

BERMUDA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

SESSION OF 2022 - 2023

No. 4

THURSDAY, 2nd MARCH 2023

PRESENT:

Senator the Hon. Mrs. J.E. DILLAS-WRIGHT,
M.B.E., J.P. - PRESIDENT
Senator Ms. K.J. BELL, J.P. - VICE PRESIDENT
Senator the Hon. O.K. DARRELL, J.P.
Senator Ms. A.J.L. HODGSON
Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. DILL
Senator Ms. L.K. SIMMONS
Senator B.A. SMITH, J.P.
Senator Mrs. R.S. TUCKER
Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCOUTO, J.P.

ABSENT:

Senator R.J. WIGHT
Senator Ms. L.L. ROBINSON, J.P.

**[This meeting of Senate was conducted in
the Senate Chamber at Veritas Place.]**

10:02a.m.

Senator the Hon. President asked that the Senate observe a Moment of Silence in memory of former Legislative Council (Senate) Member and Member of Parliament, the late Mr. Arthur David Outerbridge Hodgson, J.P.

10:03a.m.

On the motion of Senator K.J. Bell, the minutes of the meeting of Monday, 14th December 2022 were taken as read and confirmed.

Announcements

10:03a.m.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson presented for the information of Senate the following Reports:-

The “National Economic Report of Bermuda for the Year 2022”; and

The “Financial Statements of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of Bermuda for the fiscal year ending 31st March 2022”.

10:04a.m.

Senator L.K. Simmons, on behalf of Senator L.L. Robinson, presented for the information of Senate the following items:-

The Ministry of Economy of Labour document entitled “Independent Contractor Guidance – Pursuant to the Employment Act 2000”; and

The Ministry of Public Works’ Listing of “Contracting Categories for Specified Goods and Services”.

10:05a.m.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson presented the Petition of BDA Frontline, a body corporate incorporated by private act on the 7th July 1976, requesting the enactment of provisions to provide wider statutory powers to be able to raise money in particular by carrying on a business and to have the ability to own more land, as more particularly set out in the draft Private Bill entitled “BDA Frontline Amendment Act 2023”, which accompanies the petition.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the said petition, together with the draft Private Bill and related particulars, be referred to the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Private Bills for consideration and report – which was agreed to.

10:06a.m.

The following Public Bill was brought up from the Honourable House of Assembly, and given its First Reading in the Senate:-

The “Education (Primary Schools) Temporary Act 2023”.

Orders of the Day

10:08a.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the provisions of Standing Order 25 be granted so that the Senate could now proceed with the Second Reading of the Public Bill entitled the “Education (Primary Schools) Temporary Act 2023” -- which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the Bill entitled the “Education (Primary Schools) Temporary Act 2023” be now read a second time.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell spoke on the Bill.

10:23a.m.

Madam President acknowledged the presence of the Hon. Diallo V. Rabain, J.P, M.P, Minister of Education and Policy Analyst Ms. Kimberley McKeown in the Chamber.

10:23a.m. – Senator B.A. Smith

10:30a.m. – Senator K.J. Bell

10:32a.m. – Senator L.K. Simmons

10:34a.m. – Senator R.S. Tucker

10:35a.m. – Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill

10:36a.m. – Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

10:39a.m. – Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto

10:41a.m. – Madam President

10:42a.m. – Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell replied.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the Bill be now read a third time – which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the Bill entitled the “Education (Primary Schools) Temporary Act 2023” do now pass -- which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly passed and ordered to be laid before Her Excellency the Governor for Her Excellency’s assent.

Congratulatory and/or Obituary Speeches

11:01a.m.

Senator L.K. Simmons offered condolences to Senator A.J.L. Hodgson and the entire Hodgson family on the passing of her Grandfather, the late Mr. Arthur Hodgson. She also extended condolences to the friends and family of the late Mr. Brian Morris who was a wonderful, larger than life man who will be greatly missed. Senator Simmons congratulated the Ministry of Social Development and Seniors on the grand opening of the new Independent Living Centre facility.

11:04a.m.

Senator R.S. Tucker associated herself with the condolences extended to the family of the late Mr. Arthur Hodgson. She also associated herself with the condolences offered to the family of the late Mr. Brian Morris, whom she noted was a very inspiring individual. Senator Tucker offered condolences to Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto on

the passing of his father-in-law, Mr. Gary Pitman, a former Senator and Member of Parliament. She also offered condolences on the passing of the late Mr. Eugene “Jinx” Darrell, a well-known street character. She associated herself with the congratulations offered to the Ministry of Social Development and Seniors, and she congratulated the Horton family siblings, Hon. Randolph Horton, OBE, Mr. Robert K. Horton and Ms. Ellen Kate Horton, on being honoured for their outstanding achievements in Education and beyond, as part of Black History month events.

11:09a.m.

Senator K.J. Bell associated herself with all the condolences extended, particularly for Senator A.J.L. Hodgson on the passing of her grandfather. She also offered condolences to the family of the late Mr. Kenneth Robinson who was a great mentor to her and an outstanding lawyer.

Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto associated himself with all the condolences offered. He congratulated Campbell Patton on his sailing achievements. He also congratulated Kaden Hopkins and Caitlyn Conyers on their outstanding accomplishments in cycling. Senator DeCouto congratulated Senator R.J. Wight on the scholarship endowed in his name by BF&M Insurance.

11:13a.m.

Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill associated herself with the condolences for the late Mr. Arthur Hodgson. She also offered condolences to the family of well-known journalist the late Mr. Brian Darby. Senator Dill congratulated Agape Faith International on the 25th Anniversary of their founding. She also congratulated the A.M.E. Churches of Bermuda who just completed their 137th Annual Conference. She also congratulated Rev. Howard Dill on his 32nd Wedding Anniversary to Rev. Dr. EmilyGail Dill.

Senator B.A. Smith associated himself with all the condolences offered, especially

those of the late Mr. Arthur Hodgson. He also extended condolences to the loved ones of the late Mrs. Madelyn Doers, who was a sister of his mother.

11:17a.m.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson thanked all Senators for their kind words of condolence on the passing of her grandfather.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell associated himself with the condolences extended on the passing of the late Mr. Arthur Hodgson. He also associated himself with the condolences on behalf of the late Mr. Eugene “Jinx” Darrell, who was his cousin. He congratulated the Bermuda National Cricket Team on their outstanding success in a T-20 Cricket World Cup Qualifying Tournament in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Madam President associated herself with the condolences extended on the passing of the late Mr. Arthur Hodgson, as well as the passing of the late Mr. Eugene “Jinx” Darrell. She extended condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Millicent Washington, who was an outstanding Nurse and had trained at the old Cottage Hospital in 1958. She also associated herself with the congratulations to Senator Wight and the Horton family. Madam President also congratulated Dr. Duranda Greene on her honours and recognition along with the Hortons. She also congratulated Ms. Chelsea Amber Nesbit, granddaughter of Canon Thomas Nesbit, OBE, on her tribute to him for his trailblazing history and achievement in the Anglican Church in Bermuda. Madam President also congratulated her Aunt, Mrs. Gladys Dillas, on celebrating her 93rd birthday.

Adjournment

11:29a.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Wednesday, 15th March 2023 – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the Senate do now adjourn – which was agreed to.

11:29a.m. – Senator O.K. Darrell

11:46a.m.

Senate adjourned until Wednesday, 15th March 2023.

PRESIDENT

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Wednesday – 15th March 2023

NIL