

BERMUDA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

SESSION OF 2021 - 2022

No. 13

WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY 2022

PRESENT:

Senator the Hon. Mrs. J.E. DILLAS-WRIGHT,
M.B.E., J.P. - PRESIDENT
Senator Mrs. W.M.P. SIMMONS,
VICE PRESIDENT
Senator R.J. WIGHT
Senator the Hon. Dr. E.G.V. PEETS, J.P.
Senator O.K. DARRELL
Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCOUTO
Senator Ms. A.J.L. HODGSON
Senator Ms. L.K. SIMMONS
Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. DILL
Senator B.A. SMITH, J.P.

ABSENT:

Senator Mrs. R.S. TUCKER

[This meeting of Senate was conducted in
the Senate Chamber at Veritas Place.]

10:02a.m.

On the motion of Senator W.M.P. Simmons, consideration of the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 23rd March, Thursday, 24th March, Monday 28th March and Wednesday, 30th March, 2022 were taken as read and confirmed.

Announcements

10:03a.m.

Madam President announced that Senator R.S. Tucker would be absent from today's meeting.

10:03a.m.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson presented for the information of Senate:-

The 'Annual Report of the Department of Financial Assistance for the Fiscal Year ending 31st March 2021'.

Ministerial Statements

10:04a.m.

Senator the Hon. Dr. E.G.V. Peets, as Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports, made a Ministerial Statement on "National Heroes Day".

10:08a.m.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson, as Junior Minister for Finance, made a Ministerial Statement on "Standard & Poor's (S&P) 2022 Ratings Report".

10:13a.m.

Senator O.K. Darrell, as Junior Minister for Tourism, made a Ministerial Statement on "The Fairmont Southampton Hotel Act 2022".

Introduction of Bills

10:17a.m.

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

"The Fairmont Southampton Hotel Act 2022".

Question Period

10:18a.m.

Senator B.A. Smith asked Senator the Hon. Dr. E.G.V. Peets a question regarding his Ministerial Statement entitled "National Heroes Day".

Senator W.M.P. Simmons asked a question.

Senator Peets replied.

Senator B.A. Smith asked a supplementary question.

Senator Peets replied.

10:26a.m.

Senator R.J. Wight asked Senator A.J.L. Hodgson a question regarding her Ministerial Statement entitled “Standard & Poor’s (S&P) 2022 Ratings Report”.

Senator Hodgson replied.

10:30a.m.

Senator W.M.P. Simmons asked Senator O.K. Darrell a question regarding his Ministerial Statement entitled “Fairmont Southampton Hotel Act 2022”.

Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto asked a question.

Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto asked a second question.

Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto asked a third question.

Senator B.A. Smith asked a question.

Senator B.A. Smith asked a second question.

Senator Darrell replied.

Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto asked a supplementary question.

Senator Darrell replied.

Senator B.A. Smith asked a supplementary question.

Senator B.A. Smith asked a second supplementary question.

Senator Darrell replied.

Congratulations and/or Obituary Speeches

10:45a.m.

Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto expressed condolences to the family of the late Mr. Che Jennings, as well as the family of the late Mrs. Dolores Elizabeth Franks. He congratulated the Inspire Racing Programme, part of Sail GP Events, which is a great programme to get Bermuda’s young people actively involved in sailing. Senator DeCouto also congratulated the Bermudian sailors (Dale Brangman, Raquel Evans, Somers Kempe and Emily Nagel) competing in the Stars Sailing League event to be held in Switzerland.

Senator the Hon. Dr. E.G.V. Peets congratulated all Carifta Games athletes, coaches, trainers and support staff on their outstanding success on track and in the pool. He congratulated Senator Ben Smith on his efforts and success as coach of Bermuda’s swim team at Carifta, as well as other recent events. He mentioned Bermuda should be very proud of all its athletes. Senator Peets also congratulated Ms. Velda Wales and Ms. Anna on their birthdays this week.

Senator O.K. Darrell congratulated all groups and organizers of the various community events/festivities which have been taking place recently, helping to bring normal vibrant community activities after the pandemic. He congratulated Harrington Workmens Club and Mr. Barry Gibbons and Mr. Stephen Douglas (and he associated Senator Robin Tucker with these remarks) for their events. Lastly, he congratulated schools and the Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport on recent efforts to re-establish active inter-schools sports programmes as we emerge from the pandemic.

Senator B.A. Smith sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Wayne Augustus, who recently passed in a road traffic accident. Senator Smith also associated himself with Senator Peets’ remarks regarding the Carifta Games athletes who did an amazing job representing Bermuda throughout.

Adjournment

10:52a.m.

Senator the Hon. Dr. E.G.V. Peets moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Wednesday, 18th May 2022 – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. Dr. E.G.V. Peets moved that the Senate do now adjourn – which was agreed to.

10:53a.m. – Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto

11:00a.m.

Senate adjourned until Wednesday, 18th May 2022.

PRESIDENT

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Wednesday – 18th May, 2022

(1) Second Reading of the “Fairmont Southampton Hotel Act 2022”.