

Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2020-2021
Sixteenth Virtual Sitting

No. 17

Friday, 7th May, 2021

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Jache A.K. Adams, Hon. Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Hon. E. David G. Burt, Hon. Derrick V. Burgess, Ms. Crystal C. Caesar, Hon. Wayne M. Caines, Mr. Vance M.E. Campbell, Hon. L. Craig Cannonier, Mr. Zane J.S. DeSilva, Hon. Curtis L. Dickinson, Hon. Michael H. Dunkley, Mr. Thomas C. Famous, Ms. Lovitta F. Foggo, Hon. Tinee S. Furbert, Hon. Wayne L. Furbert, Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Ms. Susan E. Jackson, Mr. Dennis J.R. Lister III, Hon. R.D.L. Ming, Mr. R. Scott Pearman, Hon. Diallo V.S. Rabain, Mr. H. Anthony Richardson, Mr. Jarion C. Richardson, Hon. Walter H. Roban, Hon. W. Lawrence A. Scott, Mr. Jamahl S. Simmons, Hon. Kathy L. Simmons, Mr. Scott A. Simmons, Mrs. Ianthia G. Simmons-Wade, Mr. N. H. Cole Simons, Mr. H. Kim E. Swan, Mr. Neville S. Tyrrell, Mr. Jason R. W. Wade, Mr. Michael A. Weeks, Hon. Kim N. Wilson.

[This meeting of the House was conducted virtually.]

10:00 a.m.

Prayers

10:03 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of March 22, 2021 and March 26, 2021 were confirmed.

10:04 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

MR. W.H. ROBAN read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Update on the Department of Planning Statistics as an Indicator of the State of the Construction Industry".

10:14 a.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Issuance of New Government Guarantees".

10:17 a.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Standard & Poor's Ratings Review".

10:23 a.m.

MS. K.L. SIMMONS read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Update on Government Reform – Meeting the Wellness Objective".

10:31 a.m.

MS. T.S. FURBERT read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Foster Care Month 2021".

10:36 a.m.

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH read a Ministerial Statement entitled "Third Update on the Stimulus Programme".

10:42 a.m.

MR. D.V. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “The Safe Return to In-Person Learning”.

10:50 a.m.

MR. W.L.A. SCOTT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Skyport Minimum Revenue Guarantee”.

10:55 a.m.

Report of Committees

MR. D.V. BURGESS read the following communication to HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

DAY No. 17

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TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Private Bills has the honour to submit the following report:

1. The Committee has carefully considered the Petitions, together with the related Bills, for the Acts listed hereunder and is satisfied that the Bills are private bills and that all the rules of both Houses having to do with private bills have been complied with:-
 - (1) “The Walsingham Trust Amendment Act 2021”; and
 - (2) “Willowbank Foundation (Amendment) Act 2021”.
2. The Committee recommends that the Bills entitled:

“The Walsingham Trust Amendment Act 2021”; and
“Willowbank Foundation (Amendment) Act 2021”.

be accepted, subject to agreed amendments.

3. Subject to the recommendations contained in paragraph 2 above, the Committee recommends that the prayers of the petitioners be granted and that leave be given to bring in the proposed Bills to give effect thereto.

ALL of which is respectfully submitted.

Mr. D.V. Burgess
Chairman

10:56 a.m.

Papers and Other Communications

MR. E.D.G. BURT asked for the indulgence of the so that he might attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Audited Financial Statements of the Office of the Information Commissioner (ICO) for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2020”, which was agreed to.

10:57 a.m.

Question Period

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a question to MR. W.H. ROBAN on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on Planning Statistics as an Indicator of the State of the Construction Industry”.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. C.L. DICKINSON on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Issuance of New Government Guarantees”.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a supplementary question.

MR. E.D.G. BURT (P.O.O)

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a second question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a question to MS. K.L. SIMMONS on her Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on Government Reform – Meeting the Wellness Objective”.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a question to MR. D.V. RABAIN on her Ministerial Statement entitled “The Safe Return to In-Person Learning”.

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a supplementary question.

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a second question.

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a question to LT. COL. D.A. BURCH entitled “Third Update on the Stimulus Programme”.

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a supplementary question.

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a second question.

MR. .C. RICHARDSON asked a supplementary question.

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a third question.

11:12 a.m.

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

MR. D.V. BURGESS

MS. L.F. FOGGO

MR. W.H. ROBAN

MR. W.L. FURBERT

MS. K.L. SIMMONS

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

MR. D.V. RABAIN

MRS. I.G. SIMMONS-WADE

MR. J.S. SIMMONS

MR. M.A. WEEKS

MS. R.D.L. MING

MR. H.K.E. SWAN

MR. V.M.E. CAMPBELL

MS. S.E. JACKSON

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

MS. T.S. FURBERT

MR. E.D.G. BURT

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

11:48 a.m.

Introduction of Bills

MR. C.L. DICKINSON introduced and read for the first time by its title Bills entitled the “Public Service Superannuation Temporary Amendment Act 2021”, which was agreed to.

11:48 a.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Contributory Pensions Temporary Amendment Act 2021”, which was agreed to.

11:48 a.m.

MS K.L. SIMMONS moved that Standing Order 28(3) be suspended so that she might introduce

and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Liquor Licence (Fee Reduction) Temporary Amendment Act 2021”, which was agreed to.

11:49 a.m.

MS. R.D.L. MING introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Fire Safety Amendment Act 2021”, which was agreed to.

11:49 a.m.

Orders of the Day

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the Bill entitled the “Gaming (Transfer of Functions) Act 2021” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

11:53 a.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

12:04 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

12:05 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON

12:07 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

12:14 p.m. – The Bill was committed.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 1-30, which was agreed to.

12:21 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

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12:21 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

12:29 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch.

2:00 p.m.

The House resumes in Committee.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

2:02 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:06 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

Clauses 1-30 were agreed to, as printed.

2:14 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 31-55, which was agreed to.

2:18 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

2:19 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

Clauses 31-55 were agreed to, as printed.

2:20 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Schedules 1 and 2, which was agreed to.

2:20 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:24 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

Schedules 1 and 2 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

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

2:26 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the Bill entitled the “Betting Act 2021” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

2:31 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

2:33 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

(2:33 p.m. – The Bill was committed.)

2:33 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 1-8, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-8 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 9-20, which was agreed to.

Clauses 9-20 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 21-27, which was agreed to.

2:44 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

Clauses 21-27 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 28-47, which was agreed to.

Clauses 28-47 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 48-70, which was agreed to.

Clauses 48-70 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 71-80, which was agreed to.

Clauses 71-80 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 81-95, which was agreed to.

Clauses 81-95 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 96-101, which was agreed to.

Clauses 96-101 were agreed to, as printed.

3:09 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT moved the Schedule, which was agreed to.

The Schedule was agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

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

3:10 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that consideration be given be given to the draft Regulations entitled the “Betting Fees Regulations 2021”, which was agreed to.

3:13 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the said draft Regulations be approved and that a suitable message be sent to Her Excellency the Governor, which was agreed to.

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“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration a draft Regulations entitled the ‘Betting Fees Regulations 2021’, proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for gaming, in exercise of the power conferred by section 96 of the Betting Act 2021, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House has approved the said draft Regulations.

- which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

3:19 p.m.

MS. K.L. SIMMONS moved that Standing Order 29(1) be suspended to enable the House to proceed with the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Liquor Licence (Fee Reduction) Temporary Amendment Act 2021” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

3:20 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

3:25 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

3:30 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

3:33 p.m. – MR. V.M.E. CAMPBELL

3:37 p.m. – MS. K.L. SIMMONS

3:39 p.m. – The Bill was committed.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

MS. K.L. SIMMONS moved Clauses 1-3, which was agreed to.

3:41 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

3:43 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

3:44 p.m. – MR. K.L. SIMMONS

Clauses 1-3 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

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

3:45 p.m.

MS. S.E. JACKSON moved that the following petitions, together with the Report of the Joint Select Committee on Private Bills which was presented on 7th May 2021 be now considered:

The petition of The Walsingham Trust; and

The petition of The Willowbank Foundation, which was agreed to.

MS. S.E. JACKSON moved for leave to introduce and read for the first time by their titles the following Private Bills entitled:-

The “Walsingham Trust Amendment Act 2021”;

and

The “Willowbank Foundation (Amendment) Act 2021”, which was agreed to.

MS. S.E. JACKSON moved that the prayers of the petitioners be granted and, to give effect thereto, that without prejudice leave be granted to bring in the proposed Bills reprinted to accord with the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Private Bills for the amendment thereof.

The Speaker stated that the necessary certificates had been furnished.

MS. S.E. JACKSON moved that the 2 Private Bills are hereby read for the first time by their titles only:

The “Walsingham Trust Amendment Act 2021”;

The “Willowbank Foundation (Amendment) Act 2021”, which was agreed to.

MS. S.E. JACKSON moved that under the provisions of Standing Order 33(7)(a) the

remaining stages of the said Private Bills be undertaken forthwith, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MS. S.E. JACKSON, the said Private Bills were then read the second time in the House by their titles only.

On the motion of MS. S.E. JACKSON, the Clauses and Preamble of the said Private Bills were then agreed to.

On the motion of MS. S.E. JACKSON, the said Private Bills were then read the third time in the House by its title only and passed.

3:49 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Gaming (Transfer of Functions) Act 2021” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. E.D.G. BURT, the Bill entitled the “Gaming (Transfer of Functions) Act 2021” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

3:49 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Betting Act 2021” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. E.D.G. BURT, the Bill entitled the “Betting Act 2021” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

3:49 p.m.

MS. K.L. SIMMONS moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable her to move that the Bill entitled the “Liquor Licence (Fee Reduction) Temporary Amendment Act 2021” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MS. K.L. SIMMONS, the Bill entitled the “Liquor Licence (Fee Reduction) Temporary Amendment Act 2021” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

3:52 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

3:53 p.m. – MR. W.L.A. SCOTT

4:02 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN (P.O.O)

4:03 p.m. – MR. W.L.A. SCOTT

4:05 p.m. – MS. L.F. FOGGO

4:12 p.m. – MR. J.S. SIMMONS

4:22 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

4:22 p.m. – MS. R.D.L. MING

4:30 p.m. – MR. J.A.K. ADAMS

4:45 p.m. – MR. V.M.E. CAMPBELL

4:59 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

5:15 p.m. – HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

5:17 p.m.

The House adjourned until Friday, 21st May 2021 at 10:00 a.m.