

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly**

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No. 9

Friday, 17th November 2017

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Jeffery C. Baron, C. Walton D. Brown, Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, David E. Burt, Wayne M. Caines Rolfe P. Commissiong, Lovitta F. Foggo, Tinee S. Furbert, Wayne L. Furbert, Dr. Edmund G. Gibbons, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis J. Lister III, Renee D.L. Ming, Trevor G. Moniz, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Michael J. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, Jamahl S. Simmons. Scott A. Simmons, Kim H.E. Swan, Neville S. Tyrrell, Kim N. Wilson.

10:04 a.m. Prayer

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of November 10th 2017 were confirmed.

10:05am

Papers and Communications to the House.

LT.COL. D.A. BURCH read the following communication to 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 “Bermuda College Annual Report 2016-2017”.

Lt. Col. D. A. Burch
Minister of Public Works

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Statements by Ministers and/or Junior Ministers:

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Bermuda Infrastructure Fund”.

MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA read a Ministerial Statement concerning the "Financial Assistance Reform Group”.

MS. K.N. WILSON read a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes Amendment Bill 2017”.

MS. K.N. WILSON read a Ministerial Statement regarding “Child Care Standards”.

MR. W. M. CAINES read a Ministerial Statement regarding “Reducing Gang Violence in Bermuda”.

MR. J.S. SIMMONS read a Ministerial Statement regarding the “CHICOS Conference 2017”.

MR. D.V.S. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement regarding the “Bermuda College-Annual Report 2016/2017”

MR. D.V.S. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement regarding “The Applied Technology Certificate Programme at the Bermuda College”.

MR. C.W.D. BROWN read a Ministerial Statement regarding an “Update on the Waterfront Project”.

11:12am

Question Period:

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a question to MR. E. D. G. BURT on his Ministerial Statement, regarding the “Bermuda Infrastructure Fund”.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a supplementary question.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a second supplementary question.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a second question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. E.D.G. BURT, on his Ministerial Statement.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a second question.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a third question.

MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question to MR. E. D. G. BURT regarding his Ministerial Statement on the “Bermuda Infrastructure Fund”.

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a question to MS. K.N. WILSON regarding her Ministerial Statement on the “Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes Amendment Bill 2017”.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to, MS. K.N. WILSON on her Ministerial Statement regarding “Child Care Standards”.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a second question.

MRS.P.J.GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question to MR. Z.J. DESILVA regarding his Ministerial Statement, on the "Financial Assistance Reform Group”.

MRS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

MR. W.L. SCOTT asked MR. W.M. CAINES a question on his Ministerial Statement regarding “Reducing Gang Violence in Bermuda”.

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

MRS.P.J.GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question to MR. W. M. CAINES regarding his Ministerial Statement, on “Reducing Gang Violence in Bermuda”.

MRS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to, MR. D.V.S. RABAIN on his Ministerial Statement regarding “The Applied Technology Certificate Programme at the Bermuda College”.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a supplementary question.

MR. W.L. SCOTT asked MR. C.W.D. BROWN a question on his Ministerial Statement regarding the “Update on the Waterfront Project”.

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

MRS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

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

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

MRS.P.J.GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a question to MR. C. W.D BROWN regarding his Ministerial Statement, on an “Update on the Waterfront Project”.

MRS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a supplementary question.

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a question to MR. C.W.D. BROWN on his Statement.

MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN asked a supplementary question.

MR. D.V. BURGESS asked a question.

MRS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a second question.

MRS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN asked a supplementary question.

11:58am

**Congratulatory and /or Obituary Speeches:
(Please refer to the House Hansard)**

12:30pm

MR. W.H.ROBAN moved that the House adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned for lunch at 12:30pm

2:00 p.m.

The House resumed

2:02pm

Introduction of Bills:

MS. K.N. WILSON introduced and read the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes Amendment Act 2017”.

MS. K.N. WILSON introduced and read the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Health Insurance Amendment Act 2017”.

2:04pm

Notice of Motions:

MR. H.K.E. SWAN gave Notice that at the next day of meeting he proposed to move the following Motion:

“WHEREAS at the gates of this House of Assembly a show of democracy descended into open conflict between concerned citizens of Bermuda, and those charged with protecting the very rights they sought to exercise, on December 2nd 2016;

AND WHEREAS the Government having declared its intention to establish a Parliamentary Committee to look in to the events generally, including the decision-making and any directives of the Executive and the then Speaker of the House given to the Police, that led up to and precipitated the events on that day, including the deployment of the police in riot gear and the use by the Police of incapacitant pepper spray on the crowd of citizens assembled;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Motion for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee to carry out the said Inquiry into the said events of December 2nd, 2016 be approved

AND Thereafter, pursuant to Part IV of the Parliament Act 1957, that a Parliamentary Joint Select Committee be appointed (1) to inquire into the events as aforesaid as thoroughly as may be; (2) to bring closure to this event by the making of

all proper and necessary findings, recommendations and where required sanctions; (3) and to submit its report to the House of Assembly within three to six months.”

2:05pm

DR. E.G.GIBBONS gave Notice that at the next day of meeting he proposed to move the following Motion:

“That this Honorable House take note of the independent Price Water House Coopers Advisory “Economic, Environmental and Social Impact of the 35th America’s Cup on Bermuda and the foundation for further growth”.

2:07pm

Orders of the Day

MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA moved for consideration of the “Public Holidays Amendment Act 2017”, which was agreed to.

- 2:17pm-MR. M. H. DUNKLEY
- 2:27pm- MR. W. L. FURBERT
- 2:37pm- MRS.P.J. GORDO-PAMPLIN
- 2:47pm- MR. S.A. SIMMONS
- 2:52pm- MR. H. K. E. SWAN
- 3:05pm-MS. S.E. JACKSON
- 3:14pm- MR. W. H. ROBAN

3:28pm

Mr. Speaker acknowledged the presence of former Member, Hon. Neletha Butterfield, MBE JP in the public gallery.

- 3:28pm- MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN
- 3:36pm- MRS. R.D.L. MING
- 3:42pm- MR. S.D. RICHARDS
- 3:47pm- MR E. D. G. BURT
- 3:50pm- MR. Z.J. DESILVA

4:01pm

The Bill Committed

MR. D. V. BURGESS in the Chair.

4:02pm

MR.Z.J. DESILVA moved Clauses 1-3, which was agreed to.

The Preamble was agreed to

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

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

Orders number 2 to 6 were carried over.

MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Public Holidays Amendment Act 2017” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. Z. J.S. DESILVA the Bill entitled the “Public Holidays Amendment Act 2017” was then read the third time and passed.

4:05pm

MR. W.H.ROBAN moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

- 4:06pm-MR. W.M. CAINES (maiden speech)
- 4:26pm-MR. M. H. DUNKLEY

4:31pm

The House adjourned until Friday, 24th November 2017 at 10:00am.