



# SENATE OF BERMUDA

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**President**

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**BERMUDA**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE**  
**SESSION OF 2013-2014**

**No. 7**

**WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2014**

**PRESENT:**

Senator the Hon. Mrs. C.M. BASSETT, J.P.,  
 PRESIDENT  
 Senator Mrs. J.E. DILLAS-WRIGHT,  
 M.B.E., J.P., VICE-PRESIDENT  
 Senator J.S. JARDINE, J.P.  
 Senator the Hon. M.M. FAHY, J.P.  
 Senator N.S. BRANGMAN, J.P.  
 Senator Mrs. L.A. WOOLRIDGE, J.P.  
 Senator Ms. A.L. SWAN, J.P.  
 Senator J.C. BARON, J.P.  
 Senator D.V.S. RABAIN, J.P.  
 Senator Ms. R.D.L. MING, J.P.  
 Senator M.G. DANIELS, J.P.

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**10:02a.m.**

On the motion of Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright, the minutes of the meetings of Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 were taken as read and confirmed.

Senator the Hon. the President announced that, under the provisions of Sections 5(2)(b) and 24(2)(a) of The Ombudsman Act 2004, the Ombudsman for Bermuda has presented to the President a copy of her Special Report entitled "**A GRAVE ERROR** - The Ombudsman for Bermuda's Own Motion Investigation into the Demolition of Tombs in the Marsden Methodist Memorial Cemetery at Tucker's Point", dated January 2014; and that copies of the said Special Report were hereby tabled in the Senate for the information of Senators.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy presented for the information of Senate the draft Regulations entitled "The Corporate Service Provider Business Appeal Tribunal Regulations 2013", as made by the Minister of Finance under the provisions of section 39(2) of the Corporate Service Provider Business Act 2012.

**10:06a.m.**

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy, as Minister of Home Affairs, made a Ministerial Statement on the Custodial Technician Certification Training Programme.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy, as Minister of Home Affairs, made a Ministerial Statement on Grocery Store Price Monitoring by Consumer Affairs.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy, as Minister of Home Affairs, made a Ministerial Statement on the Merging of the Consumer Affairs Department and the Rent Commissioner's Office.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy, as Minister of Home Affairs, made a Ministerial Statement on the Operational Grant given to the Corporation of St. George's.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy, as Minister of Home Affairs, made a Ministerial Statement on Removing the Requirement for Bermuda Entry Visas and Visa Waivers.

**10:33a.m.**

Senator J.C. Baron, as Junior Minister for National Security, made a Ministerial Statement on the 2013 Fourth Quarter Crime Statistics.

Senator J.C. Baron, as Junior Minister for National Security, made a Ministerial Statement on the Bermuda Police Service Cadet Recruitment Programme.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Public Works, made a Ministerial Statement on the Palmetto Road Wall Collapse and Flooding Issues occurring on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

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

“The Regulatory Authority Amendment Act 2014”.

**Questions/Question Period**

**10:47a.m.**

Senator D.V.S. Rabain asked Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy a question regarding the Custodial Technician Certification Training Programme. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator M.G. Daniels asked Senator Fahy a question regarding Custodial Technician Certification. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Daniels asked a second question. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Daniels asked a third question. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Daniels asked a supplementary question. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming asked Senator Fahy a question regarding Custodial Technician Certification. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Ming asked a second question. Senator Fahy replied.

**11:02a.m.**

Senator M.G. Daniels asked Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy a question regarding Grocery Store Price Monitoring. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Daniels asked a second question. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Daniels asked a third question. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator J.S. Jardine asked Senator Fahy a question regarding Grocery Store Price Monitoring. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Jardine asked a second question. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator D.V.S. Rabain asked Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy a question regarding the Operational Grant to the Corporation of St. George’s. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Rabain asked a supplementary question. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming asked Senator Fahy a question regarding the Operational Grant. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Ming asked a second question. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator Ming asked a third question. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator M.G. Daniels asked Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy a question regarding the Removal of the Requirement for Bermuda Entry Visas and Visa Waivers. Senator Fahy replied.

**11:20a.m.**

Senator D.V.S. Rabain asked Senator J.C. Baron a question regarding the 2013 Fourth Quarter Crime Statistics.

Senator Baron gave an undertaking to provide the relevant information relating to Senator Rabain's question.

Senator Rabain asked a second question. Senator Baron replied.

Senator M.G. Daniels asked Senator J.C. Baron a question regarding the 2013 Fourth Quarter Crime Statistics. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Daniels asked a supplementary question. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Daniels asked a second supplementary question. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Daniels asked a second question. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Daniels asked a third question. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming asked Senator J.C. Baron a question regarding the Fourth Quarter Crime Statistics. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Ming asked a supplementary question. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Ming asked a second question. Senator Baron replied.

Senator J.S. Jardine asked Senator J.C. Baron a question regarding the Fourth Quarter Crime Statistics. Senator Baron replied.

Senator D.V.S. Rabain asked a supplementary question. Senator Baron replied.

**11:50a.m.**

Senator D.V.S. Rabain asked Senator J.C. Baron a question regarding the Bermuda Police Service Cadet Recruitment Programme.

Senator Baron replied.

Senator Rabain asked a second question. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming asked Senator J.C. Baron a question regarding BPS Cadet Recruitment. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Ming asked Senator Baron a supplementary question. Senator Baron gave an undertaking to provide answers to Senator Ming.

Senator D.V.S. Rabain asked Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge a question regarding the Palmetto Road Wall Collapse.

Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator Rabain asked a second question. Senator Woolridge replied.

**Congratulatory &/or Obituary Speeches**

**11:55a.m.**

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming expressed condolences for the family of the late Mr. Anthony "Pacer" Edwards, a well-known outstanding cricketer and Cup Match star for the Somerset Cricket Club. Senators Rabain and Brangman associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator Ming also expressed condolences for the families of the late Mr. Arthur Rankin, a long-time Bermuda resident and acclaimed film and television producer; the late Mr. Devrae Noel-Simmons, an outstanding sportsman and entrepreneur and former election candidate for Parliament; the late Ms. Dorothy H. Crane, the long-time well-known Matron of the St. George's Rest Home; and the late young Miss Tiffanelle Pitcher Francis, who was tragically killed in an

accident while riding her peddle bike. All Senators associated themselves with the condolences regarding Mr. Devrae Noel-Simmons and Miss Tiffanelle Pitcher Francis.

Senator Ming congratulated the Bermuda Under-14 National Cricket Team on their good performance in representing Bermuda at a tournament in South Africa, and she particularly congratulated team members Isaiah Greaves and Kylah Raymond of St. George's. Senator Ming congratulated Nahki Wells on his outstanding achievements in the English Professional Football Leagues and being an inspiration to young up and coming footballers.

Senator Ming congratulated Mr. Tucker Murphy on representing Bermuda at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia; the St. George's Parish Council on its distribution of Christmas Hampers to assist needy residents in St. George's; the Parish Council and Eastern Division CAT team of the Bermuda Police Service on their Community Dinner held for residents of Gulfstream, Emergency Housing, Ferguson Park and other Seniors, and particularly PC Terrilynn Paynter for her efforts; the Corporation of St. George's Activities Committee on hosting a very successful New Year's Eve family event; and the Richard Allen AME Church on their Men's Day Services held earlier in the month.

Senator Ming congratulated and thanked Richard Allen Pastor Rev. Dr. Conway Simmons on his retirement after some 49 Years of outstanding pastoral service in Bermuda. Senators Brangman, Woolridge and Dillas-Wright associated themselves with these remarks. Senator Ming also congratulated the PLP Western Branches on their upcoming Unity in the Community events.

Senator Ming expressed Birthday Wishes for Mrs. Ismay Evangeline Steede on her recent 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday; Miss Raya Ming on her 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday; Mrs. Dale Young on her Birthday; and Mrs. Ada Louise Turini on her recent 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations.

Senator J.S. Jardine expressed condolences for the family of the late Mr.

David Graham, whom he noted was a well-known Engineer.

Senator D.V.S. Rabain associated himself with the condolences regarding the late Mr. Arthur Rankin, the late Mr. Anthony Edwards and the late Mr. Devrae Noel-Simmons; and with the congratulatory remarks for Mr. Nahki Wells.

Senator Rabain expressed condolences for the family of long-time outstanding Bermuda Chef Mr. Fred Ming of Hamilton Parish. All Senators associated themselves with these remarks. Senator Rabain also paid tribute to the late Mr. Myron Binns, Sr., and Senator Brangman associated himself with these remarks.

Senator Rabain congratulated the Eastern Counties Cricket Association on the outstanding success of their recent Eastern Counties Road Race, and he associated Senator Brangman with these remarks.

Senator Rabain also expressed Birthday Wishes for Opposition Leader and PLP Party Leader Mr. Marc Bean, JP, MP.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge expressed condolences for the families of the late Mr. John K. Martin of the UK, who was a former long-time resident of Hamilton Parish; the late Mrs. Janice Vernola Gordon of Devonshire, who was a beloved family matriarch; and the late little Miss Kiley Debra Jennings-Arorash.

Senator Woolridge congratulated Ms. Karla Lacey on her recent appointment as the new Chief Operating Officer of the Bermuda Tourism Authority, effective in April and wished her well in the new post.

Senator N.S. Brangman expressed condolences for the families of the late Mr. Keith Hollis and the late Mr. Neko Woodley.

Senator Brangman congratulated the Bermuda Industrial Union on its sponsorship of the recent Black History Profiles of outstanding Bermudians shown on television during Black History Month; and he

expressed Birthday Wishes for Mr. Marc Bean and his own son.

Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright expressed condolences for the family of the late Mrs. Louise Anne Jackson, OBE, JP, the former outstanding Member of Parliament, Seniors Advocate, teacher and operator of the Jackson School of Dance, and long-time patron of the Arts in Bermuda. All Senators associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator Dillas-Wright also paid tribute to the late Mrs. Georgine Hill, a long-time outstanding community activist; and she associated herself with the condolences regarding the late Mr. Fred Ming.

Senator Ms. A.L. Swan congratulated young Bermudian Mr. Teniko Eve on his recent academic achievements in earning an International Baccalaureate while studying in Hong Kong, and earning a Bachelor's Degree at St. John's University in the US, as well as successfully embarking on an outstanding career at Captive Management firm Marsh in Bermuda. Senators Woolridge and Brangman associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator Swan also congratulated a number of Bermuda athletes on their tremendous sporting achievements:- Ms. JayLynn Hines on her Softball achievements at the University of Toronto; footballer Mr. Taurean Manders on signing with Bashley Football Club in England; Dr. Tucker Murphy on placing 84<sup>th</sup> in the 15K Free Cross Country Skiing event at the Sochi Winter Olympics; Ms. Vanessa James and her partner Morgan Cipres on placing 10<sup>th</sup> in the Pairs Figure Skating event at the Sochi Olympics, representing France; the Bermuda Gymnastics Team on their tremendous success at the recent Chicago Style Invitational meet, winning two Gold Medals; the Bermuda Team tennis players who will be competing in the Junior Davis Cup being hosted by the Dominican Republic; the 41 competitors in the Sensei Roots Invitational Shiai held at the Pembroke Sunday School; young footballer Mr. Devwah Whaley on earning a football scholarship at the University of Houston; Ms. Kerri Furbert on reaching the qualifying standard for the 2014 CARIFTA Games in the U-18 Girls Long Jump;

Miss Jillian Terceira on her continuing success at Horse Jumping events in Portugal; and Miss Madelyn Moore on reaching two 'A' Finals at the Vince Herring Invitational Swim Meet in Minnesota, competing in Girls 13-14 age group.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy associated himself with the tributes paid to the late Mrs. Louise Jackson; and he offered congratulations to Miss Molly Burgess on the recent recognition of her accomplishments as a long-time outstanding stalwart and Secretary of the BIU.

Senator Fahy also congratulated the Somersfield Academy on their outstanding International Day event.

Senator the Hon. the President associated herself with the congratulatory and obituary remarks of all Senators.

**12:14p.m.**

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 - which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that the Senate do now adjourn - which was agreed to.

12:14p.m. Senator D.V.S. Rabain.  
12:30p.m. Senator M.M. Fahy.

**12:33p.m.**

Adjourned until Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

**PRESIDENT**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Wednesday - 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**

(1) Second Reading: The Regulatory Authority  
Amendment Act 2014.