

**Proceedings**  
**of the**  
**Honourable House of Assembly**  
**Session of 2023-2024**

**No. 22**

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**

**Members Present:**

His Honour, the Speaker of the House, the Hon. Dennis P. Lister | Mr. Jache A. K. Adams | Lt. Col. the Hon. David A. Burch | The Hon. Derrick V. Burgess | The Hon. E. David G. Burt | Ms. Crystal C. Caesar | Mr. Wayne M. Caines | The Hon. Vance M. E. Campbell | The Hon. L. Craig Cannonier | The Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva | Mr. Curtis L. Dickinson | Mr. T. Christopher Famous | Ms. Lovitta F. Foggo | The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert | The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert | The Hon. Jason P. Hayward | Ms. Susan E. Jackson | Mr. L. M. Robert King | Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister | Mr. R. Scott Pearman | The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain | Mr. H. Anthony Richardson | The Hon. Jarion C. Richardson | The Hon. Walter H. Roban | Mr. W. Lawrence Scott | Mr. Scott A. Simmons | Mrs. Ianthia G. Simmons-Wade | Mr. Ben A. Smith | Mr. Neville S. Tyrrell | The Hon. Michael A. Weeks | The Hon. Kim N. Wilson |

**This meeting of the House was held at the House Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Veritas Place, 65 Court Street, City of Hamilton.**

**10:02 a.m.**

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers

**10:04 a.m.**

Minutes of the Meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 were confirmed.

**Announcements by the Speaker**

His Honour the Speaker informed Members of the absence of the Mr. J. S. Simmons, Mrs. R. D. L. Ming and Mr. H. K. E. Swan from the House of Assembly proceedings.

His Honour the Speaker announced that the Bermuda Olympic Association had provided Members with the pins that Bermuda's Olympic Athletes will wear during the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

**Papers and Other Communications to the House**

**10:06 a.m.**

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance, read the following communication to His Honour the Speaker:-

"I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the "Financial Statements of the Office of the Information Commissioner as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022".

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance, read the following communication to His Honour the Speaker:-

"I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the "Annual Report of the Bermuda Monetary Authority for the Year 2023".

**Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers**

**10:07 a.m.**

Statement entitled "Coming Together as a Community" was read by the Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance.

**10:13 a.m.**

Statement entitled "Equity for Pensions" was read by the Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance.

**10:17 a.m.**

Statement entitled "Update on the Tynes Bay Waste-to-Energy Facility" was read by the Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch, Minister of Public Works.

**10:31 a.m.**

Statement entitled "Education Reform Update-Learning Partnerships" was read by the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain, Minister of Education.

**10:38 a.m.**

Statement entitled "Tragic Events in Recent Days" was read by the Hon. M. A. Weeks, Minister of National Security.

**10:44 a.m.**

Statement entitled "Communities of Support for Families and Individuals" was read by the Hon. K. N. Wilson, Minister of Health.

**10:49 a.m.**

Statement entitled "Development and Planning Amendment Act 2024" was read by the Hon. V. M. E. Campbell, Minister of the Cabinet Office.

**10:53 a.m.**

Statement entitled "Digital Fare Media-Launched 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024" was read by the Hon. W. L. Furbert, Minister of Transport.

**Premier's Questions**

**11:03 a.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to strategy to address recent violence.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:06 a.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:08 a.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a second supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:11 a.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a second question in reference to strategy to address recent violence.

**11:12 a.m.**

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:15 a.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:18 a.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a third question in reference to the protection of Police Officers in performing their duties.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:19 a.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to taxi fares and the Hitch App rates.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:20 a.m.**

His Honour the Speaker asked Ms. S. E. Jackson to repeat her question asked.

**11:21 a.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:22 a.m.**

His Honour the Speaker

The Hon. W. L. Furbert

**11:23 a.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson

**11:24 a.m.**

His Honour the Speaker

**11:25 a.m.**

Mr. J. A. K. Adams asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to the improvements and opportunities in the education system.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:28 a.m.**

Mr. J. A. K. Adams asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:30 a.m.**

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to Members of Parliament who serve as Consultants in Government Ministries.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:31 a.m.**

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a second supplementary question.

**11:32 a.m.**

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:33 a.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to the Clean Air Legislation Consultation.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**Question Period**

**11:34 a.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Equity for Pensions".

**11:35 a.m.**

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman (PoO)

**11:36 a.m.**

His Honour the Speaker

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

**11:37 a.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:38 a.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:39 a.m.**

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question.

**11:42 a.m.**

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:43 a.m.**

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva asked a second supplementary question.

**11:44 a.m.**

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

**11:46 a.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked the Hon. W. L. Furbert a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Digital Fare Media-Launched 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024".

**11:47 a.m.**

The Hon. W. L. Furbert replied.

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked a second question.

**11:48 a.m.**

The Hon. W. L. Furbert replied.

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. W. L. Furbert replied.

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. W. L. Furbert replied.

## **Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches**

(Please refer to the House Hansard)

**11:50 a.m.**-Mr. D. J. R. Lister

**11:53 a.m.**-Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A Burch

**11:56 a.m.**-Mr. N. S. Tyrrell

**11:58 a.m.**-The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

**11:59 a.m.**-The Hon. M. A. Weeks

**12:01 p.m.** -The Hon. D. V. Burgess

**12:02 p.m.**-Ms. L. F. Foggo

**12:04 p.m.**-The Hon. T. S. Furbert

**12:07 p.m.**-Mr. H. A. Richardson

**12:10 p.m.**-The Hon Z. J. S. DeSilva

**12:11 p.m.**-Mr. T. C. Famous

**12:14 p.m.**-Mr. L. M. R. King

**12:15 p.m.**-The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain

**12:17 p.m.**-The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

## **Introduction of Bills**

**12:21 p.m.**

The Hon. W. L. Furbert, on behalf of the Hon. E. D. G. Burt, read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Corporate Income Tax Agency Act 2024".

The Hon. K. N. Wilson read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Bermuda Hospitals Board Amendment Act 2024".

The Hon. V. M. E. Campbell read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Development and Planning Amendment Act 2024".

## **Orders of the Day**

**12:22 p.m.**

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch moved that the Bill entitled the "West End Development Corporation Amendment Act 2024" be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch spoke on the Bill.

**12:31 p.m.**

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned for lunch.

**2:02 p.m.**

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch continued with the Second Reading of the Bill entitled the "West End Development Corporation Amendment Act 2024".

**2:06 p.m.**

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

**2:09 p.m.**

Mr. N. S Tyrrell

**2:12 p.m.**

Mr. H. A. Richardson

**2:19 p.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson

**2:23 p.m.**

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

**2:25 p.m.**

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch replied.

**2:33 p.m.**

The Bill was Committed.

**2:34 p.m.**

The Hon. D. V. Burgess in the Chair.

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch moved Clauses 1-6, which was agreed to.

**2:36 p.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson

**2:37 p.m.**

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

**2:38 p.m.**

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch replied.

Clauses 1-6 were agreed to, as printed.

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch moved Clauses 7-12, which was agreed to.

**2:43 p.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman

**2:45 p.m.**

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

**2:47 p.m.**

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch replied.

Clauses 7-12 were agreed to, as printed.

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch moved Schedules 1-3, which was agreed to.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

The Bill was reported to the House as printed, which was agreed to.

**2:51 p.m.**

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled "West End Development Corporation Amendment Act 2024" be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch, the Bill entitled "West End Development Corporation Amendment Act 2024", was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

**2:52 p.m.**

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House, at its rising, adjourn until Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., which was agreed to.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

The Hon. D. V. Burgess

**3:02 p.m.**

Mr. L. M. R. King

The Hon. D. V. Burgess (PoO)

Mr. L. M. R. King, cont'd

**3:04 p.m.**

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva (PoO)

Mr. L. M. R. King, cont'd

**3:05 p.m.**

The Hon. M. A. Weeks (PoO)

**3:06 p.m.**

The Hon. T. S. Furbert

**3:20 p.m.**

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain

**3:29 p.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson

**3:34 p.m.**

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva (PoO)

**3:36 p.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson, cont'd

**3:38 p.m.**

The Hon. V. M. E. Campbell

**3:47 p.m.**

Mr. B. A. Smith

**4:00 p.m.**

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva (PoO)

Mr. B. A. Smith, cont'd

**4:01 p.m.**

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva (PoO)

**4:02 p.m.**

His Honour the Speaker

**4:04 p.m.**

Mr. B. A. Smith, cont'd

**4:07 p.m.**

Mr. W. M. Caines

**4:25 p.m.**

Mr. D. J. R. Lister

**4:44 p.m.**

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

**4:52 p.m.**

Mr. T. C. Famous

**5:00 p.m.**

The House adjourned.