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Speaker

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**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2013-2014**

No. 20

Friday, May 23rd, 2014

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Kenneth L. Bascome, Marc A. R. Bean, Glenn A. Blakeney, Walton D. Brown, Derrick V. Burgess, David G. Burt, Rolfe P. Commissiong, Shawn G. Crockwell, Zane J. S. DeSilva, Michael H. Dunkley, Wayne L. Furbert, Dr. Edmund G. Gibbons, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis P. Lister, Terry E. Lister, Trevor G. Moniz, Nandi S. Outerbridge, Mark J. Pettingill. Everard T. Richards, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Suzann Roberts-Holshouser, Michael J. Scott, R. Wayne E. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Jefferson C. Sousa, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

10:00 a.m. Prayer

Confirmation of Minutes:

Minutes to the Meeting of May 16th, 2014, were confirmed.

Announcements by the Speaker:

His Honour the Speaker announced the absence of the following Members Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Glenn C. Smith, Lovitta F. Foggo, Jeanne J. Atherden, and L. Craig Cannonier.

His honour the Speaker read a tribute from Mr. John Barritt relating to tributes for his late father, Mr. F. John Barritt, CBE, JP.

10:10 a.m.

Papers and other Communications to the House:

DR. 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 information of the Honourable House of Assembly the Electronic Communications (Regulatory Authority Fees) Regulations 2014.

DR. E. G. GIBBONS
Minister of Education and Economic Development

Sessions House,
23rd May, 2014.

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 Government Fees Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2014.

MR. E. T. RICHARDS
Minister of Finance

Sessions House,
23rd May, 2014.

10:06 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers:

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY made a Ministerial Statement regarding the "CARF Accreditation of the Women's Treatment Centre".

MR. E. T. RICHARDS made a Ministerial Statement regarding the "Moody's Investor Services Adjustment to Bermuda's Credit Rating".

MR. S. G. CROCKWELL made a Ministerial Statement regarding "The St. George's Tourism Development Site".

MR. S. D. RICHARDS made a Ministerial Statement regarding "BOTC Proposal for Visa Free Access to the Schengen Area".

DR. E. G. GIBBONS made a Ministerial Statement regarding "Consultation on proposed amendments to the Education Act 1996".

10:50 a.m.

Question Period:

MR. T. G. MONIZ to provide oral responses to parliamentary questions from Hon. Terry Lister relating to an ambulance at Port Royal Fire Station

MR. S. G. CROCKWELL to provide oral responses to parliamentary questions from Hon. Zane DeSilva relating to Ronald Sutherland

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA asked Mr. Shawn. G. Crockwell a question on his Ministerial Statement regarding Ronald Southerland.

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA asked Mr. Shawn. G. Crockwell a supplementary question.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked Mr. Shawn. G. Crockwell a supplementary question.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked Mr. Shawn. G. Crockwell a second supplementary question.

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11:00 a.m.

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA asked Mr. Shawn. G. Crockwell a third question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked Mr. Shawn. G. Crockwell a supplementary question.

MR. W. L. FURBERT asked Mr. Shawn. G. Crockwell a supplementary question.

Mr. E. D. G. Burt asked Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a second supplementary question.

MR. T. E. LISTER asked Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a question.

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Ms. K. N. Wilson asked Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a supplementary question.

MS. K. N. WILSON asked Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a question on his Ministerial Statement regarding the CARF Accreditation of the Women's Treatment Centre.

MS. K. N. WILSON asked Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a supplementary question.

MS. K. N. WILSON asked Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a second question.

MS. K. N. WILSON asked Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a supplementary question.

MR. T. E. LISTER asked Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a question.

11:23 a.m.

MR. T. E. LISTER asked Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a supplementary question.

MS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER asked a Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a supplementary question.

MR. M. A. WEEKS asked Mr. Trevor G. Moniz a supplementary question.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked Mr. E. T. Richards a question on his Ministerial Statement regarding Moody's Investor Services Adjustment to Bermuda's Credit Rating.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked Mr. E. T. Richards a supplementary question.

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MR. T. E. LISTER asked Mr. E. T. Richards a supplementary question.

11:23 a.m.

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA asked Mr. S. G. Crockwell a question on his Ministerial Statement on The St. George's Tourism Development Site.

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA asked Mr. S. G. Crockwell a supplementary question.

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MR. R. P. COMMISSIONG asked Mr. S. G. Crockwell a supplementary question.

MR. R. P. COMMISSIONG asked Mr. S. G. Crockwell a second supplementary question.

MR. G. A. BLAKENEY asked Mr. S. G. Crockwell a supplementary question.

MS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER asked Mr. S. G. Crockwell a supplementary question.

MR. C. W. D. BROWN asked Mr. S. D. Richards a question on his Ministerial Statement regarding the BOTC Proposal for Visa Free Access to the Schengen Area.

MR. C. W. D. BROWN asked Mr. S. D. Richards a supplementary question.

MR. C. W. D. BROWN asked Mr. S. D. Richards a second question.

MR. C. W. D. BROWN asked Mr. S. D. Richards a third question.

MR. D. V. BURGESS asked Dr. E. G. Gibbons a question on his Ministerial Statement regarding Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Education Act 1996.

MR. D. V. BURGESS asked Dr. E. G. Gibbons a supplementary question.

12:01 p.m.

Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches:

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged in the public gallery Senator Marc Daniels.

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA congratulated owner of CoCo Reefs Mr. John Jefferies on his recent award as Caribbean entrepreneur of the year by Trip Advisory. MR. R. W. E. SCOTT congratulated Mr. Roy Allen Burch for winning a gold medal in the Free Relay at the Charlotte Grand Prix meet; congratulations to the Employee Assistance Program of Bermuda for operating at international standards of best practice and being presented with accreditation from the Bermuda National Standards Committee.

MR. M. J. SCOTT sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Leroy "Dash" Simons; sent condolences to the family of the late Ms. Jean Roberts; congratulated the Green family on the launch of 1609 Restaurant at the Fairmount Hamilton Princess

DR. E. G. GIBBONS associated himself with the congratulations for the Green family; congratulations to BELCO for receiving permission from the Energy Commission to install tiered charges to residents.

MR. E. D. G. BURT sent condolences to the family of Mr. Nathan Paul Richardson.

MR. J. C. SOUSA sent congratulations to Nikki Gurret on receiving an award from the Chelsea Flower Show in the U.K; sent congratulations to Bermudian author Joanne Ball-Burgess on the launch of her new e-book A Lizard and the Rock.

MR. M. A. WEEKS associated himself with remarks for Mr. Nathan Richardson.

MR. D. P. LISTER sent congratulations to the family of the late Karl Raynor.

12:20 p.m.

MR. S. D. RICHARDS sent congratulations to Mr. Gavin Manders and Mr. Caler Cross two outstanding tennis athletes who received awards recently.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN associated himself with condolences to the family of the late Ms. Jean Roberts; associated himself with congratulations for Mr. Nathan Richardson.

MS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Peter Adams.

MR. K. L. BASCOME associated himself with congratulations for Mr. Gavin Manders; congratulations to St. David's County Cricket Club on their outstanding victory recently.

MR. N. H. C. SIMONS congratulations to Elbow Beach on their new manager recently hired; associated himself with comments for John Jefferies and Mr. Leroy "Dash" Simons

MR. W. L. A. SCOTT associated himself with congratulating Bermudian author Joanne Ball-Burgess

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY sent condolences to the family of Mr. Joseph Cyril "Hooks, Copper; associated himself with consultations for the Green family on the launch of 1609; congratulations to the Police Community Action Team on the implementation of a Police Community Program at several schools across the Island; congratulations to St. John's Ambulance recent graduates; congratulated the Bermuda Hospital Institute on their recent event.

12:30 p.m.

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

The Speaker ordered that the House resume at 2:00 p.m.

2:02 p.m.

The House Resumed.

Introduction of Bills:

DR. E. G. GIBBONS introduced and read for the first time by their titles Bills entitled the "Life Insurance Amendment Act 2014" and the Companies Amendment (No 2) Act 2014

2:04 p.m.

Orders of the Day:

Order number 1 was carried over to the next day of meeting.

MR. T. G. MONIZ moved that consideration be given in the House of Assembly to theDraft Regulation entitled the "Proceeds of Crime (Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing) Amendment Regulations 2014", which was agreed to.

2:08 p.m. - MS. K. N. WILSON

2:10 p.m. - MR. N. H. C. SIMONS

2:14 p.m. - MR. M. J. SCOTT

2:15 p.m. - MR. T. G. MONIZ

MR. T. G. MONIZ moved that the said Regulations be approved and that the following message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

(No.13)

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration Bill entitled the "Proceeds of Crime (Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing) Amendment Regulations 2014" proposed to be made under the provisions of Section 49(3) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 1997 has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House has approved the said Regulations.

- which was agreed to.

MR. T. G. MONIZ moved that consideration be given in the House of Assembly to a "Lease Agreement between West End Development Corporation and the National Museum of Bermuda", which was agreed to.

- 2:25 p.m. - MR. D. P. LISTER
- 2:27 p.m. - MR. W. H. ROBAN
- 2:32 p.m. - MR. K. L. BASCOME
- 2:33 p.m. - MS. S. E. JACKSON
- 2:35 p.m. - MR. T. G. MONIZ

MR. T. G. MONIZ moved that the said Lease be approved and that the following message be sent to His Excellency the Governor:

(No.14)

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration "Lease Agreement between West End Development Corporation and the National Museum of Bermuda" proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Public Works under the provisions of Section 20(1) of the West End Development Corporation Act 1982 has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House has approved the said Lease.

- which was agreed to.

Order numbers 4-12 were carried over to the next day of meeting.

2:38 p.m.

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved that the House adjourn to Friday, May20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., which was agreed to.

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

- 2:38 p.m. - MR. C. W. D. BROWN
- 2:50 p.m. - MR. T. E. LISTER
- 3:10 p.m. - MR. W. H. ROBAN
- 3:29 p.m. - MR. W. L. FURBERT
- 3:51 p.m. - DR. E. G. GIBBONS
- 4:05 p.m. - MR. G. A. BLAKENEY
- 4:25 p.m. - MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA
- 4:44 p.m. - MS. K. N. WILSON
- 4:58 p.m. - MR. E. D. G. BURT
- 5:16 p.m. - MR. R. P. COMMISSIONG
- 5:32 p.m. - MS. L. K. SCOTT
- 5:48 p.m. - MR. E. T. RICHARDS

His honour the Speaker recognized in the Public Gallery a student who just returned home from Medical School Dr. Lana Talbot.

- 6:10 p.m. - MR. E. T. RICHARDS
- 6:30 p.m. - MR. M. A. R. BEAN
- 6:50 p.m. - MR. S. G. CROCKWELL
- 7:05 p.m. - MR. M. H. DUNKLEY

7:11 p.m.

Adjourned to Friday, May 30, 2014