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BERMUDA
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE
SESSION OF 2014-2015

No. 5

WEDNESDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 2014

PRESENT:

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 Mrs. L.A. WOOLRIDGE, J.P.
Senator Ms. A.L. SWAN, J.P.
Senator J.C. BARON, J.P.
Senator V.E.R.C. BALL, J.P.
Senator D.V.S. RABAIN, J.P.
Senator Ms. R.D.L. MING, J.P.

**Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright in
the Chair as Acting President.**

10:01a.m.

On the motion of Senator J.S. Jardine, the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 3rd December 2014 were taken as read and confirmed.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge presented for the consideration of the Senate the draft Order entitled “The Land Valuation and Tax (Postponement of Preparation of Quinquennial Draft Valuation List) Order 2014”, proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Land Valuation, under the provisions of section 26(2) of The Land Valuation and Tax Act 1967; and she gave notice that at the next day of meeting she would move that the said draft Order be approved.

Senator J.C. Baron presented for the consideration of Senate the draft Order entitled the “Bermuda College Buildings Reserve (Closure of Fund) Order 2014”, proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance under the provisions of section 14 of the Bermuda College Buildings Reserve Fund Act 1987; and he gave notice that at the next day of meeting he would move that said draft Order be approved.

10:04a.m.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy, as Minister of Home Affairs, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the accomplishments of the Economic Tripartite Committee in 2014 and announcing a ‘Motor Insurers’ 10% Discount Initiative’ for BTUC Members for a two year period commencing on 1st January 2015.

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

“The Cannabinoid Pharmaceutical Products Act 2014”;

“The Bermuda College Amendment Act 2014”; and

“The Commissions of Inquiry Amendment Act 2014”.

Orders of the Day

10:09a.m.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that the Senate do now take under consideration the draft Regulations entitled “The Government Fees Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2014” -- which was agreed to.

10:12a.m. Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming spoke on the Regulations

10:12a.m. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that the said draft Regulations be approved, and that the following message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Senate, having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled "The Government Fees Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2014", proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance under the provisions of Section 2 of The Government Fees Act 1965, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Senate has approved the said draft Regulations."

-- which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

10:14a.m.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that the Senate do now take under consideration the draft Regulations entitled "The Charities (Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorist Financing and Reporting) Regulations 2014" -- which was agreed to.

10:18a.m. Senator D.V.S. Rabain spoke on the Regulations.

10:18a.m. Senator J.S. Jardine.

10:19a.m. Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming.

10:20a.m. Senator Fahy replied.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that the said draft Regulations be approved, and that the following message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Senate, having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled "The Charities (Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorist Financing and Reporting) Regulations 2014", proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for charities under

the provisions of sections 38 and 47 of The Charities Act 2014, after consultation with the NAMLC, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Senate has approved the said draft Regulations."

-- which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

10:22a.m.

Senator J.C. Baron moved that the Public Bill entitled "The Fire Safety Act 2014" be now read a second time -- which was agreed to.

10:28a.m. Senator D.V.S. Rabain spoke on the Bill.

10:32a.m. Senator J.S. Jardine.

10:36a.m. Senator Baron replied.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator J.C. Baron moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill -- which was agreed to.

Senator J.C. Baron moved that the Bill be now read a third time -- which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator J.C. Baron moved that the Bill entitled "The Fire Safety Act 2014" do now pass -- which was agreed to.

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

Congratulatory &/or Obituary Speeches

10:42a.m.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming expressed condolences for the family of the late Mr. Danny Simpson, whom she noted was a well-

known and very popular member of the East End community.

Senator Ming congratulated the Young Life group on the celebration of its 50th Anniversary of service to the community, including youth development and community and involvement, and she recalled many fond memories of her own time spent in Young Life. Senator L.A. Woolridge associated herself with these remarks.

Senator Ming also congratulated Ms. Tenia Woolridge on her appointment as the new Parliamentary Registrar; the African Diaspora Heritage Trail Committee on the unveiling of a plaque in the Town of St. George's commemorating Pilot Jimmy Darrell; the Bermuda National Trust on the organization of a very successful Christmas Walkabout event in St. George's; and Ms. Candy Lee Foggo on her appointment as the Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary and Town Manager for the Corporation of St. George's, effective in January 2015.

Senator Ms. A.L. Swan congratulated all of the 2014 Inductees in the Bermuda Sports Hall of Fame, and she noted that the Induction Ceremony was an amazing event and very informative for her about some of Bermuda's great athletes and their sports accomplishments.

Senator V.E.R.C. Ball congratulated the Bermuda Home Schoolers group on winning the 2014 Global Cardboard Challenge; as well as the Imagination Foundation and Ms. Maia Steele, who produced the winning video showing Bermuda children creating miniature houses, cars and other cardboard artwork pieces.

Senator J.S. Jardine expressed condolences for the family of the late Mr. Peter Woolcock, who was a very-well known and highly accomplished political cartoonist and satirist in Bermuda over many years. He

will be sadly missed. All Senators associated themselves with these remarks.

10:48a.m.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Monday, 15th December 2014 -- which was agreed to.

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

- 10:48a.m. Senator D.V.S. Rabain.
- 11:01a.m. Senator J.S. Jardine
- 11:04a.m. Senator V.E.R.C. Ball.
- 11:10a.m. Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming.
- 11:15a.m. Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge.
- 11:21a.m. Senator J.C. Baron.
- 11:34a.m. Senator Ms. A.L. Swan.
- 11:43a.m. Senator M.M. Fahy.

(11:50a.m. Madam Acting President acknowledged the presence of the Attorney-General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Hon. Trevor G. Moniz, JP, MP, in the Public Gallery.)

11:58a.m.

Adjourned until Monday, 15th December, 2014.

PRESIDENT

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Monday - 15th December, 2014

(1) Consideration of the draft Order entitled "The Land Valuation and Tax (Postponement of Preparation of Quinquennial Draft Valuation List) Order 2014".

(2) Second Reading: The Cannabinoid Pharmaceuticals Products Act 2014.

(3) Second Reading: The Bermuda College Amendment Act 2014.

(4) Consideration of the draft Order entitled "The Bermuda College Buildings Reserve (Closure of Fund) Order 2014".

(5) Second Reading: The Commissions of Inquiry Amendment Act 2014.