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Hon. K. H. Randolph Horton, JP, MP

Speaker

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**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2015-2016**

No. 3

Friday, 27th November, 2015

Members Present:

His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Kenneth L. Bascome, Marc A. R. Bean, Glenn A. Blakeney, Walton D. Brown, Derrick V. Burgess, 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, Susan E. Jackson, Suzann Roberts-Holshouser, Dennis P. Lister, Trevor G. Moniz, Nandi S. Outerbridge, Mark J. Pettingill. Everard T. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Leah K. Scott, Michael J. Scott, R. Wayne E. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Glenn C. Smith, Jefferson C. Sousa, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

10:06 a.m. Prayers

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of 27th November 2015, were confirmed.

10:10 a.m.

Petitions:-

MS. L.F. FOGGO presented the following petitions:

The petition of Reid Finance Limited requesting the enactment of a Private Act as set out in the Bill entitled “The Crown Global Life Insurance Ltd. Consolidation and Amendment Act 2015”, which accompanies this petition.

The petition of Reid Finance Limited requesting the enactment of a Private Act as set out in the Bill entitled “The Crown Global Life Insurance Life Insurance (Bermuda) Ltd. Consolidation and Amendment Act 2015, which accompanies this petition.

The said petitions were referred to the Joint Select Committee on Private Bills for consideration and report.

Statements by Ministers:-

10:11am

MR. M H. DUNKLEY made a Ministerial Statement regarding “Government Boards and Committees”.

MR. E.T. RICHARDS made a Ministerial Statement concerning “Solvency II Equivalence for the Bermuda Insurance Sector”.

MR.R.W.SCOTT made a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Bermuda College Accreditation”

10:20am

Introduction of Bills:

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY introduced and read for the first time by its title the Bill entitled the “Royal Bermuda Regiment (Junior Leaders) Act 2015”, which was agreed to.

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY introduced and read for the first time by its title the Bill entitled the “Defense Amendment Act 2015”, which was agreed to.

MR. E.T. RICHARDS introduced and read for the first time by its title the Bill entitled the “Bermuda Monetary Authority Amendment Act 2015”, which was agreed to.

MR. E.T. RICHARDS introduced and read for the first time by its title the Bill entitled the “Insurance Amendment (No. 3) Act 2015”, which was agreed to.

10:25am

Question Period:

Mr. C.W. BROWN asked Mr. M.H. Dunkley a question on his Ministerial Statement, on Government boards and committees.

MR. C.V. BROWN asked a second question.

MR.W.L. FURBERT asked a supplementary question

MR. W.H.ROBAN asked a supplementary question

MR. M.A. BEAN asked a supplementary question

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

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

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

MR.Z.J. DESILVA asked the Premier a question on his Statement.

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

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

Congratulatory and or Obituary speeches:

(Members may refer to Hansard)

10:55am

Notices of Motions: (Ruling by Speaker)

The Speaker referred Members to Standing Order 23 (4). The Speaker ruled to allow the Motion in the name of Mr. W. L. Furbert on the 27th November, 2015 Order Paper to remain as proposed without amendment. The Notice of Motion reads as follows:

“Pursuant to sections of the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1935, and that a Commission is warranted, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governor immediately issue a Commission of Inquiry, consisting of a minimum of three commissioners chosen from outside these isles; authorizing them to conduct a special investigation for the “public welfare” into the serious allegations of extortion and bribery made against sitting Ministers

of the Government; the Hon. L. Craig Cannonier, JP, MP, Senator the Hon. Michael Fahy, JP and Member for Warwick North East, Mr. Mark J. Pettingill, JP, MP as contained in the Affidavit of developer, Mr. Michael MacLean, dated 2 July, 2015 and filed in certain Supreme Court proceedings”.

His Honour the Speaker remarked further in his ruling that he does not expect this Motion to sit on the Order Paper indefinitely. As the Motion goes to the integrity of Members of the House, the Speaker indicated that he would expect the Motion to be taken up at the earliest opportunity.

Orders of the Day:

MR. E.T.RICHARDS moved that consideration be given to draft Order entitled the “Government Authorities (Fees) Order 2015” proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance under the provision of section 4 of the Government Authorities (Fees) Act 1971.

11:02am – MR.M.A.BEAN

11:02am

MR E. T. RICHARDS moved that the said draft Order be approved and that the following message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

(No.2)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration draft Order entitled “Government Authorities (Fees) Order 2015”, proposed to be made under section 4 of the Government Authorities (Fees) Act 1971, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House has approved the said draft Order.

-which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

11:03am

On the Motion of MR. M.H. DUNKLEY the Bill entitled “Public Access to Information Amendment Act, 2015” was read a second time.

11:15am – MR. C.W. BROWN

11:24am – DR. E.G.GIBBONS

11:27am

The Bill was Committed.

S. Roberts Holshouser in the Chair.

11:15am –MR.M.H.DUNKLEY moved Clauses 1- 8.

11:31am – MR.C.W. BROWN

11:33am – MR.M.H.DUNKLEY

Clauses 1-8 were agreed to as printed.

The Preamble was approved

The Chairperson reported the adoption of the Bill, as printed, which was agreed to.

11:39am

On the Motion by MR. E.T.RICHARDS the Bill entitled “Bermuda Public Accountability Board Amendment Act, 2015”, was read a second time.

11:52am – MR.M.A.BEAN

11:53am – MR.C.W.BROWN

11:54am – MR.M.J.SCOTT

11:55am – MR.E.T.RICHARDS

11:55am

The Bill was Committed.

S. Roberts Holshouser in the Chair.

11:59am

MR. E.T.RICHARDS moved Clauses 1-6

12:03pm – MR. M.A. BEAN

12:05pm – MR.E.T.RICHARDS

Clauses 1-6 were agreed to as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Chairperson reported the adoption of the Bill, as printed, which was agreed to.

12:08pm

On the Motion by MRS. J.J.ATHERDEN the Bill entitled “Health Insurance amendment Act, 2015”, was read a second time.

12:12pm- MS. K.N.WILSON

12:16pm – MRS.J.J.ATHERDEN

12:17pm

The Bill was Committed

S. Roberts Holshouser in the Chair.

MRS. J.J.ATHERDEN moved Clauses 1-3

12:19pm – MS. K.N.WILSON

12:19pm – MRS. J.J.ATHERDEN

12:29pm

Clauses 1-3 were agreed to as printed

The Preamble was agreed to

The Chairperson reported the adoption of the Bill, as printed, which was agreed to.

12:21pm

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled “Public Access to Information Amendment Act, 2015” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the Motion by Mr. M.H.Dunkley, the Bill entitled “Public Access to Information Amendment Act 2015” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

12:22pm

MR. E.T.RICHARDS moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled “Bermuda Public Accountability Board Amendment Act, 2015” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the Motion by Mr. E.T.RICHARDS, the Bill entitled Bermuda Public Accountability Board Amendment Act, 2015” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

MRS. J.J.ATHERDEN moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled “Health Insurance Amendment Act, 2015” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the Motion by Mrs. J.J.ATHERDEN, the Bill entitled ”Health Insurance Amendment Act, 2015” was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

12:25pm

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY moved that, the House do now adjourn.

12:25pm – MR.G.A. BLAKENEY

12:40pm –MRS.J.J.ATHERDEN

12:41pm – MR.G.A. BLAKENEY (POC)

12:41pm – MRS.J.J.ATHERDEN

12:42pm – MR.G.A. BLAKENEY (POO)

12:43pm – MRS.J.J.ATHERDEN

12:46pm – MR.G.A. BLAKENEY (POO)

12:47pm – MRS.J.J.ATHERDEN

12:47pm – MR.C.W.BROWN

12:53pm – MRS.P.PJ. GORDON PAMPLIN

12:55pm – MR.Z.J.DESILVA

12:59pm

The House adjourned to Friday, 4th December 2015 at 10am.