

Proceedings
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Honourable House of Assembly
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Monday, 2nd March, 2026

Members Present:

His Honour the Speaker | The Hon. Jache A. K. Adams | Dr. Leroy G. W. Bean | The Hon. E. David G. Burt | Mr. Vance M. E. Campbell
The Hon. L Craig Cannonier | The Hon. Owen K. Darrell | Dr. Douglas S. J. De Couto | Rev. Dr. Emily G. A. Dill | The Hon. Michael
M. Fahy | Ms. Lovitta F. Foggo | The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert | The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert | The Hon. Jason P. Hayward | Mr. L. M.
Robert King | The Hon. Alexa N. H. Lightbourne | Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister | Mrs. Renée D. L. Ming | Mr. R. Scott Pearman | The Hon.
Diallo V. S. Rabain | Mr. Jarion C. Richardson | Mr. Dwayne V. Robinson | Mr. Jamahl S. Simmons | Ms. Linda C. Smith | Mr. H.
Kim E. Swan | Ms. Robin S. Tucker | Mr. Neville S. Tyrrell | The Hon. Michael A. Weeks | Mr. Paul G. E. Wilmot | 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.

10:03 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers

10:05 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of 27th February 2026 were deferred.

Announcements by the Speaker

His Honour the Speaker informed Members of the absence of, Mr. T. C. Famous from the House of Assembly proceedings.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

10:06 a.m.

Statement entitled “Digital Transformation Team Strategic Partner Update” was read by the Hon. D. V. S Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation.

10:13 a.m.

Statement entitled “Update on Electoral Reform” was read by the Hon. D. V. S Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation.

10:19 a.m.

Statement entitled “Building Capacity in Our Community to Support Youth Mental Health Needs” was read by the Hon. K. N. Wilson, Minister of Health.

10:24 a.m.

Statement entitled “Conclusion of Public Consultation on Jury Reform” was read by Mr. D. J. R. Lister, Junior Minister of Justice.

Question Period

10:33 a.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation, provided Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Dr. D. S. J. De Couto:

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with a list of Senators and Members of the House of Assembly who are currently receiving or have received any form of remuneration or compensation over and above their Parliamentary or Ministerial salaries for any work or services performed or consultancy or employment contract with any Government ministries, quangos, Statutory Boards or other publicly-funded entities or agencies, from 1 September 2024 to present; and the amount of remuneration or compensation received?

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain provided Oral Answer.

10:41 a.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

10:42 a.m.

The L. C. Cannonier asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

10:43 a.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt, per Standing Order 18 (4) requested Deferral of Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from Dr. D. S. J. De Couto.

1. Will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please provide for this Honourable House the aggregate amount of the gross CIT payments to date for the largest 5, 10, 25, and 50 CIT payers, where 'largest' is with respect to the size of each CIT payer's gross payments to date, expressed as a percentage of the total aggregate gross CIT payments received to date?
2. Will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please provide for this Honourable House the percentage of the total of gross CIT payments to date, broken out by industry of the CIT payer, where industry is indicated on each CIT Payer's Annual Declaration to the Registrar of Companies?
3. Will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please provide for this Honourable House the total payments made to Alexia Hefti broken out by year since 2020 inclusive, including a description of her primary activities or duties related to those payments?

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance, to provide Oral Response to Parliamentary Question from Mr. L. M. R. King:

- *1. To date more than \$16 million dollars has been spent on funding the Casino Gaming Commission, will the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please advise this Honourable House of the measurable economic return for Bermuda achieved from the Commission since its establishment?

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

Mr. L. M. R. King to submit a revised Parliamentary Question to the Hon. E. D. G. Burt.

10:45 a.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne, per Standing Order 18 (4) requested Deferral of Written Responses to Parliamentary Questions from the Hon. M. M. Fahy.

1. On 23rd February 2024, the Honourable Premier advised this Honourable House that the Governor had received a Letter of Entrustment from the UK's Minister for Overseas Territories authorising the Government to begin negotiations with CARICOM. Would the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House with a copy of the said Letter of Entrustment?
2. Would the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House the date upon which the Government of Bermuda will publish a Green Paper and then a White Paper in respect of Bermuda becoming a full member of CARICOM as was indicated by the Honourable Minister in the 2025/2026 Budget Debate?
3. Would the Honourable Minister please advise this Honourable House of the number of Expressions of Interest received by the Regulatory Authority for a floating solar photovoltaic plant in Bermuda and the timescale envisaged regarding an announcement of a decision on whether such a floating photovoltaic plant will proceed?

10:46 a.m.

Ms. L. C. Smith asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Digital Transformation Team Strategic Partner Update".

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

Ms. L. C. Smith asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt (PoO)

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

10:46 a.m.

Ms. L. C. Smith asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Update on Electoral Reform".

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto asked a question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

10:51 a.m.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked the Hon. K. N. Wilson a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Building Capacity in Our Community to Support Youth Mental Health Needs”.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked a second question

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked a third question

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

The Hon. B. A. Smith asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

10:58 a.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on Electoral Reform”.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

Mr. L. M. R. King asked a third question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied.

11:02 a.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked Mr. D. J. R. Lister a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Conclusion of Public Consultation on Jury Reform”.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a supplementary question.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a second supplementary question.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a second question.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a supplementary question.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a third question.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches

(Please refer to the House Hansard)

11:07 a.m.- The Hon. O. K. Darrell

11:09 a.m.- Mrs. R. D. L. Ming

11:12 a.m.- The Hon. M. A. Weeks

11:14 a.m.- Mr. H. K. E. Swan

11:17 a.m.- Mr. D. J. R. Lister

11:18 a.m.- Mr. L. M. R. King

11:19 a.m.- Ms. R. S. Tucker

11:21 a.m.- The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

11:24 a.m.- Rev. Dr. E. G. A. Dill

11:25 a.m.- The Hon. B. A. Smith

11:26 a.m.- His Honour the Speaker

Orders of the Day

11:28 a.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House resolve into Committee of Supply for further consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027, which was agreed to.

Mrs. R. D. L. Ming in the Chair for Committee of Supply.

11:31 a.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved that the following Ministry of Justice Heads be now taken under consideration, which was agreed to: -

- 87 Ministry of Legal Affairs Headquarters
- 03 Judicial Department
- 25 Department of Corrections
- 74 Department of Court Services

12:23 p.m.

Mrs. R. D. L. Ming in the Chair

12:31 p.m.

Ms. R. D. L. Ming

The Hon. J. P. Hayward moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned for lunch.

2:01 p.m.

The House resumed in Committee of Supply.

Ms. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

2:02 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister continued with Heads 03, 25 and 74.

2:43 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo in the Chair acknowledged the presence of former Member Michael Scott in the Public Gallery.

2:44 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister continued.

3:20 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

Mr. D. J. R. Lister continued.

3:39 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister concluded his presentation for Heads 87, 03, 25 and 74.

3:40 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

Mr. R. S. Pearman

4:42 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied to questions asked by Mr. R. S. Pearman.

4:54 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

Mr. R. S. Pearman

4:55 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied to questions asked by Mr. R. S. Pearman.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

4:56 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied to questions asked by Mr. R. S. Pearman.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

4:57 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

Ms. L. F. Foggo

4:58 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved that Heads 87, 03, 25 and 74 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

4:59 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain moved that the following Ministry of the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation Heads be now taken under consideration, which was agreed to:-

- 09 Cabinet Office
- 13 Post Office
- 18 Libraries and Archives
- 32 Department of Planning
- 43 Department of Information and Technologies
- 80 Project Management and Procurement

5:00 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman in the Chair.

5:46 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

6:16 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson

6:57 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman in the Chair.

7:22 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

7:29 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

7:46 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied to questions asked by Mr. J. C. Richardson.

7:47 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson

7:53 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied to questions asked by Mr. J. C. Richardson.

8:44 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

8:50 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson

8:58 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain replied to questions asked by Mr. J. C. Richardson.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain moved that Heads 09, 13, 18, 32, 43 and 80 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain moved that the Committee rise, report progress and ask for leave to sit again 4th March, 2026, which was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

9:02 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved that the Bill entitled the "Auxiliary Bicycles (Project Ride) Amendment Act 2026" be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell spoke on the Bill.

9:12 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

9:19 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister

9:27 p.m.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan

9:36 p.m.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson

9:39 p.m.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert

9:45 p.m.

Mr. N. S. Tyrrell

9:48 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain

9:50 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell replied.

9:58 p.m.

The Bill was Committed.

Ms. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved Clause 1, which was agreed to.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved Clause 2, which was agreed to.

10:00 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved Clause 3, which was agreed to.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved Clause 4, which was agreed to.

10:04 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

10:05 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved Clause 5, which was agreed to.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved Clause 6, which was agreed to.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved Clause 7, which was agreed to.

10:07 p.m.

Clauses 1-7 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

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

Item numbers 3-5 on the Order Paper were carried over.

10:10 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled "Auxiliary Bicycles (Project Ride) Amendment Act 2026" be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. O. K. Darrell, the Bill entitled "Auxiliary Bicycles (Project Ride) Amendment Act 2026" was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

10:11 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House at its rising adjourn to Wednesday March 4th, 2026, which was agreed to.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan

10:30 p.m.

His Honour the Speaker

10:31 p.m.

House Adjourned