

**Proceedings**  
**of the**  
**Honourable House of Assembly**  
**Session of 2016-2017**

**No. 13**

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne Atherden, Kenneth L. Bascome, David E. Burt, Derrick V. Burgess, L. Craig Cannonier, Shawn G. Crockwell, Rolfe P. Commssiong, Zane J. S. DeSilva, Michael H. Dunkley, Lovitta F. Foggo, Wayne L. Furbert, Dr. Edmund G. Gibbons, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Suzann Roberts-Holshouser, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis P. Lister, Trevor G. Moniz, Nandi S. Outerbridge, Mark J. Pettingill, Everard T. Richards, Sylvan D. Richards, Diallo V.S. Rabain, Walter H. Roban, Ms. Leah K. Scott, Michael J. Scott, R. Wayne E. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, J.S. Simmons, N.H. Cole Simons, Glenn C. Smith, Jeff Sousa, Neville S. Tyrrell, Kim N. Wilson.

**10:05 a.m.**

Prayers

Minutes of the Meetings of 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017 deferred.

The Speaker announced that members M.A. Weeks and Mrs. P.J. Gordon-Pamplin will be absent. Two Youth Parliamentarians, Ms. Arianna Caines and Mr. R.P. Lister, are attending Commonwealth Day in the London. Youth Parliament is hosting a Youth Summit at the XL/Catlin House. Ms. Jessica Bowers is the new Administrative Assistant at the Legislature.

The Speaker read the Commonwealth Day Message “Celebrating a Peace-building Commonwealth”

**Papers and Communications:**

DR. E.G. GIBBONS read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER.

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Electricity (Regulatory Authority Fees) Regulations 2017”, with the Governor’s recommendation signified.

Dr. E.G. Gibbons

Minister of Economic Development

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MR. E.T. RICHARDS read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER.

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Government Fees Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2017”, with the Governor’s recommendation signified.

Hon. E. T. Richards  
Minister of  
Finance

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**10:13am**

**Question Period:**

Mr. T.G. Moniz provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from Mr. M.J. Scott which were carried over from the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 .

MR.E.D.G.BURT asked a supplementary question.

MR. W.L.FURBERT asked a supplementary question

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

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

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

MR.M.J. SCOTT asked a supplementary question.

MR.M.J. SCOTT asked a second supplementary question.

MR. D.V.BURGESS asked a supplementary question.

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

MS. K.N. WILSON asked a second supplementary questions.

MR. J.S. SIMMONS asked a supplementary question.

MR.W.H.ROBAN asked a supplementary question.

### **Congratulatory and /or Obituary Speeches:**

(Please refer to the House Hansard)

**10:35am**

### **Introduction of Bills:**

Mr. E.T.RICHARDS introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “The Bermuda Public Accountability Amendment Act 2017”.

Mr. E.T.RICHARDS introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Customs Tariff Amendment Act 2017”, with the Governor’s recommendation signified.

Mr. E.T.RICHARDS introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “International Cooperation (Tax Information Exchange Agreements) Amendment (No. 3) Act 2017 “.

Mr. E.T.RICHARDS introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “USA-Bermuda Tax Convention Amendment (No 2) Act 2017”.

**10:36am**

### **Orders of the Day**

MR. E.T.RICHARDS moved that the House resume in Committee of Supply for further consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2017/2018, which was agreed to.

MRS. S.ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER in the Chair.

**10:38am**

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY moved consideration of the following Heads: 9-Cabinet Office; 43- Department of Information & Digital Technology. 51- Department of Communications and 80-Project Management and Procurement.

**12:30pm**

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

MRS. S.ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER in the Chair, ordered that the House do now adjourn for lunch and resume in Committee at 2:00 p.m.

**2:00pm**

The House resumed in Committee

MR. D.P. LISTER in the Chair.

2:01pm-MR. M.H. DUNKLEY continued  
2:28pm-MR.E.D.G. BURT  
2:55pm- MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

**3:08pm**

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY moved Heads: 9-Cabinet Office; 43- Department of Information & Digital Technology. 51- Department of Communications and 80-Project Management and Procurement, be approved, which was agreed to.

**3:09pm**

MRS. J.J ATHERDEN moved consideration of the following Heads: 21-Ministry of Health and Seniors HQ; 22-Department of Health; 24-Hospitals; and 91- Health Insurance.

4:05pm-Mr. C.W.D. Brown in the Chair.

5:40pm- MS. K.N. WILSON  
6:30pm- MR.D.V.BURGESS  
6:40pm- MS. K.N. WILSON  
6:50pm- MR. N.S. TYRELL  
7:11pm- MR. Z.J. DESILVA  
7:45pm- MRS. J.J ATHERDEN

MRS. J.J ATHERDEN moved Heads: 21-Ministry of Health and Seniors HQ; 22-Department of Health; 24-Hospitals; and 91- Health Insurance.be approved, which was agreed to.

**7:50pm**

MR. E. T. RICHARDS 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 Chair reported progress and asked for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

Order numbers 2-4 inclusive on the Order Paper were carried over.

**8:10pm**

On the Motion of Dr. E.G. Gibbons, the Bill entitled the “Registrar of Companies (Compliance Measures) Act 2017” was read a second time.

8:17pm-MR. W.L FURBERT  
8:17pm-DR. E.G. GIBBONS

**8:18pm**

The Bill was Committed

MS. S.R.HOLSHOUSER in the Chair.

Dr. E.G. Gibbons moved Clauses 1-21

8:22pm- MR. W.L FURBERT  
8:23pm- DR. E.G. GIBBONS  
8:26pm- MR. W.L FURBERT  
8:27pm- DR. E.G. GIBBONS  
8:27pm- MR. W.L FURBERT  
8:28pm- DR. E.G. GIBBONS

Dr. the Hon. E.G. Gibbons moved Clauses 1-21, as printed, which was agreed to.

The Schedules were approved

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose

The House resumed.

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

**8:31pm**

On the Motion of Mr. E.T. Richards the Bill entitled the “Miscellaneous Taxes Amendment Act 2017” was read a second time.

8:33pm- MR.E.D.G. BURT

8:34pm-MR. E.T. RICHARDS

The Bill was Committed

MS. S.R.HOLSHOUSER in the Chair.

**8:35pm**

Mr. E.T. Richards moved Clauses 1-3

8:36pm- MR.E.D.G. BURT

8:36pm- MR. E.T. RICHARDS

Mr. E.T. Richards moved Clauses 1-3, which were agreed to.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose

The House resumed.

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

Order No. 7 was carried over

**8:38pm**

Mr. E.T. Richards moved that the House do now take under consideration the draft Regulations entitled the “Government Fees Amendment Regulations 2017”.

8:45pm- MR.E.D.G. BURT

8:46pm- MR. E.T. RICHARDS

Mr. E.T. Richards moved that the Regulations be approved and the following Message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

**(No.9)**

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY”

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled the “Government Fees Amendment Regulations 2017”. has the Honour to inform your Excellency that the House has approved the said draft Regulation”.

-which was agreed to.

Order Nos. 9-15 were carried over

**8:47pm**

DR. E.G.GIBBONS moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Registrar of Companies (Compliance Measures) Act 2017”, be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of, DR. E.G. GIBBONS moved that the Bill entitled the, “Registrar of Companies (Compliance Measures) Act 2017” was then read the third time and passed.

**8:47pm**

MR.E.T. RICHARDS moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the, “Miscellaneous Taxes Amendment Act 2017”, be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. E.T. RICHARDS moved that the Bill entitled the “Miscellaneous Taxes

Amendment Act 2017” was then read the third time and passed.

**8:48pm**

Mr. M.H. Dunkley moved that, at its next rising, the House adjourn to Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which was agreed to.

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

8:48pm-MR.W.H. ROBAN

9:00pm-MR. W.L. FURBERT

9:03pm-MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG

9:19pm-MR. M.J.SCOTT

9:26pm-MR. E.D.G. BURT

9:38pm-MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

**9:55pm**

The House adjourned until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 10:00am.