

BERMUDA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

SESSION OF 2022 - 2023

No. 10

WEDNESDAY, 17th MAY 2023

PRESENT:

Senator the Hon. Mrs. J.E. DILLAS-WRIGHT,
M.B.E., J.P. - PRESIDENT
Senator the Hon. O.K. DARRELL, J.P.
Senator Ms. A.J.L. HODGSON
Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. DILL
Senator Ms. L.L. ROBINSON, J.P.
Senator B.A. SMITH, J.P.
Senator Mrs. R.S. TUCKER
Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCOUTO, J.P.

ABSENT:

Senator Ms. K.J. BELL, J.P. – VICE PRESIDENT
Senator R.J. WIGHT
Senator Ms. L.K. SIMMONS

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

10:02a.m.

On the motion of Senator A.J.L. Hodgson, the minutes of the meetings of Thursday, 23rd March and Monday, March 27th 2023 were taken as read and confirmed.

Announcements

10:02a.m.

Senator the Hon. President announced that Senators K.J. Bell, R.J. Wight and L.K. Simmons had each sent her their regrets for not being able to attend today's meeting.

Senator L.L. Robinson presented for the information of Senate the "Ministry of Economy and Labour Financial Reform

Initiatives 2023: Strengthening Social Protections for Bermudians".

Notices of Motion

10:03a.m.

Senator L.L. Robinson presented for the consideration of Senate the following draft Resolution:-

"Be it resolved that the Senate, in accordance with the provisions of section 8 of the Base Lands Development Act 1996, approves the dissolution of the Bermuda Land Development Company (BLDC) so that it may be amalgamated with the West End Development Corporation (WEDCO);"

- and she gave notice that at the next day of meeting she would move that the said draft Resolution be approved.

Ministerial Statements

10:05a.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell, as Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport, made a Ministerial Statement on "Sports Investment Programme Allocation".

10:14a.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell as Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport made a Ministerial Statement on "Creatives Live!"

10:08a.m

The following Public Bills were brought up from the Honourable House of Assembly, and given its First Reading in the Senate:-

The "Companies Amendment Act 2023".

Question Period

10:18a.m.

Senator B.A. Smith asked a question to Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell on his Ministerial

Statement entitled "Sports Investment Programme Allocation".

Senator B.A. Smith asked a second question.

Senator B.A. Smith asked a third question.

Senator R.S Tucker asked a question.

Senator R.S Tucker asked a second question.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell replied.

Senator B.A. Smith asked a supplementary question.

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

Senator R.S Tucker asked a supplementary question.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell replied.

Orders of the Day

10:35a.m.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the provisions of Standing Order 25 be granted so that Senate may now proceed with the Second Reading of the Public Bill entitled "Companies Amendment Act 2023" – which was agreed to.

10:35a.m.

Madam President acknowledged the presence of Ms. Venous Memari from the Registry of Companies in the Chamber.

10:36a.m

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the Public Bill entitled the "Companies Amendment Act 2023" be now read the second time.

Senator Hodgson spoke on the Bill.

10:40a.m. – Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto

10:51a.m. – Senator A.J.L. Hodgson replied.

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

10:54a.m. – Senator A.J.L. Hodgson replied.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill – which was agreed to.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the Bill be now read a third time – which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the Bill entitled the "Companies Amendment Act 2023" do now pass -- which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly passed and ordered to be laid before Her Excellency the Governor for Her Excellency's assent.

Congratulatory and/or Obituary Speeches

10:55a.m.

Senator R.S. Tucker offered condolences to the family of Mr. Charles Paul, who took great pride in his work. She also offered condolences to the family of Mrs. Margaret Caton who was a very pleasant woman who had a wonderful sense of humour. Senator Tucker offered condolences to the family of Mr. Hector Watson. She also offered condolences to the family of Mr. Marco Warren and Ms. Debra Ann Bassett. She congratulated North Village Red Devils on their recent win of the FA Cup. She also congratulated SCARS, the Centre Against Abuse and the Women's Resource Centre for creating a support group for women affected by sexual assault.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell associated himself and the Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport with the condolences extended to the family of Mr. Marco Warren. Not only was Mr. Warren a talented footballer, he worked as a Youth Programme Supervisor and Community Worker for the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.

Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto associated himself with the condolences extended to the family of Mr. Marco Warren. He also congratulated Ms. Andira Critchlow for her performance in Netflix's 'Queen Cleopatra', as well as her brother Mr. Aaron Critchlow and the work that he is doing island wide as part of the Bermuda is Love organization. Senator DeCouto also congratulated those who were involved in the organization of the successful Santo Cristo Festival.

Senator L.L. Robinson associated herself with the condolences offered to the family of Mr. Marco Warren. She also congratulated the organizers of the 2023 Agricultural Exhibition including the Department of Parks, which sold over 10,000 tickets.

Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill extended condolences to all those who have recently lost someone. Condolences were extended to the family of the Major Randall Butler who was an Aide de Camp to two former Governors. He represented Bermuda as an umpire for the Bermuda Cricket Board. He was also an outstanding family man who will be deeply missed. Senator Dill also offered condolences to the family of Ms. Cora Virginia Wilson, who was a leader of the Hands of Faith Ministry. She was a trailblazer for sign language and the needs of the hearing impaired on the island. Senator Dill offered condolences to the family of Mr. William "Bo" Burch, who had a barber shop on Court Street and had a B&B on North Shore. He and his wife were wonderful ambassadors for Bermudian hospitality and Mr. Burch trained young men as barbers and helped them start their own businesses.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson celebrated the newly elected Mayor of St. George's, Ms. Quinell Francis and wished her the best as she takes on the role for a second time. She also congratulated the organizers and volunteers who put on the Relay for Life event. Senator Hodgson also associated herself with the condolences extended to the family of Mr. Marco Warren.

Madam President associated herself with the condolences extended to the family of Mr. Marco Warren. She also extended condolences to the family of Ms. Valerie

Christine Pearman, who was a former nurse at the Mid Atlantic Wellness Institute. Madam President associated herself with the congratulations extended to Ms. Critchlow on her work on 'Queen Cleopatra', the organizers of the Ag Show, as well as the Portuguese community on their successful event. She congratulated the Nurse of the Year, Ms. Renee Falcon. Madam President also congratulated the Bermuda Nurses' Association for organizing a myriad of events to celebrate Nurses Appreciation Month.

Adjournment

11:17a.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Wednesday, 24th May 2023 – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the Senate do now adjourn – which was agreed to.

11:17a.m. – Senator R.S. Tucker

11:24a.m.

Senate adjourned until Wednesday, 24th May 2023.

PRESIDENT

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Wednesday – 24th May 2023

(1) Consideration of the “Resolution
for the Dissolution of the Bermuda
Land Development Company so that
it may be amalgamated with the West
End Development Corporation”
Senator L.L. Robinson