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of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2020-2021
Eighth Virtual Sitting**

No. 9

Monday, 8th March, 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.]

10:02 a.m.

Prayers

10:03 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of March 5, 2021 were deferred.

10:03 a.m.

Announcements by the Speaker or Member Presiding

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER announced that he has received the Commonwealth Day message.

10:03 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

HON. T.S. FURBERT read a Ministerial Statement entitled "International Women's Day 2021".

10:14 a.m.

Question Period

Under the provisions of Standing Order 18(4), HON. E.D.G. BURT, on behalf of HON. C.L. DICKINSON, deferred oral responses to parliamentary questions from the Hon. N.H.C. Simons. (Deferred from Friday, February 26, 2021)

*1. Will the Honourable Premier please confirm to this Honourable House the value of the total accounts receivables due to the Government of Bermuda's Consolidated Fund as at March 31, 2018, March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2020?

*2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House an aged receivable schedule for the three years in question?

*3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm to this Honourable House the value and details of receivables written off the Government's books for the last three years?

HON. R.D.L. MING provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from MS. S.E. JACKSON which were deferred from Friday, February 26, 2021.

10:15 a.m.

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

MR. E.D.G. BURT
MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
MR. M.H. DUNKLEY
MR. H.K.E. SWAN

10:29 a.m.

Orders of the Day

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that the House resume in Committee of Supply for further consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 2021/2022, which was agreed to.

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

10:30 a.m.

MS. T.S. FURBERT moved for consideration of the following Heads: 71 – Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sports; 20 – Youth, Sport and Recreation and 52 – Department of Culture.

12:11 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

12:27 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT

12:30 p.m.

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

2:00 p.m.

The House resumed in Committee of Supply.

(MR. R.S. PEARMAN in the Chair)

2:01 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

2:16 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT

2:24 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

2:24 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

2:28 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

2:30 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT

2:36 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

2:37 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT

2:38 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

2:38 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

2:40 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT

2:41 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

2:44 p.m. MR. H.K.E. SWAN (P.O.O)

2:48 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT

2:50 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

2:51 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT

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2:57 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
3:00 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON
3:00 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
3:01 p.m. MR. D.V. BURGESS (P.O.O)
3:02 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
3:03 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON
3:05 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
3:06 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON
3:11 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON
3:16 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
3:19 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON
3:21 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON
3:23 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
3:26 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON
3:28 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
3:30 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON
3:30 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
3:31 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON
3:34 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
3:35 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON
3:37 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
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3:48 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON
3:50 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
3:51 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON
3:56 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON
3:57 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
(4:02 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN in the Chair)

4:02 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved for consideration of the following Heads 01 – Governor and Staff; 02 – Legislature; 05 – Office of the Auditor General; 56 – Human Rights Commission; 63 – Parliamentary Registrar; 85 – Ombudsman’s Office; 92 – Internal Audit; 98 – Information Commissioner’s Office and 101 – Privacy Commissioner’s Office.

4:03 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT presented the brief for Head 56.
4:16 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS (P.O.O)
4:17 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
4:20 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
4:22 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT (P.O.C)
4:29 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT

4:32 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS (P.O.O)
4:33 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
4:36 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
4:38 p.m. – MS. T.S. FURBERT
4:39 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT
5:48 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
6:00 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS (P.O.O)
(6:05 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON in the Chair)
6:28 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT (P.O.O)
6:28 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
6:29 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT
6:30 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
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6:31 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
6:52 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER
6:55 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT
6:57 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
6:58 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT
7:04 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
7:05 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT
7:09 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
7:10 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT
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7:20 p.m.

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved that Heads 01 – Governor and Staff; 02 – Legislature; 05 – Office of the Auditor General; 56 – Human Rights Commission; 63 – Parliamentary Registrar; 85 – Ombudsman’s Office; 92 – Internal Audit; 98 – Information Commissioner’s Office and 101 – Privacy Commissioner’s Office be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved that the Committee rise, report progress and ask for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

The Chairperson reported progress and asked for leave to sit again, was agreed to.

7:21 p.m. – Order numbers 2-4 inclusive on the Order Paper were carried over.

7:22 p.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that at its rising, the House do now adjourn to Wednesday, 10th March 2021, which was agreed to.

7:22 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

7:39 p.m.

The House adjourned until Wednesday, 10th March 2021 at 10:00 a.m.