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of the
Honourable House of Assembly
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Friday, February 26th, 2016

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Kenneth L. Bascome, Marc A. R. Bean, Walton D. Brown, Derrick V. Burgess, David G. Burt, L. Craig Cannonier, Rolfe P. Commissiong, Shawn G. Crockwell, 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. Diallo V.S. Rabain, Everard T. Richards, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Michael J. Scott, R.W. E. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, Jamahl S. Simmons, N. H. Cole Simons, Glenn C. Smith, Jefferson C. Sousa, Kim N. Wilson.

10:06 a.m. Prayer

Confirmation of Minutes:

Minutes to the Meeting of the 19th of February, 2016 were deferred.

Announcements by the Speaker:

His Honour the SPEAKER made an announcement that Junior Minister Ms. L.K. Scott and Mr. M.A. Weeks absent from today's Meeting.

10:08 a.m.

Papers and other communications to the House:

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 following Order entitled "Government Authorities (Fees) Order 2016"

MR. E.T. RICHARDS
Minister of Finance

Sessions House,
26th February, 2016

DR. the Hon. 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 following Bill entitled "Electronic Communications (Regulatory Authority Fees) Regulations 2016"

DR. the Hon. E.G.GIBBONS
Minister of Economic Development

Sessions House,
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10:09 a.m.

The Speaker acknowledged the presence of Senators Joan-Dillas Wright-Vice President and Senator Mr. Vic Ball in the Chamber.

10:10am

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers:

DR. the Hon. E.G.GIBBONS made a Ministerial Statement regarding the "America's Cup Update 2016".

The Speaker recognized former MP, Mr. Stanley Morton in the public gallery.

10:36am

MR. E.T. RICHARDS made a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Moody’s Investor Services Bermuda Credit Report”.

MR. S.G.CROCKWELL made a Ministerial Statement regarding “Update on the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission.”

Question Period:

10:49am

Mr. S. D. Richards provided oral answers to parliamentary questions from Mr. C. W. Brown.

*1.Will the Honourable Junior Minister please inform this Honourable House of the number of Bermuda Status grants applied for by category (marriage or PRC, for example) and whether they were granted or refused, for each year from 2010 to 2015?

*2.Will the Honourable Junior Minister please inform this Honourable House of the number of applications for Permanent Resident Certificates which were submitted for each year from 2010 to 2015, along with the numbers which have been either approved or refused?

MR. C.W.BROWN asked a supplementary question.
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MR. C.W.BROWN asked a second question.

11:01am

Hon. L. C. Cannonier provided oral answers to the following parliamentary questions from Hon. W. L. Furbert.

*1.Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House what is the current status regarding the negotiation for Grand Atlantic by Bermuda Beach Resort and the Bermuda Housing Corporation?

*2.Will the Honourable Minister please provide the Honourable House what is the current status regarding Nine Beaches and the monies owed to the Government of Bermuda and the Bermuda Development Corporation?

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

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

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

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

MS.K.N.WILSON asked a supplementary question

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MRS. S.ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSIER asked a supplementary question.

MR. M.A.BEAN asked a supplementary question.

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11:20am

Mr. M. A. Bean asked a question to Dr. E.G. Gibbons on his Ministerial Statement regarding the “America’s Cup Update”

MR. M.A.BEAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. M.A.BEAN asked a second question.

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MR. M.A.BEAN asked a second supplementary question.

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

MR.D.V. Rabain asked a second supplementary question.

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

MR. M.A.BEAN asked a third question.

11:25am

Mr. E.D.BURT asked a question to Dr. the Hon. E.G. Gibbons on his Ministerial Statement regarding the “America’s Cup Update”

Mr. J.S. Simmons asked Dr. E.G. Gibbons a question on his Ministerial Statement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11:36am

Mr. M. A. R. Bean deferred his question to Mr. E. T. Richards relating to “Moody’s Investment Service Bermuda Credit Report”.

Mr. M. A. R. Bean asked a question to Mr. S. G. Crockwell relating to the “Update on the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission.”

MR. M.A.BEAN asked a second question.
MR.Z.J. DESILVA asked a supplementary question.
MR.Z.J. DESILVA asked a supplementary question.
MR.Z.J. DESILVA asked a second supplementary question.

Introduction of Bills:

MR. E. T. RICHARDS introduced and read for the first time by its title the Bill entitled the “Payroll Tax Amendment Act 2016”.

MR. E. T. RICHARDS deferred the introduction of the Bill entitled the “Government Fees Amendment Act 2016”.

MR. S.G.CROCKWELL introduced and read for the first time by its title the Bill entitled the “Bermuda Tourism Authority Amendment Act 2016”.

11:45am

Notices of Motions:

Hon. W.L.FURBERT gave notice that at the next day of Meeting he proposed to move the following Motion:

“**WHEREAS** there has been a decrease in the number of jobs year after year for several years;

AND WHEREAS we need new jobs to be created in Bermuda to increase employment;

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the Parliament Act 1957 part IV, a Joint Select Committee be appointed to inquire as to the strategies needed to create new jobs; explore the impediments that are preventing the creation of new businesses, and the barriers for Bermudian entrepreneurs; to report on the findings and make recommendations to the House of Assembly so that concrete action can be taken in a reasonable time.”

Mr. M.A. WEEKS gave notice that at the next day of Meeting he proposed to move the following Motion:

“**BE IT RESOLVED** this Honourable House calls on the Government to hold a Referendum to ask the people of Bermuda by vote of either ‘yes’ or ‘no’ if marriage should remain between a man and a woman, and no form of same-sex civil unions be lawful in

Bermuda; and further that this referendum be included on the Ballot at the next General Election.”

Orders of the Day:

MR. E. T. RICHARDS moved that the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 2016/2017 be approved.

11:49am

MR. E. D. G BURT Shadow Minister of Finance, presented a Statement in reply to the Budget Statement presented by MR. E. T. Richards, Minister of Finance.

1:15pm

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

His Honour the Speaker ordered that the House do now adjourn for lunch and resume at 2:45 p.m.

2:50 p.m.

The House resumed.

2:50 p.m. MR. S.G.CROCKWELL`
3:22 p.m. – MR.M.J.SCOTT
3:52 p.m. – MR. J.C.SOUSA
4:12 p.m. – MR. C. W. D. BROWN
4:37 p.m. – MR. R.E.W.SCOTT
5:08 p.m. – MS. K.N.WILSON
5:28 p.m. – MR.S.E. JACKSON
5:40 p.m. – MR. Z.J.DESILVA
6:05 p.m. – MR. G.C.SMITH
6:15 p.m. – (Deputy Speaker in the Chair)
6:25 p.m. – (Speaker in the Chair)
6:30 p.m. – MR. W.H.ROBAN
7:00 p.m. – MRS. S.R. HOLSHOUSER.
7:15pm – MR.D.V.BURGESS
7:45pm – MRS J.J.ATHERDEN
8:20pm – MR.W.L.SCOTT

The Speaker acknowledged the presence of new Senator Ms. Kim Wilkerson and former Member Mr. Jon Brunson, in the gallery.

8:40pm – DR. E.G. GIBBONS
9:15pm – MR D.V. RABAIN
9:26pm – MS. N.S.OUTERBRIDGE
9:41pm – MR. J.S.SIMMONS

10:10pm – MR. S.D.RICHARDS
10:39pm – MR. W.L.FURBERT
11:10pm – MR.M.J.PETTINGILL
11:40pm – MR. R.P.COMMISSIONG
12:06am – MR.T.G.MONIZ
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12:25am – MRS. P.J.GORDON-PAMPLIN
1:00am – MS.L.F.FOGGO
1:25am – MR. L.C.CANNONIER
1:50am – MR. D.P.LISTER
2:10am – MR.M.A.R.BEAN
2:40am – MR.M.H.DUNKLEY
3:05am – MR. E.T.RICHARDS

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

The House adjourned to Monday 29th February, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

3:36am

The debate in the House having been concluded, the House resolved into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates for 2016/2017.

MRS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER in the Chair

MR. E. T. RICHARDS moved Heads 93 Ministry of Home Affairs, 27 Immigration, 29 Registry General.

MR. E. T. RICHARDS moved that the Committee rise, report progress and ask for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

The Report of the Committee was agreed to.

Items number 1-13 on the Order Paper were carried over to the next day of meeting.

3:38am

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved that the House do adjourn to Monday, 29th February, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., which was agreed to.