

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2022-2023**

No. 3

Friday, 2nd December, 2022

Members Present:

His Honour, Speaker of the House, the Hon. Dennis P. Lister | Mr. Jache A. Adams | The Hon. Lt. Col. David A. Burch | The Hon. Derrick V. Burgess | The Hon. E. David G. Burt | Ms. Crystal C. Caesar | Mr. Wayne M. Caines | The Hon. Vance M. Campbell | The Hon. L Craig Cannonier | Mr. Zane J. S. DeSilva | Mr. Curtis L. Dickinson | The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley | Mr. Christopher T. Famous | Ms. Lovitta F. Foggo | The Hon. Tineé S. Furbert | The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert | The Hon. Jason P. Hayward | Mr. Dennis J.R. Lister | Mrs. Renée D.L. Ming | The Hon. Diallo V.S. Rabain | Mr. Jarion Richardson | The Hon. Walter H. Roban | Mr. W. Lawrence A. Scott | The Hon. Kathy Lynn Simmons | H. Kim E. Swan | Mr. Neville S. Tyrrell | Mr. Jason R. Wade | The Hon. Michael A. Weeks | The Hon. Kim N. Wilson |

This meeting of the House was held at the House Chamber, 3rd Floor, Veritas Place, 65 Court Street, City of Hamilton.

10:02 a.m.

Prayers

10:04 a.m.

Minutes of Meeting 18th November 2022 were confirmed.

10:05 a.m.

Announcements by the Speaker

His Honour, the Speaker announced the Members appointed to the Sessional and Standing Committees.

The announcement of the Assistant Clerk to the Legislature attending the CPA UK Overseas Territories Forum along with Members, Susan Jackson and Opposition Leader, Cole Simons.

The absence of Members, Ms. Ianthia Simmons- Wade and Mr. Jahmahl Simmons from today's proceeding were announced to the Members of the House by His Honour, the Speaker.

The announcement of the reopening of the Public Gallery by invitation only was made by His Honour, the Speaker.

10:08 a.m.

Messages from the Senate

His Honour, the Speaker informed the Members of the House of his receipt of a letter from the Senate President announcing the appointment of Senators to Committees.

His Honour, the Speaker read from the letter received from the Senate President to the Members of the House.

The appointment of Senator Kieran J. Bell to serve as the Senate's second representative on the Standing Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Private Bills in replacement of former Senator Michelle Simmons.

The appointment of Senator Robin S. Tucker to serve as the Senate's second representative on the Standing Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the Register of Member's Interest in replacement of former Senator Marcus Jones.

Papers and Communications to the House

The Hon. Kathy Lynn Simmons, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Reform, lay for the information of the House, "Assessment of Self-Governance Sufficiency in conformity with internationally-recognised standards, Bermuda.

The Hon. Diallo V. Rabain, Minister of Education lay for the information of the House, "Bermuda Educators Council (Exceptions) (2022 to 2023 School Year) Order 2022".

The Hon. Diallo V. Rabain, Minister of Education lay for the information of the House, "Bermuda College, Audited Financial Statements 2022"

The Hon. Diallo V. Rabain, Minister of Education lay for the information of the House, "Bermuda College Annual Report 2021-2022"

10:10am

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

Statement entitled "Tabling of Morgan's Point Company Act 2022" was read by the Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance.

10:17am

Statement entitled "Protected Conservation Areas: Riddell's Bay and White Crest Hill" was read by the Hon. Walter H. Roban, Minister of Home Affairs.

10:22a.m.

Statement entitled "Tabling of Report, Assessment of Self-Governance in conformity with internationally- recognised standards, Bermuda" was read by the Hon. Kathy Lynn Simmons, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Reform and Constitutional Reform.

10:28 a.m.

Statement entitled "Update on the Water and Wastewater Masterplan Implementation" was read by the Hon. Lt. Col. David A. Burch.

10:37 a.m.

Statement entitled "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" was read by the Hon. Tineé S. Furbert, Minister of Social Development and Seniors.

10:45 a.m.

Statement entitled "Creation of National Workforce Advisory Board and Amendments to the National Training Board Act 1997" was read by the Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour.

10:52 a.m.

Statement entitled "Bermuda College, Audited Financial Statements 2022" was read by the Hon. Diallo V. Rabain, Minister of Education.

10:55 a.m.

Statement entitled "Bermuda College, 2021-2022 Annual Report" was read by the Hon. Diallo V. Rabain, Minister of Education.

11:05 a.m.

Statement entitled "32 Months Ago" was read by the Hon. Kim N. Wilson, Minister of Health.

11:16 a.m.

Question Period

The Hon. Kim N. Wilson to provide oral response to the following parliamentary question from the Hon. Michael H. Dunkley:

"The first question, the oral question, will the Hon. Minister please provide for this Honourable House the full current contract with ResQuest as it relates to Covid Services?"

The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley asked for clarification on this matter as the question remained unanswered for some time.

The Hon. L Craig Cannonier asked the Hon. Lt. Col. Burch a question in relation to his Ministerial Statement entitled "Update on the Water and Wastewater Masterplan Implementation"

The Hon. L. Craig Cannonier asked the Hon. Lt. Col. Burch a supplementary question in relation to his Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Jarion Richardson asked the Hon. Jason P. Hayward a question in relation to his Ministerial Statement entitled "Creation of a National Workforce Advisory Board and Amendments to the National Training Board Act 1997"

Mr. Jarion Richardson asked the Hon. Jason P. Hayward a second question in relation to his Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Jarion Richardson asked the Hon. Jason P. Hayward a second supplementary question in relation to his Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Jarion Richardson asked the Hon. Jason P. Hayward a third question in relation to his Ministerial Statement.

The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley asked the Hon. Minister Kim N. Wilson a question in relation to her Ministerial Statement entitled "32 Months Ago".

The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley asked the Hon. Minister Kim N. Wilson a supplementary question in relation to her Ministerial Statement.

The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley asked the Hon. Minister Kim N. Wilson a second question in relation to her Ministerial Statement.

The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley asked the Hon. Kim N. Wilson a second supplementary question in relation to her Ministerial Statement.

11: 35 a.m.

Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches

11:35 a.m.

Mr. H. Kim Swan gave a Congratulatory Speech to the House.

11:38 a.m.

The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert gave an Obituary Speech to the House.

10:40 a.m.

The Hon. Walter H. Roban gave an Obituary and Congratulatory Speech to the House.

11:42 a.m.

Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister gave an Obituary and Congratulatory Speech to the House.

11:43 a.m.

The Hon. Derrick V. Burgess gave an Obituary Speech to the House.

11: 44 a.m.

The Hon. Michael A. Weeks gave an Obituary and Congratulatory Speech to the House.

11:47 a.m.

The Hon. Tineé S. Furbert gave an Obituary and Congratulatory Speech to the House.

11:50 a.m.

The Hon. Diallo V.S. Rabain gave a Congratulatory Speech to the House.

11:52 a.m

His Honour, the Speaker of the House associated himself with Obituary and Congratulatory Speeches given by Members of the House.

11:54 a.m.

Introduction of Government Bills

The Hon. Walter H. Roban, introduced and read for the first time on behalf of the Premier and Minister of Finance the following Bills entitled:

“Insurance Amendment Act 2022”

“Bermuda Monetary Authority Amendment Act (No.3) 2022”

“Morgan’s Point Company Act 2022”

All Bills Introduced and read for the first time by the Hon. Walter H. Roban on behalf of the Premier and Minister of Finance were agreed to by the House.

11:55 a.m

Orders of the Day

The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert on behalf of the Premier and Minister of Finance, the Hon. E. David G. Burt moved that the Bill entitled “Customs Tariff Amendment Act 2022” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

11:57 a.m.

The Hon Michael H. Dunkley

11:58 a.m.

The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert on behalf of the Premier and Minister of Finance, the Hon. E. David G. Burt moved that the Bill be committed.

The Bill was committed.

The Hon. Derrick V. Burgess in Chair

11:59 a.m.

The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert on behalf of the Premier and Minister of Finance, the Hon. E. David G. Burt moved clauses 1-3, which was agreed to.

12:01 p.m

Clauses 1-3 were agreed as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

Committee rose

12:02p.m.

House Resumed

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

12:03 p.m.

The Hon. Walter H. Roban moved that the Bill entitled "Fuels Amendment Act 2022" be read a second time, which was agreed.

12:06 p.m.

The Hon. L Craig Cannonier

12:07 p.m.

The Hon. Walter H. Roban

The Bill was committed.

The Hon. Derrick V. Burgess in Chair

12:09 p.m.

The Hon. Walter H. Roban moved clauses 1-2, which was agreed to.

12:10 p.m.

Clauses 1-2 were agreed as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

Committee rose

12:12 p.m.

House Resumed

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

The Hon. Diallo V.S. Rabain moved that the Bill entitled the "Bermuda Educators Council Amendment Act 2022" be read a second time, which was agreed to.

12:18 p.m.

The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley

12:23 p.m.

The Hon. Diallo V.S. Rabain

12:29 p.m.

The Hon. Diallo V.S. Rabain moved Clauses 1-4, which were agreed to.

Clauses 1-4 were agreed as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

Committee rose

12:31 p.m.

House resumed

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

The Hon. Walter H. Roban moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch.

2:01 p.m.

House resumed

2:02 p.m.

The Hon. Jason P. Hayward moved that the Bill entitled "Bermuda Immigration and Protection Amendment Act 2022", be read a second time, which was agreed.

2:04 p.m.

Mr. Jarion Richardson raised a point of order in relation to absence of Quorum in the Chamber.

2:05 p.m.

Per Standing Order 8, His Honour, the Speaker of the House allotted a five minute time period to allow Members of the House to return to the Chamber.

7 Members were present in the Chamber.

Proceedings were suspended at 2:05 pm.

2:06 p.m.

His Honour, the Speaker of the House addressed the listening audience as it pertains to the rules of having a quorum present in the House Chamber.

2:10 p.m.

His Honour, the Speaker of the House acknowledged that a quorum was not present in the House Chamber.

10 Members were present in the Chamber.

His Honour, the Speaker adjourned the House until 9 December 2022.

Per Standing Order 8 of the House Standing Orders.