

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

**No. 8**

**Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, Dennis P. Lister, Susan E. Jackson, Trevor G. Moniz, Nandi S. Outerbridge, Mark J. Pettingill, R.W. E. Scott, Diallo V.S. Rabain, Everard T. Richards, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, Jamahl S. Simmons, N. H. Cole Simons, Glenn C. Smith, Jefferson C. Sousa, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

**10:25 a.m.** Prayer

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

**10:26am**

Minutes to the Meeting of the 12th of February, 2016 were confirmed.

**Announcements by the Speaker:**

His Honour the SPEAKER made an announcement concerning the disruption in the House by protesters on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**10:29 a.m.**

**Papers and other communications to the House:**

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY 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 "Statistics (Census of Population and Housing) Order 2016"

MRM.H.DUNKLEY  
Premier and Minister of National Security

Sessions House,  
19th February, 2016

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 information of the Honourable House of Assembly the following Report entitled "National Economic Report of Bermuda 2015.

MR E. T. RICHARDS  
Minister of Finance

Sessions House,  
19th February, 2016

**10:29 a.m.**

**Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers:**

MR. E. T. RICHARDS presented the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2016/2017, together with the Budget Statement in support thereof.

**12:18pm**

**Introduction of Bills:**

MR.S.D. RICHARDS introduced and read for the first time by its title the Bill entitled the "Hamilton Sewerage Amendment Act 2016".

MRS. J.J.ATHERDEN introduced and read for the first time by its title the Bill entitled the "Public Health Amendment Act 2016".

### **Opposition Bills:**

MR. E.D.G.BURT introduced a Bill entitled "Referendum Amendment Act 2016". The Speaker ruled that the Bill has an impact on the Consolidated Fund under Standing Order 28 (1) and 28 (57) (1) (a) (2).

### **Orders of the Day:**

Order numbers 1-5 were carried over to the next meeting day.

### **Notices of motions:**

MS. K.N. WILSON gave notice that at the next day of Meeting she proposed to move the following motion:

*"WHEREAS unemployment is at unprecedented levels;*

*AND WHEREAS the majority of single parent households are headed by women;*

*AND WHEREAS age discrimination affects women and their employment opportunities in alarming numbers;*

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Pursuant to the Parliament Act 1957 Part IV, I move that a Select Committee of the House be set up to examine the impact unemployment is having on women; and their families and to report their findings along with recommendations to the House as soon as practicable"*

12:20pm - MR. T.G.MONIZ (P.O.O.)

12:21pm - MS. K.N.WILSON

12:22pm – MR.E.T.RICHARDS

12:23pm – MR. M.A.R.BEAN

12:23pm – MR. T.G.MONIZ

12:25pm – MR. E.D.G.BURT

12:25pm – MS. K.N.WILSON

12:29pm – MR. M.J.SCOTT

The Speaker ruled to allow all three Motions proposed to be tabled under Notice of Motions.

MR. R.P.COMMISSIONG gave notice that at the next day of Meeting he proposed to move the following motion:

*"WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that unemployment and the underemployment of Bermudians and in*

*particular that of black Bermudians continuously persist;*

*AND WHEREAS due to the widespread use of foreign sourced low cost labour over the last two decades and real wages once inflation has been factored in have seen little or no growth;*

*AND WHEREAS incipient poverty, the erosion of the middle class and growing despair have led to charities and assistance programmes of various types being overwhelmed as growing numbers of Bermudians, including children do without the economic necessities required to lead productive and fulfilling lives;*

*AND WHEREAS growing evidence indicates that along with rising property related crimes hundreds of Bermudians have become economic migrants and have relocated to the United Kingdom;*

***BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House call for a Joint Select Committee to examine the efficacy of establishing a minimum wage for Bermuda"*

MR.C.W. BROWN gave notice that at the next day of Meeting he proposed to move the following motion:

*"WHEREAS numerous matters concerning immigration laws and policies remain contentious, unresolved and deeply divisive;*

*AND WHEREAS there is a need for an inclusive approach for the betterment of Bermuda by dismantling historic piecemeal approaches and to embark instead on a method which embraces comprehensive immigration reform;*

***BE IT RESOLVED** that, pursuant to Part IV of the Parliament Act 1957, a parliamentary Joint Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the nature and extent of these historic issues surrounding immigration and to report on the enquiries and make concrete recommendations to Parliament as soon as is practicable."*

**12:47pm**

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved that the House do adjourn to Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., which was agreed to.

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

The House adjourned to Friday 26th February, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Order numbers 1-11 were carried over