Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licensing) Regulations 2007. The 2007 Act and Regulations were enacted

recognising the increasing liberalisation of economic regulation of air transport globally, removing the historical constraints on competition in the sector and allowing new opportunities for market entry to bring benefits to the industry and to passengers and shippers of cargo.

It was considered timely to streamline and update Bermuda's air transport licensing legislation. With the passage of time, it is recognised that the 2007 Act and Regulations are now outdated in some respects and in their present form will prevent applications being processed and considered.

Madam President, in particular, the Air Transport Licensing Panel for which the 2007 Act provides cannot be convened as at least one of the prescribed offices to be held by members of the panel no longer exists. This bars any application for an ATL to proceed. Currently the Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licensing) Act 2007 in section 3(2) prescribes three panel members: the Director-General of the Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority (or the BCAA); the Director of Tourism; and the Financial Secretary.

Madam President, it is required to change the "Director of Tourism" membership title to the "Chief Executive Officer of the Board of the Bermuda Tourism Authority." Additionally, it is recommended to add a provision in the Act to allow substitution by the Minister of any such person if such office ceases to exist or if the office holder is unavailable to sit on the panel for any reason.

Madam President, the 2007 Act will continue to provide that no aircraft registered in Bermuda shall be used for carriage for reward of passengers or cargo unless the operator holds an ATL. Operators which are external airlines will continue to be excluded from the need to hold an ATL. An external airline is an operator who holds an air operator certificate granted in a state other than Bermuda. Some external airlines do operate Bermuda registered aircraft but are licenced in their own states to undertake carriage for reward of passengers and cargo. And it is those states that determine the safety and financial fitness of such airlines to operate.

Madam President, it is therefore proposed that the Act will now only apply to those operators who hold Bermuda AOCs [air operator's certificates]. External airlines will already have been licensed by their own states and have satisfied similar requirements.

In conclusion, Madam President, accommodating this proposal will require only a few amendments to the legislative framework which will allow the panel to convene and fulfil its duties. The Minister will have the authority to make substitutes to the panel if required, and for external airlines and operators licensed in the United Kingdom or any of its territories to no longer be required to hold ATLs.

Thank you, Madam President.

The President: Thank you, Senator Emily Dill.

Would any Senator care to speak on this Bill?
Senator De Couto, you have the floor. Doctor De Couto.

Sen. Dr. Douglas De Couto: Thank you, Madam President.

One thing is that we are certainly glad to see this legislation cleared up to be correct with respect to the various namings and it also seems to adjust some procedures to be a little more streamlined. As you know, Madam President, the One Bermuda Alliance is a fan of cutting government red tape.

I do have a few questions. As we are here in this extraordinary session, which I am grateful for the accommodations of the schedule, Madam President, I would like to understand the sense of urgency because some of these changes with respect to the names of the various panel members, those are not new changes, in the various titles of the other organisations and so forth. So, I am just curious. Is there something that has happened externally that is causing us to do this legislation now? So that is one question that I have.

So, I guess that would be my two questions. Is there some external thing causing us to really require us to do this now? And what will be the process to make sure that when other organisations adjust their titles and names of positions to make sure these legislations stay in sync, which of course is really important from a legal perspective. Other than that, of course we want to support the industry and streamlining where it makes sense in the right way, Madam President.

Thank you.

The President: Thank you, Senator De Couto.

Would any other Senator care to ask questions?

Senator Tucker, Opposition Leader [in the Senate], you have the floor.

Sen. Robin Tucker: Thank you, Madam President. And good morning to everyone.

I would just like to ask a question in addition to my Senate colleague. In the interest of full transparency I am trying not to speak to the clauses directly, but there is a point about making sure that policies and things are generally shared. So, if the Junior Minister could let us know what the rationale would be for making certain changes to the policy-sharing aspect, that would be most helpful just in sort of understanding on a high level why those changes are being made.

Thank you, Madam President.

The President: Thank you, Senator Tucker.

Would any other Senator care to speak on this Bill?

Hearing none, we will wait now until Senator Dill gets the responses to the questions that have been asked.

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: Certainly, it appears from my purview that the brief has clearly outlined the questions that have been asked, because the legislation that was passed in 2007 actually includes specific titles. So, it was important for us to ensure that the panel could convene, given that there was legislation that prevented the individuals from doing that. And also, as you are aware we do have two active air operator certificate holders, BermudAir and Freedom II, that would require an ATL in order to carry passengers or cargo for reward. And either of these could be seeking to apply. So we would certainly want to expeditiously as possible move the process forward for these carriers.

[Inaudible interjections]

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: Yes, and they both are currently using an exemption, so we would certainly want to ensure that they are fully compliant and that it is not requiring special privileges on an ongoing basis. Thank you.

The President: Thank you, Senator Dill. Are there any follow-up questions?

Sen. Robin Tucker: Yes, Madam President, there was no answer to my question concerning why, with the changes intended, there would no longer be a need for the panel, or I should say the requirement for the panel to share any policies that they may adopt. It would basically be up to the Minister. So I am just wondering what the rationale is. There is no opposition to the Bill as Dr. De Couto, Senator Dr. De Couto mentioned. I am just curious as to why the change from mandating them to making it at the discretion of the Minister.

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: I am a little unclear of what you are asking.

The President: Can you pose your question more succinctly, Senator Tucker?

Sen. Robin Tucker: Okay. Yes. I am trying not to sort of hone in on a specific clause because I know we are not allowed to do that. But as the changes will allow for the Minister to decide if the policies that are adopted by this panel, rather than the panel as it stands before this change is being made, the panel is required to share. So I am just wondering why we are changing so that the panel . . . sorry, the sharing of any sort of policy changes that are made by the panel will be now up to the Minister versus for transparency purposes just a requirement for the panel to share.

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: Okay. The revision provides the panel as the licensing body to consider whether it is necessary or expedient for it to publish a statement of policies while preserving the Minister's

discretion to require one to be published. I believe you are referring to section 16 of the Act, in the revision. Okay. But it also greatly simplifies and shortens the process for such publication.

The President: Well, with that response, are there any other questions from any Senator?

Hearing none. Thank you, Senator Dill, for the responses to the questions and you can now move your Bill.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 26

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: Madam President, I move that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill.

The President: Is there any objection to that Motion?
No objection.

[Motion carried: Standing Order 26 suspended.]

BILL

THIRD READING

CIVIL AVIATION (AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING) AMENDMENT ACT 2024

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: Madam President, I move that the Bill entitled Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licensing) Amendment Act 2024 be now read a third time.

The President: Is there any objection to the third reading?
No objection.

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: Madam President, I move that the Bill do now pass.

The President: It has been moved that the Bill entitled the Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licensing) Amendment Act 2024 do now pass.

Is there any objection to the Motion?

No objection.

The Bill is passed.

[Motion carried: The Civil Aviation (Air Transport Licensing) Amendment Act 2024 was read a third time and passed.]

The President: Thank you, Senator Emily Dill, Junior Minister for Transport.

And thank you, Senators.

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: Thank you, Madam President.

The President: Moving on with Item Number 14 of the Orders of the Day.

MOTIONS

The President: There are none.

CONGRATULATORY AND/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES

The President: Would any Senator care to speak? Minister Owen Darrell, you have the floor.

Sen. the Hon. Owen Darrell: Thank you, Madam President.

I won't be long, but I do just have a couple that I want to speak on today as we most likely will not be here for some time. So I want to put these matters of important congrats and obits.

I will start with the congrats piece. Madam President, I want to highlight once again in this Chamber the Tino Martinez Quartet. They have been invited, Madam President, to perform at the South by Southwest music festival this March, which takes place in Austin, Texas. For the music enthusiasts who are listening, they would know that this is a huge invitation and a huge accomplishment for the Tino Martinez Quartet who operate right here in Bermuda. This annual event is significantly known for its convergence of film, music and technology conferences as well as festivals. It serves as a gathering of professionals and enthusiasts from diverse industries, offering a wide range of sessions, showcases, exhibitions and networking opportunities.

The Tino Martinez Quartet, as we are very familiar with, continues to refine their craft, captivating audiences with their soulful jazz and jazz fusion tunes. If you have not been up to Elbow Beach at the Deep, Madam President, I will say that you should probably make some time to get up there and see this awesome musician and his team. Their passion and commitment to their music is truly inspiring and they have been working tirelessly to perfect their sound and stage presence. They have launched a GoFundMe page and I encourage all of their fans to support.

Also of congratulations, Madam President, while it is always disappointing when our football team, the Gombey Warriors, lose a football game, I could not think of a more worthy opponent to fall to than a team coached by Bermudian Khano Smith. I want to congratulate both teams on two very sportsmanlike games. And the Bermudian general manager and head coach of the Rhode Island FC on their victories. And I did have the opportunity to attend the second match and I did congratulate Khano in person and wished him well on his upcoming season.

Also, a friend of mine, Mr. Raymond Smith, you would notice in the daily today is reopening what is

called now the Court Street Bakery, in the position of the former Zaki's Bakery. Whilst some people do not realise this, the food of our people is entwined with our culture and Mr. Smith has been committed to maintaining the cultural legacy of this establishment. I can't wait to go there and order one of those famous cakes and the Steak n Takes that they have.

And on to obituaries, Madam President, I don't know if this one was done in this place before, but I don't think so. I want to send condolences to my colleague who sits in another place, MP Jache Adams, on the passing of his father, Mr. Antoine Brangman. I, along with some of my colleagues yesterday, attended a moving celebration of life for Mr. Brangman, which was also attended by most of the Somerset community as he was an integral member of the Somerset community. And I would say, Madam President, one of the highlights of this service for anyone who was there or was watching online was the in-depth tribute given to his father by MP Adams. It was full of stories of what a father/son bond should truly look like, Madam President. So again, I want to send condolences to the Brangman family.

And my final one, Madam President, was one that took me by complete shock and surprise. And I don't know if it was mentioned in this place before, but if it was, I am going to say it again. And that is with obits. I want to send condolences to the family of a young man, Mr. Najé Lathan. You know, I did have an opportunity after learning of his untimely passing to reach out to his family and offer my condolences, but I just wanted to offer them here in the Senate. Mr. Lathan passed away at age 26, Madam President. And I did have the opportunity to work with him and engage with him while I worked in his place at the Premier's office. He was one of the first members of what we termed at that time as COVID-19 Response Task Force. At that time he would have been 22 years old. He was a pleasant young man. And I was very, very saddened to hear about his untimely passing and as I did mention, I did have the opportunity to reach out to his family and pass along my condolences directly.

Thank you, Madam President.

The President: Thank you, Minister Darrell. Would any other Senator care to speak? Senator Tucker.

Sen. Robin Tucker: Thank you, Madam President.

I will start with condolences as well. I just want to express condolences to Gina Spence-Virgil and her family on the passing of her brother, Gary, who I will admit I did not know well but I did know him from my Disco 40 days. So, we did have a good time at Disco 40 and Gary was a good part of that. So, I do want to express sincere condolences to, as I said, Gina and her family.

I do have a point of congratulations and I will join Minister Darrell with this because . . . he must have

forgotten. I am sure he has. I want to express congratulations to the Leopards Club on their 75th anniversary. Minister Darrell and a few other Members from the other place, as well as I was there, and another OBA team member was there as well. And we had a really good time celebrating the Leopards Club. I was . . . I actually . . . it was very personal for me. I will put it that way. The Leopards Club has a very long history as many of us already know. And for me it is especially personal. My grandfather was a member before he passed away. Several of my uncles, as well as my mother [who] is a current member of the Leopards Club. And as a child I went to Delwood and had to walk over and I spent a little bit of time in Leopards Club while my grandfather was at the bar, or in the card room.

[Laughter]

Sen. Robin Tucker: And so, all of the older generation, in particular, would know . . . would have known me well. And I did hear when it was mentioned in the other place from one of the Members there, that he too had spent some time over at the Leopards Club. He said he had one of his birthday parties on the lawn and he also mentioned that his grandfather (I believe) was a barber, sort of along the stretch between Delwood and Leopards. And as a child, obviously I did not know, but his grandfather, the children . . . I was one of them, probably one of the team leaders, that would stop by that barber shop and his grandfather would give us candy and snacks. So that was also another sort of really good place to stop on the way over to Leopards Club. It was a really fantastic event. Very enjoyable event. And I wish them endless, endless anniversaries.

The Leopards Club is very important to not only to the community but it has been important to Bermuda, and in particular to Black Bermudians. So, again, I want to say congratulations to them. And it is fantastic to see that there are so many younger people who have taken over the mantle to continue Leopards Club and its legacy. So, congratulations to them.

Thank you, Madam President.

The President: Thank you, Senator.

Would any other Senator care to speak?

Yes, Senator De Couto. Doctor Douglas De Couto, you have the floor.

Sen. Dr. Douglas De Couto: Thank you, Madam President.

Unfortunately today I have two obits that are quite close to home. One is quite personal. I would just like to send my condolences to my brother-in-law, Richard Hartley, on the passing of his father, John; to his mother, Margaret; to his whole family; to his father's grandchildren; and most especially my niece and nephew, Lila and Nate. That is very close to home, Madam President.

Also, a little up the hill, but I wanted to send my condolences to Mrs. Gwen Fahy on the passing of her husband, Mike. I grew up down the hill from the Fahy boys and I used to go up the hill and say, *Hey, Mr. and Mrs. Fahy, can they come out to play?* And Mr. Fahy, and we have heard in another place about his commitment and input into this Island of Bermuda, but what I remember is how he would eye us up and down and say, *Well, you have got to help them with their chores if you want to play with them.* And he would come across quite serious like that. But he had a wicked dry sense of humour. He was always good for a laugh. He had great advice.

And you know, a real testament to him, if you know his children, you will know Michael Fahy as a former Senator from this place, Madam President, and then his brother Stephen is a former Olympian swimmer for Bermuda. So that is clearly a testament . . . obviously of course to their mother and of course their now recently deceased father. And I send my condolences out to Mrs. Fahy. She will always be Mrs. Fahy to me. The whole family, Stephen and Michael [and] the grandchildren.

So, thank you, Madam President.

The President: Thank you, Senator De Couto.

Yes, Senator Tucker wants to be associated with the condolences for the Fahy family. I will associate myself having worked with him here in the Senate.

Would any other Senator care to speak?

Senator Emily Dill, you have the floor.

Sen. Rev. Dr. Emilygail A. Dill: Thank you, Madam President.

I would like to take the time first of all to associate myself with the condolences that were offered for Mr. Antoine Brangman, the father of MP Jache Adams, and certainly I would like to send condolences to the entire Brangman family. As I reflected on Antoine . . . Antoine and I attended elementary school together. But he will be deeply missed because he has been that person who over the years has ensured that those ties that were formed way back then would continue to be held together by the many events he would hold for members of the class, and he was just an exceptional individual, humble. He had great respect for all of humanity. May he rest in peace and the family be comforted by the memory and the legacy that he has left behind.

I would also like to offer condolences to the family of Mrs. Mary Basden. Mrs. Basden is from St. George's, but she is a woman who has made an impact throughout this Island. And in particular, the work that she has done with women in crisis. And certainly, just like . . . in reflecting on both of these individuals today, Mrs. Basden is the mother of one of my close friends. And so she has always been that figure that will share words of encouragement, give wise counsel, and she will be deeply missed not only by the St. George's community but by the entire Bermuda community.

I would like to offer congratulatory remarks to the Paget Primary School. Last week in honour of Black History Month they had what I am made to understand, this is their 6th annual Black History Museum in which the entire school is transformed into a museum that celebrates the history of our people, and in particular individuals in the Bermuda community. This year in particular our first female Commissioner of Prisons, Keeva Joell-Benjamin, was highlighted in her room. And Dr. Dorothy Matthews Paynter who is now, I believe, 102 years old. She was actually present along with the other honourees.

There was a room for the Honourable Dr. Nel-etha Butterfield. The former Speaker of the House, the Honourable K. Randolph Horton. There was even the Lions Lounge, their school mascot is the lion, and they had a lounge where they celebrated the arts and in particular, they celebrated the work of Gita Blakeney Sal-tus.

There was a room for Mrs. Cathy Bassett. And I may not have captured them . . . yes, there was a room for Canon Francis, and when you walked around the room you saw the different robes that he wore at the different stages of his journey from an acolyte to him becoming a rector and canon in the Anglican Church.

So, I want to celebrate and congratulate the Paget Primary family. The museum is now closed for this year. But I want to encourage every one of us here and the community at large that when next year comes to make sure that you go to the Black History Museum at the Paget Primary School.

Thank you, Madam President.

The President: Thank you, Senator Dill.

Would any other Senator care to speak?

Senator Leslie Robinson, you have the floor.

Sen. Leslie Robinson: Thank you, Madam President.

I too want to share in the condolences for the Brangman family and, in particular, for MP Jache Adams. I also want to share in the condolences for the Basden family.

I also wish to congratulate . . . I have a couple of congratulatory remarks. Firstly, I would like to congratulate a young man. He is Philip Burgess, Jr., the son of Philip Burgess and the grandson of Noris Burgess, who many will know is a stalwart in the Hamilton Parish community. Young Philip Burgess is a designer, and he has a clothes apparel line. And just recently those who would be familiar with the NBA, the National Basketball Association, they had their all-star break and their all-star weekend and many who follow will certainly enjoy the Saturday night where they do the 3-Point competition and also the Slam Dunk competition. Well, that particular night there was one NBA player who was actually wearing a track suit, or a sweatsuit that was made by Mr. Philip Burgess. So we want to

congratulate him because his apparel line is now going international. So, we congratulate him.

And also, as part of the AME Church, I would like to say congratulatory remarks to the Bermuda Conference Lay [Organisation] and in particular the First District Lay Organisation. They held their meeting here in Bermuda last week and it was an excellent meeting with wonderful workshops. So we would like to congratulate the Bermuda Conference Lay President, Mr. Anthoni Lightbourne, as well as the First District Lay Organisation President Cheryl Hammond Hopewell for such an excellent meeting. It was a job well done and we thank those who were able to attend in person as well as those who shared online.

Thank you.

The President: Thank you, Senator Robinson.

Would any other Senator care to speak?

Hearing none, then I would just like to associate myself with the congratulations to the Leopards Club for the 75th anniversary. Certainly my family and many friends, I mean, with the 75th anniversary you cannot help but know . . . and I have been to many activities there so congratulations to them for their 75th anniversary.

And I also would like to associate myself with the congratulations to the Paget Primary School for all that they have done.

And I would like to associate myself with the condolences given to the Fahy family. As I indicated, the son, Michael Fahy, was in the Senate and I would just like to associate myself with the condolences for the family.

And also associate myself with the condolences for the Brangman family and Jache Adams' family. With that said, we will move on to adjournment.

Minister Owen Darrell, it is over to you.

ADJOURNMENT

Sen. the Hon. Owen Darrell: Thank you, Madam President.

I want to thank you and the Opposition Senators as well for agreeing to come back at short notice so that we can take care of this important work for the people of Bermuda.

Now, Madam President, I do ask that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, March 13. Thank you.

The President: Thank you, Minister.

Would any Senator care to speak on the motion to adjourn?

Hearing none, then I too would like to thank each one of you Senators for agreeing to sit today with us because it was an important request made by Minister Darrell. And I think, knowing that the Bill was passed in the House, and it was important for us to meet today and I want to thank each one of you to agreeing to sit today.

With that said, the Senate stands adjourned until March 13, [2024].

Thank you.

[At 12:45 pm, the Senate stood adjourned until 10:00 am, Wednesday, 13 March 2024.]