

**Proceedings  
of the  
Honourable House of Assembly**

**Session of 2017-2018**

**No. 2**

**Friday, 15th September 2017**

**Members Present:** His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne Atherden, C. Walton D. Brown, Lt. Col. David Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, David E. Burt, Wayne M. Caines, L. Craig Cannonier, Rolfe P. Commssiong, Zane J. S. DeSilva, Michael H. Dunkley, T. Christopher Famous, Lovitta F. Foggo, Tinee S. Furbert, Wayne L. Furbert, Dr. Edmund G. Gibbons, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Susan E. Jackson, , Dennis P. Lister, Dennis J. Lister III, Renee D.L. Ming, Trevor G. Moniz, Diallo V.S. Rabain, Walter H. Roban, Leah K. Scott, Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, , Jamahl S. Simmons, Scott A. Simmons, N.H. Cole Simons, Benjamin A. Smith, Kim H.E Swan, Neville S. Tyrrell, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

**10:01 a.m.** Prayer

Mr. L. C. Cannonier  
Mr. B. A. Smith

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

The minutes of the Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 were confirmed.

STANDING  
ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE:  
Hon. D. P. Lister – Chairman / Speaker  
Premier – Hon. E. D. Burt  
Hon. P. J. Gordon-Pamplin  
Hon. D. V. Burgess  
Mr. M. A. Weeks  
Ms. S. E. Jackson

**Announcements by the Speaker:**

**10:05 a.m.**

His Hon. the Speaker administered Affirmations of Allegiance and of an Assemblyman to the following Honourable Members:

Mr. M.H. Dunkley, Mr. L.C. Cannonier, Mrs. J.J. Atherden, and Mr. T.G. Moniz.

His Honour the Speaker announced Members to serve on Standing Committees and Sessional Committees. They are as follows:

REGULATIONS:

Mr. H. K. Swan – Chairman  
Mr. T. C. Famous  
Mr. M. J. Scott  
Mr. L. C. Cannonier  
Mr. M. H. Dunkley

HOUSE AND GROUNDS:

Hon. D.V. Burgess – Chairman/ Deputy Speaker

Mr. S. A. Simmons  
Mr. W. L.A. Scott

REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTEREST

Mr. M. A. Weeks – Chairman  
Ms. T. S. Furbert  
Mr. S. A. Simmons  
Mr. R. P. Commissiong  
Dr. E. G. Gibbons  
Sen. V. M. Campbell

Sen. N. S. Davis

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:**

Mrs. J. J. Atherden - Chairman  
Mr. M. A Weeks  
Hon. W. L. Furbert  
Ms. S. E. Jackson  
Mr. N. S. Tyrrell  
Mr. D. J. Lister III  
Mr. N. H. C. Simons

**OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR:**

Mrs. Renee D. Ming - Chairman  
Mr. N. S. Tyrrell  
Mr. R. P. Commissiong  
Ms. L.K. Scott  
Mr. S. D. Richards

**PRIVATE BILLS:**

Hon. D. V. Burgess – Chairman / Deputy  
Speaker  
Mrs. R. D. Ming  
Mr. J. C. Baron  
Hon. M. J. Scott  
Mr. T. G. Moniz  
Sen. V. M. Campbell  
Sen. J. J. Jardine

**C.P.A. EXECUTIVE:**

Hon. D. P. Lister – Chairman/ Speaker  
Sen. J. E. Dillas-Wright – President of the  
Senate  
Premier – Hon. E. D. Burt  
Hon. P. J. Gordon-Pamplin  
Mr. N. S. Tyrrell  
Ms. T. S. Furbert  
Ms. S. E. Jackson  
Mr. J. C. Baron  
Ms. R. Ming

**10:07am**

**Papers and other Communications to the House:**

Mr. E.D.G. Burt read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER:

I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of this Honourable House of Assembly the “Supplementary Estimates No. 1 for Financial Year 2017/18”.

Mr. E.D.G. Burt  
Premier and  
Minister of Finance

Sessions House,  
September 15, 2017

Mr. E.D.G. Burt read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER:

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of this Honourable House of Assembly the “Bermuda Monetary Authority Annual Report for 2016”.

Hon. E.D.G. Burt  
Premier and  
Minister of Finance

Sessions House,  
September 15, 2017

Ms. K.N. Wilson read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER:

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of this Honourable House of Assembly the “Bermuda Health Council Annual Report 2017”.

Hon. K.N. Wilson  
Minister of Health

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**10:10 a.m.**

**Statements by Minister and/or Junior Ministers:**

MR. E.D.G. BURT made a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Supplementary Estimates No. 1 for Financial Year 2017/18”.

MR. J.S. SIMMONS made a Ministerial Statement regarding the “The Bermuda Tourism Authority Audit Report”.

MS. K.N. WILSON made Ministerial Statement regarding the “Bermuda’s 50 Million Steps Challenge”.

MR. C.W.D. BROWN made a Ministerial Statement regarding the “The Next Wave of Changes to Immigration Policies and Procedures”.

MR. Z.J. DESILVA made a Ministerial Statement regarding the ‘Bermuda’s Participation in Carifesta XIII”.

MR. W.M. CAINES made a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Grants from the Confiscated Assets Fund”.

MR. D. V. RABAIN made a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Update on the Board of Education’s Strategic Planning Process”.

Lt. Col. D.A. BURCH made a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Land Development Company Limited”.

**11:13am**

**Question Period:**

DR. E.G. GIBBONS asked a question to Mr. E.D.G. BURT regarding his Ministerial Statements relating to the “Supplementary Estimates No. 1 for Financial Year 2017/18.

DR. E. G. GIBBONS asked a supplementary question.

DR. E. G. GIBBONS asked a second supplementary question.

DR. E. G. GIBBONS asked a supplementary question.

DR. E. G. GIBBONS asked a third supplementary question.

The Speaker acknowledged the presence of the former Members of Parliament Hon. T.E. Lister.

DR. E. G. GIBBONS asked a supplementary question.

MR. W. L. FURBERT asked a supplementary question.

MR. M. A. WEEKS asked a question to Mr. E.D.G. Burt on his Ministerial Statement.

MR. W. L. SCOTT asked Mr. E.D.G. Burt a question on his Ministerial Statement.

MR. R. P. COMMISSIONG asked a question to MR.E.D.G. BURT

MRS. J. J. ATHERDEN asked Mr. E.D.G. Burt a question on his Ministerial Statement.

MRS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

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

MR. M. A. WEEKS asked a question to Mr. E.D.G. Burt on his Ministerial Statement.

**11:38am**

MR. D. V. BURGESS asked Mr. J.S. Simons a question on his Ministerial Statement relating to the “The Bermuda Tourism Authority Audit Report”.

MR. W.L. SCOTT asked Mr. J.S. Simmons a questions on his statement.

MRS.P.J.GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

DR.E.G.GIBBONS asked a supplementary question.

MR.W.L.SCOTT asked a supplementary question.

MR. Z.J.DESILVA asked a supplementary question.

MR.W.L. FURBERT asked a supplementary question.

MR. Z.J.DESILVA asked a supplementary question

**11:44am**

Ms. S.E. JACKSON asked Ms. K.N. Wilson a question on her Ministerial Statement regarding the “Bermuda’s 50 Million Steps Challenge”.

MS S.E.JACKSON asked a second question.

MRS.P.J.GORDON-PAMPLIN asked Mr. C.W.D. Brown a question on his Ministerial Statement, in regards to the “The Next Wave of Changes to Immigration Policies and Procedures”.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a a second question.

MR.W.L. FURBERT asked a supplementary question.

MRS.P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked second question.

MR. W.L. FURBERT asked a supplementary question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a. third.question.

MR.R.P.COMMISSIONG asked a supplementary question.

MR. W.L. SCOTT asked Mr. W.L. Caines a questions on his statement, regarding the “Grants from the Confiscated Assets Fund”.

MR.W.L.SCOTT asked a supplementary question, to Mr. W.L. Caines which was deferred to Mr. E.D.G. Burt.

MR.D.V.BURGESS asked a supplementary question, to Mr. W.L. Caines which was deferred to Mr. E.D.G. Burt.

MR.W.L. FURBERT asked MR.E.D.G. BURT a question on his Ministerial Statement .

MS.K.N.WILSON asked a supplementary question.

MR.W.L.SCOTT asked a supplementary question.

**12:00pm**

MR.D.V.BURGESS asked a supplementary question, to Mr. E.D.G. Burt relating to Mr. W.L. Caines Ministerial Statement.

**12:01pm**

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question to Lt. Col D. A. Burch on his Ministerial Statement regarding the “Bermuda Land Development Company Limited”.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a second question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

DR.E.G.GIBBONS asked a question to Lt. Col D. A. BURCH on his Ministerial Statement.

MR. Z.J.DESILVA asked a supplementary question.

MR.W.L.SCOTT asked a supplementary question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question

DR.E.G.GIBBONS asked a supplementary question.

MR.D.V.BURGESS asked a supplementary question

### **12:13pm**

The Speaker asked the House to observe a moment of silence for the late Hon. Shawn G. Crockwell.

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

### **12:30pm**

Ms. K.N. Wilson on behalf of the Premier asked that the House adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

### **2:00 p.m.**

The House resumed

### **2:43pm**

#### **Introduction of Bills:**

MR. E.D. G Burt moved for leave to introduced and read the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “The Corporate Service Provider Business Amendment Act 2017”.

MR. E.D.G Burt moved for leave introduced and read the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Real Estate Brokers’ Licensing Act 2017”.

### **2:44pm**

#### **Notice of Motion**

Mr. R.P. Commissiong gave notice that at the next day of meeting he proposed to move the following motion:

“**Whereas** it is acknowledged that the increasing maldistribution of national income has facilitated the growth of income inequality and thus incipient poverty to levels not witnessed in over seven decades;

**And Whereas**, in addition, due to the near widespread utilization of foreign sourced low cost labour over the last quarter century, wages in real terms once inflation has been factored in; have declined for many of Bermuda’s workers;

**Be it Resolved**, pursuant to the Parliament Act 1957 part IV, that a Joint Select Committee be appointed to investigate, report on its subsequent findings; and to make recommendations to the House of Assembly with respect to the implementation of a living wage regime for Bermuda”.

### **2:45pm**

#### **Orders of the Day**

Mr. E.D.G. Burt moved for consideration of the Speech with which His Excellency the Governor was pleased to open the present Session of Parliament.

2:45pm- MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

3:33pm-Hon. SPEAKER (Commented on tone of debate)

3:34pm-MR.C.W.D.BROWN

4:15pm-(MR.D.V.BURGESS in the Chair)

4:24pm-MRS.J.J.ATHERDEN

4:55pm- MR.W.L. FURBERT

5:25pm- MR.R.P.COMMISSIONG

5:55pm-MS L.K.SCOTT  
6:00pm- MR.M.J.SCOTT  
6:30pm-MR.H.K.E.SWAN  
7:00pm-MR. B. A. SMITH (made his maiden speech)  
7:10pm-MR.D.V.S.RABAIN  
7:25pm-MR.N.H.C.SIMONS  
7:29pm-MR.D.V.S. RABAIN  
7:30pm- MR.D.V.S. RABAIN  
7:32pm- MR.D.V.S. RABAIN  
7:50pm-MR.N.S.TYRRELL  
8:05pm-MS.S.E.JACKSON  
8:12pm-MR.J.S.SIMMONS  
8:13pm-(MR.D.V.BURGESS in the Chair)  
8:35pm-DR.E.G.GIBBONS  
9:04pm-MR.Z.J.DESILVA  
9:35pm-MR.W.H.ROBAN  
9:40pm-MR.E.D.G.BURT

Orders 2 to 7 were carried over

#### **10:05pm**

The Speaker announced Members who will serve on the Panel of Chairmen. They are as follows:

#### **PANEL OF CHAIRMEN:**

Hon. D. V. Burgess – Chairman / Deputy Speaker  
Mrs. R. D. Ming  
Ms. S. E. Jackson  
Mr. R. P. Commissiong  
Mr. N. H. C. Simons  
Ms. L. K. Scott  
Mr. H. K. Swan

7:35pm-(The Speaker admonished the Opposition Leader for her comments)

#### **10:12pm**

Mr. E.D.G Burt moved that the House do now adjourn, until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017 which was agreed to.

Adjourned to Friday next at 10:00am