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BERMUDA
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE
SESSION OF 2013-2014

No. 12

WEDNESDAY, 21st MAY, 2014

PRESENT:

Senator the Hon. Mrs. C.M. BASSETT, J.P.,
 PRESIDENT
 Senator Mrs. J.E. DILLAS-WRIGHT,
 M.B.E., J.P., VICE-PRESIDENT
 Senator J.S. JARDINE, J.P.
 Senator the Hon. M.M. FAHY, J.P.
 Senator N.S. BRANGMAN, J.P.
 Senator Mrs. L.A. WOOLRIDGE, J.P.
 Senator Ms. A.L. SWAN, J.P.
 Senator J.C. BARON, J.P.
 Senator D.V.S. RABAIN, J.P.
 Senator Ms. R.D.L. MING, J.P.
 Senator M.G. DANIELS, J.P.

10:05a.m.

On the motion of Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright, the minutes of the meetings of Wednesday, 19th March, Friday, 21st March Monday, 24th March and Wednesday, 26th March, 2014 were taken as read and confirmed.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy presented for the information of Senate "The Annual Report of the National Training Board for the Year ended 31st March, 2013".

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy presented for the information of Senate Part 1 of the "NATIONAL TRAINING PLAN - December 2013 to December 2023".

Senator J.C. Baron presented for the information of Senate the Final Report of the National Security and Defence Review Committee entitled "NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE REVIEW - Towards A More Secure Bermuda".

Senator J.C. Baron presented for the information of Senate the "NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL MASTER PLAN and ACTION PLAN 2013 - 2017", as produced by the Department for National Drug Control.

Senator J.C. Baron presented for the information of Senate the "Cannabis Reform Collaborative Report".

10:07a.m.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy gave Notice that at the next day of meeting, he proposed to move the following Motion:-

"That this Honourable House take note of Part 1 of the 'NATIONAL TRAINING PLAN - December 2013 to December 2023'."

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"That the Senate take note of the Cannabis Reform Collaborative Report."

10:08a.m.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Public Works, made a Ministerial Statement on the 'Perimeter Lane Repairs', providing a progress report on the works on Palmetto Road following a wall collapse in February.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Health and Environment, made a Ministerial Statement providing 'An Update on Disposal of Waste' and efforts to improve methods used for disposal of sewage waste generated in and around the City of Hamilton.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Health and Environment, made a Ministerial Statement on 'Completion of The Lionfish Control Plan' developed by the Lionfish Taskforce involving Government, NGO's and concerned citizens.

Senator Ms. A.L. Swan, as Junior Minister for Community, Culture and Sports, made a Ministerial Statement on 'Heritage Month 2014', regarding events planned for Heritage Month and the theme "Bermuda's Historical Treasures".

Questions/Question Period

10:31a.m.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming asked Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge a question regarding the Perimeter Lane Repairs. Senator Woolridge replied and gave an undertaking to provide answers at a later date.

Senator J.S. Jardine asked Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge a question regarding the Update on Disposal of Waste. Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator Jardine asked a second question. Senator Woolridge gave an undertaking to provide further information at a later time.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming asked Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge a question regarding the Update on Disposal of Waste. Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator Ming asked a second question. Senator Woolridge replied.

Congratulatory &/or Obituary Speeches

10:38a.m.

Senator D.V.S. Rabain congratulated Bermuda's CARIFTA Swimming Team on their great success and medals won in the 2014 CARIFTA Swimming Championships held in Aruba; and he congratulated Bermuda's National Track & Field Team on their tremendous success at the 2014 CARIFTA Games. Senator Rabain particularly congratulated Ms. Kyrrah Scraders on her personal success in winning a Gold Medal in the Girls 800M race for Bermuda at the Games.

Senator Rabain also congratulated the St. David's Cricket Club on winning the 2014 BELCO Cup; the 2014 Bermuda College Graduates; Ms. Holly Pacheco and the Dance Sensations Studio on their wonderful Dance Recital recently performed at the Hamilton City Hall; and the Progressive Labour Party on their 51st Anniversary and 2014 Drum Major Awards Banquet and Awardees.

Senator Rabain expressed condolences for the families of the late Mr. Allen G. "Local" Wainwright; the late Mrs. Alice DeBraga; the late Mr. Herbert Francis, father of Mr. Anthony Francis; the late Ms. Ruth Smith; and the late Mr. Carl Raynor. Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming associated herself with these remarks.

Senator Rabain paid tribute to the late Mrs. Brennell Henry, whom he noted was

an outstanding member of the community and a long-time PLP stalwart. Senators Ming and Dillas-Wright associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator Rabain congratulated journalist Mr. Ayo Johnson on the launch of his new politics and news website "Politica". Senator Ming associated herself with these remarks.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge congratulated the Bermuda Nurses Association on the celebration of International Nurses Day 2014; and she congratulated the B.N.A. 2014 Nurse of The Year, Ms. Gloria Burgess. Senators Ming and Dillas-Wright associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator Woolridge congratulated the Bermuda Insurance Institute on their Annual B.I.I. Industry Awards; as well as the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Awardee Mr. Robin Spencer-Arscott, the 2013 Young Industry Leader of the Year Awardee Ms. Julia Henderson, and the 2013 Corporate Social Responsibility Awardee Catlin Insurance Company Ltd.

Senator Woolridge also congratulated the Garden Club of Bermuda on providing six Scholarships for Horticultural Studies, which are now available to Bermudians.

Senator Woolridge expressed condolences for the family of the late Mrs. Helen Josephine Dowling of Pembroke. Senators Rabain and Brangman associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator Ms. A.L. Swan associated herself with the congratulations to the 2014 Bermuda College Graduates; and she congratulated all of the recipients of the Garden Club of Bermuda Scholarships and the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation's 2014 National Junior Sponsorship Awards.

Senator Swan expressed condolences for the family of the late Mr. Dale Boorman,

who had been tragically killed at a Moto-Cross Racing event in the USA. Senators Fahy and Brangman associated themselves with these remarks.

10:45a.m.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming expressed condolences for the families of the late Mr. Arthur Cordiero; Mr. Daniel Trott of St. George's; the late Mr. George Washington of St. George's; the late Mr. Keith Astwood; the late Mr. Lewis Paynter; the late Ms. Ruth Smith; and the late Mrs. Brennell Henry.

Senator Ming expressed condolences for the family of the late Mr. Eron Richardson of Southampton, who was killed in a recent shooting incident. Senators Daniels and Brangman associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator Ming associated herself with the congratulations to Nurse of the Year Ms. Gloria Burgess and the 2014 Bermuda College Graduates; and she offered congratulations to the Corporation of St. George's on the 2014 Peppercorn Ceremony; the African Diaspora Heritage Trail committee on their Week of Remembrance events; the Francis Patton Primary School and Principal Ms. Garita Coddington on their Leadership Day event for the Students; Ms. Rosheena Beek on the movie event for women; the St. George's Prep School on their Community Day event; the Ebenezer Methodist Church on their recent Heritage Service with Anglican Bishop Nicholas Dill; Mr. Dennis Symonds and the Symonds Music School on their recent Recital event; Mr. Damon Walker of St. George's on achieving his Certification as a Building Inspector; the PLP Constituencies 1 and 2 Branches on organizing an Easter Egg Hunt; the Peoples Campaign leaders and organizers on their tremendous community action; the Rev. Lorne Bean on his recent appointment as the new Pastor of Richard Allen AME Church in St. George's; Mr. Eddie Ming on the Opening of the 'Rhythm Lab' in St. George's; Miss Bethany Butcher on her recent fundraising event for Windreach; and the Berkeley Institute on organizing their First Annual Green and Gold Gala Ball. Senator Brangman and Senator Rabain associated themselves

with the congratulations to the Berkeley Institute, Mr. Damon Walker and the Francis Patton Primary School.

PRESIDENT

Senator J.S. Jardine expressed condolences for the family of the late Hon. F. John Barritt, CBE, JP, a former Speaker of the House of Assembly and long-time highly respected Member of Parliament and upstanding member of the community. All Senators associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright associated herself with the congratulations to the Bermuda Nurses Association and Nurse of The Year Ms. Gloria Burgess, and the 2014 Bermuda College Graduates; and with the condolences to the families of the late Mrs. Brennell Henry and the late Hon. F. John Barritt.

Senator the Hon. the President associated herself with the congratulatory and obituary remarks of Senators.

10:53a.m.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Wednesday, 11th June 2014 – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy moved that the Senate do now adjourn – which was agreed to.

- 10:53a.m. Senator D.V.S. Rabain
- 11:05a.m. Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming.
- 11:11a.m. Senator M.G. Daniels.
- 11:24a.m. Senator M.M. Fahy.

11:27a.m.

Adjourned until Wednesday, 11th June, 2014.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Wednesday – 11th June, 2014

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