

Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2026-2027

No.28

Friday, 6th 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 | The Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva | Mr. Curtis L.
Dickinson | 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 |
W. Lawrence Scott | Mr. Jamahl S. Simmons | Mr. Scott A. Simmons | The Hon. Ben A. Smith | 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.

10:02 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers

10:04 a.m.

Minutes of the Meetings of 2nd and 4th March, 2026 were confirmed.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

10:05 a.m.

Statement entitled “Bermuda Fintech Strategy 2026-2028” was read by the Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour.

10:11 a.m.

Statement entitled “Update on the Standard Premium Rate for the Upcoming Fiscal Year” was read by the Hon. Kim N. Wilson, Minister of Health.

Question Period

10:17 a.m.

Mr. V. M. E. Campbell asked the Hon. J. P. Hayward a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Bermuda Fintech Strategy 2026-2028”.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

Mr. V. M. E. Campbell asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

Mr. V. M. E. Campbell asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

Mr. V. M. E. Campbell asked a second question.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

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

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

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

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

10:24 a.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. K. N. Wilson a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled “Update on the Standard Premium Rate for the Upcoming Fiscal Year”.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. K. N. Wilson a supplementary question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. K. N. Wilson a second supplementary question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. K. N. Wilson a second question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

Ms. R. S. Tucker asked a question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied on behalf of the Hon. K. N. Wilson.

Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches

(Please refer to the House Hansard)

10:33 a.m.- Ms. L. F. Foggo

10:35 a.m.- The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain

10:38 a.m.- Mr. H. K. E. Swan

10:41 a.m.- The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

10:44 a.m.- The Hon. M. A. Weeks

10:47 a.m.- Rev. Dr. E. G. A. Dill

10:49 a.m.- The Hon. K. N. Wilson

10:51 a.m.- His Honour the Speaker

Introduction of Bills**10:53 a.m.**

The Hon. J. A. K. Adams on behalf of the Hon. O. K. Darrell read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Motor Car (Licence Duties Reduction) Amendment Act 2026”.

10:54 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the presence of Senator the Hon. Crystal C. Caesar and former Senator Marcus Jones in the Public Gallery.

Orders of the Day

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain 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.

Mr. R. S. Pearman in the Chair for Committee of Supply.

10:55 a.m.

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

- 16 Ministry of Education Headquarters
- 17 Department of Education
- 41 Bermuda College

12:28 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned for lunch.

2:07 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 Head 17.

2:33 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

Mr. D. J. R. Lister

2:47 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

The Hon. B. A. Smith

3:12 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

3:24 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

3:47 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

3:48 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King

3:51 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

3:56 p.m.

The Hon. Ben A. Smith

3:58 p.m.

Mr. L. M. R. King

3:59 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

4:21 p.m.

Ms. L. F. Foggo

4:23 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister

4:24 p.m.

The Hon. Ben A. Smith

4:25 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

4:28 p.m.

The Hon. Ben A. Smith

4:29 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister replied.

4:34 p.m.

The Hon. Ben A. Smith

4:35 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister

4:36 p.m.

The Hon. Ben A. Smith

4:40 p.m.

Mr. D. J. R. Lister moved that Heads 16, 17 and 41 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

4:42 p.m.

The Hon. W. L. Furbert moved that the following Ministry of Finance Heads be now taken under consideration, which was agreed to:-

- 10 Ministry of Finance Headquarters
- 11 Accountant General
- 12 Customs
- 28 Social Insurance
- 38 Office of the Tax Commissioner
- 39 Registrar of Companies
- 49 Land Valuation
- 58 Debt and Loan Guarantees

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt presented Heads 10, 11, 39, 49 and 58.

The Hon. W. L. Furbert presented Heads 12, 28 and 38.

6:41 p.m.

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

6:57 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

7:10 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson

7:16 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

7:29 p.m.

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

7:32 p.m.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva (PoO)

7:39 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson

7:53 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

7:59 p.m.

The Hon. W. L. Furbert replied.

8:03 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto (PoC)

8:06 p.m.

The Hon. W. L. Furbert replied.

8:07 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

8:10 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto (PoO)

8:30 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Richardson (PoC)

8:35 p.m.

Dr. D. S. J. De Couto

8:36 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that Heads 10, 11, 12, 28, 38, 39, 49, and 58 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the Committee rise, report progress and ask for leave to sit again 9th 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.

8:38 p.m.

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

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

8:44 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson

8:49 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell (Pol)

8:51 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell (PoO)

8:56 p.m.

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

8:58 p.m.

Mr. W. L. A. Scott (PoO)

8:59 p.m.

Mr. W. L. A. Scott (PoO)

9:01 p.m.

The Hon. D. V. Rabain (PoO)

9:13 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

9:16 p.m.

The Hon. M. M. Fahy

9:21 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell (PoO)

9:23 p.m.

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

9:24 p.m.

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

9:35 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell (PoO)

9:36 p.m.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert

9:48 p.m.

Mr. W. L. A. Scott (PoO)

9:56 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson (PoO)

10:03 p.m.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson

10:08 p.m.

Mr. J. S. Simmons

10:14 p.m.

The Hon. A. N. H. Lightbourne

10:23 p.m.

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

10:32 p.m.

The Hon. M. M. Fahy (PoO)

10:35 p.m.

The Hon. B. A. Smith

10:39 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell (PoO)

10:43 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell (PoO)

10:49 p.m.

Mr. S. A. Simmons

11:01 p.m.

Mr. N. S. Tyrrell

11:04 p.m.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan

11:13 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

11:22 p.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

11:28 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

11:29 p.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman (PoO)

11:38 p.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier (PoO)

11:42 p.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell replied.

11:48 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson (PoO)

11:56 p.m.

Mr. D. V. Robinson (PoO)

Saturday- 7th March, 2026

12:01 a.m.

The Bill was Committed.

Ms. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved Clause 1-8, which was agreed to.

12:04 a.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

12:20 a.m.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward (PoO)

12:21 a.m.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward (PoO)

12:22 a.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell replied.

12:28 a.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

12:29 a.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell replied.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

12:31 a.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell replied.

12:32 a.m.

Mr. R. S. Pearman

The Hon. O. K. Darrell replied.

Clauses 1-8 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.

12:35 a.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that Standing Order 14 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled entitled the "Payroll Tax Amendment and Validation Act 2026", be read for the first time, which was agreed to.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt, read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Payroll Tax Amendment and Validation Act 2026".

12:36 a.m.

The Hon. O. K. Darrell moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled "Motor Car (Ridesharing) 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 "Motor Car (Ridesharing) Amendment Act 2026" was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

Item numbers 2 and 3 on the Order Paper were carried over.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House at its rising adjourn to Monday 9th, 2026, which was agreed to.

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

House Adjourned