

Proceedings  
of the  
Honourable House of Assembly  
Session of 2023-2024

No. 3

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

**Members Present:**

Mr. Jache A. K. Adams | Lt. Col. the Hon. David A. Burch | The Hon. Derrick V. Burgess | The Hon. E. David G. Burt | Ms. Crystal C. Caesar | The Hon. Vance M. E. Campbell | The Hon. L. Craig Cannonier | The Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva | | Mr. T. Christopher Famous | Ms. Lovitta F. Foggo | The Hon. Tineé S. Furbert | The Hon. Jason P. Hayward | Ms. Susan E. Jackson | Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister | Mrs. Renée D. L. Ming | The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain | Mr. H. Anthony Richardson | The Hon. Jarion C. Richardson | The Hon. Walter H. Roban | Mr. W. Lawrence A. Scott | Mr. Jamahl S. Simmons | The Hon. Kathy Lynn Simmons | Mr. Scott A. Simmons | Mrs. Ianthia G. Simmons-Wade | Mr. Ben A. Smith | Mr. H. Kim E. Swan | Mr. Neville S. Tyrrell | Mr. Jason R. W. Wade | The Hon. Kim N. Wilson

**This meeting of the House was held at the House Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Veritas Place, 65 Court Street, City of Hamilton.**

**10:01 a.m.**

The Hon. D. V. Burgess in the Chair as Acting Speaker.

Prayers

**10:03 a.m.**

Minutes of the Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 were confirmed.

**10:04 a.m.**

**Announcements by the Acting Speaker**

The Acting Speaker informed Members of the absence of His Honour the Speaker, the Hon. W. L. Furbert, Mr. R. S. Pearman and Mr. C. L. Dickinson from the House of Assembly proceedings.

**Papers and Other Communications to the House**

**10: 05 a.m.**

The Hon. W. H. Roban, Deputy Premier and Minister of Home Affairs, read the following communication to the Acting Speaker:-

“I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly, the “Registry General Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022” which is tabled in accordance with section 19 of the Registration (Births and Deaths) Act 1949.”

The Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, read the following communication to the Acting Speaker:-

“I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Economic Development (Designation of Economic Empowerment Zone) (South East Hamilton) Order 2023” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Bermuda Economic Development Corporation in exercise of the power conferred by section 2A of the Economic Development Act 1968.”

**10:06 a.m.**

The Hon. W. H. Roban on behalf of the Hon. K. N. Wilson, Minister of Health, read the following communication to the Acting Speaker:-

“I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Bermuda Health Council Combined Annual Report for the fiscal year ends 2021/2022.”

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch, Minister of Public Works, read the following communication to the Acting Speaker:-

“I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Agreement of Sale between Gardine Izetta Gibbons and The Government of Bermuda”, regarding ALL THAT southernmost strip of land to be subdivided from property situate at 18 Secretary Lane, St. George’s GE 05 in the islands of Bermuda, as more particularly described in the Schedule annexed hereto and shown edged in red on the plan (Ministry of Public Works Drawing No.5510046804).

Members should note that the proposed Agreement of Sale and the Schedule annexed will be referenced during consideration of the related Motion to be taken up for debate later today under Orders of the Day.”

**10:07 a.m.**

The Hon. V. M. E. Campbell, Minister of the Cabinet Office, read the following communication to the Acting Speaker:-

"I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly "Office of Project Management and Procurement Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022" in accordance with Section 32(e)(2) of the Public Treasury (Administration and Payments) Act 1969."

### Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

#### 10:08 a.m.

Statement entitled "Joint Ministerial Council (JCM) 2023 and the Joint Declaration of Governments of the United Kingdom and British Overseas Territories" was read by the Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance.

#### 10:18 a.m.

Statement entitled "The Annual Report of the Registry General 2022" was read by the Hon. W. H. Roban, Deputy Premier and Minister of Home Affairs.

#### 10:27 a.m.

Statement entitled "Caricom Membership" was read by the Hon. W. H. Roban, Deputy Premier and Minister of Home Affairs.

#### 10:39 a.m.

Statement entitled "Education Reform Update" was read by the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain, Minister of Education.

#### 10:52 a.m.

Statement entitled "A Pilot Programme for Dementia Care Services" was read by the Hon. T. S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors.

#### 11:01 a.m.

Statement entitled "Nurturing Our Nation: Annual Parenting Expo" was read by the Hon. T. S. Furbert, Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors.

#### 11:08 a.m.

Statement entitled "Establishing the Southeast Hamilton Economic Empowerment Zone" was read by the Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour.

#### 11:16 a.m.

Statement entitled "Office of Project Management and Procurement Annual Report 2022" was read by the Hon. V. M. E. Campbell, Minister of the Cabinet Office.

### Question Period

#### 11:22 a.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. E. D. G. Burt a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) 2023 and the Joint Declaration of Governments of the United Kingdom and British Overseas Territories".

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

#### 11:23 a.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked a supplementary question.

#### 11:24 a.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

#### 11:25 a.m.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked a second question.

#### 11:27 a.m.

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt replied.

#### 11:29 a.m.

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. W. H. Roban a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Caricom Membership".

#### 11:30 a.m.

The Hon. W. H. Roban replied.

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. W. H. Roban a supplementary question.

The Hon. W. H. Roban replied.

#### 11:31 a.m.

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. W. H. Roban a second question.

The Hon. W. H. Roban replied.

#### 11:32 a.m.

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. W. H. Roban a supplementary question.

The Hon. W. H. Roban replied.

**11:33 a.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. W. H. Roban a third question.

**11:34 a.m.**

The Hon. W. H. Roban replied.

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. W. H. Roban a supplementary question.

**11:35 a.m.**

The Hon. W. H. Roban replied.

**11:36 a.m.**

Mr. T. C. Famous asked the Hon. W. H. Roban a question.

Mr. T. C. Famous rephrased the question put to the Hon. W. H. Roban.

**11:37 a.m.**

The Hon. W. H. Roban replied.

Mr. T. C. Famous asked the Hon. W. H. Roban a second question.

**11:38 a.m.**

The Hon. W. H. Roban replied.

Mr. B. A. Smith asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Education Reform Update".

**11:39 a.m.**

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

**11:40 a.m.**

Mr. B. A. Smith asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a second question.

**11:41 a.m.**

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

Mr. B. A. Smith asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a supplementary question.

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

**11:42 a.m.**

Mr. B. A. Smith asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a second supplementary question.

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

**11:43 a.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a supplementary question.

**11:44 a.m.**

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

**11:45 a.m.**

Mr. B. A. Smith asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a third question.

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

**11:46 a.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked the Hon. T. S. Furbert a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "A Pilot Programme for Dementia Care Services".

**11:48 a.m.**

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked the Hon. J. P. Hayward a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Establishing the Southeast Hamilton Economic Empowerment Zone".

**11:49 a.m.**

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

**11:50 a.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. V. M. E. Campbell a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Office of Project Management and Procurement Annual Report 2022".

**11:51 a.m.**

The Hon. V. M. E. Campbell replied.

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

**11:52 a.m.**-The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

**11:54 a.m.**-Mr. D. J. R. Lister

**11:57 a.m.**-The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain

**11:58 a.m.**-The Hon. J. C. Richardson

**11:59 a.m.**-The Hon. W. H. Roban

**12:01 p.m.**-Mr. H. K. E. Swan

**12:04 p.m.**-Ms. C. C. Caesar

**12:06 p.m.**-The Hon. T. S. Furbert

**12:08 p.m.**-The Hon. V. M. E. Campbell

**12:10 p.m.**-Mr. N. S. Tyrrell

**12:13 p.m.**-Mr. H. A. Richardson

**12:16 p.m.**-The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

**12:17 p.m.**-Mr. S. A. Simmons

**12:20 p.m.**-Mr. T. C. Famous

**12:22 p.m.**- Mrs. R. D. L. Ming

**12:24 p.m.**- Ms. S. E. Jackson

**12:25 p.m.**-Ms. I. G. Simmons-Wade

**12:27 p.m.**-Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch

**12:30 p.m.**-The Acting Speaker

**12:32 p.m.**

The Hon. W. H. Roban moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned for lunch.

**2:00 p.m.**

The House resumed.

The Acting Speaker in the Chair.

#### **Introduction of Bills**

The Hon. V. M. E. Campbell on behalf of the Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Bermuda Immigration and Protection (Prohibition Order) Amendment Act 2023".

#### **Orders of the Day**

**2:01 p.m.**

Mr. H. K. E. Swan moved that the Bill entitled the "Anti-Doping in Sport Act 2023" be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan spoke on the Bill.

**2:09 p.m.**- Mr. B. A. Smith

**2:20 p.m.**-Ms. L. F. Foggo

**2:22 p.m.**-Mr. B. A. Smith (PoC)

**2:23 p.m.**-Ms. L. F. Foggo

**2:25 p.m.**-The Hon. T. S. Furbert

**2:31 p.m.**-The Hon. J. C. Richardson

**2:33 p.m.**-The Hon. W. H. Roban

**2:41 p.m.**-Mr. T. C. Famous

**2:43 p.m.**-H. K. E. Swan replied.

**2:47 p.m.**-The Bill was committed.

Ms. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

**2:48 p.m.**

Mr. H. K. E. Swan moved Clauses 1-7, which was agreed to.

**2:52 p.m.**

Clauses 1-7 were agreed to as printed.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan moved Clauses 8-14, which was agreed to.

**2:55 p.m.**

Clauses 8-14 were agreed to as printed.

**2:56 p.m.**

Mr. H. K. E. Swan moved Clauses 15-21, which was agreed to.

**2:58 p.m.**

Clauses 15-21 were agreed to as printed.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan moved Clauses 22-29, which was agreed to.

**3:00 p.m.**

Clauses 22-29 were agreed to as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

**3:01 p.m.**

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

The Acting Speaker in the Chair.

**3:01 p.m.**

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

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch moved that the House do now take under consideration the following motion, notice of which was given on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023:-

**"BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House, in accordance with Section 2(1)(a) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1970, authorise the purchase of all that southernmost strip of land to be subdivided from land situated at 18 Secretary Lane, St. George's GE05 in the Island of Bermuda as outlined in the Agreement for Sale made between Gardine Izetta Gibbons and the Government of Bermuda."

**3:20 p.m.**-The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

**3:25 p.m.**-Mrs. R. D. L. Ming

**3:38 p.m.** -Ms. L. F. Foggo

**3:49 p.m.** -Mr. N. S. Tyrrell

**3:51 p.m.** -Mr. H. K. E. Swan

**4:00 p.m.** -Mr. H. A. Richardson

**4:03 p.m.** -Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch replied.

**4:11 p.m.**

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch moved that the Motion be approved, which was agreed to.

Mr. H. K. E. Swan moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled "Anti-Doping in Sport Act 2023" be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. H. K. E. Swan, the Bill entitled "Anti-Doping in Sport Act 2023", was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

**4:12 p.m.**

The Hon. E. D. G. Burt moved that the House, at its rising, adjourn until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, which was agreed to.

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

**4:12 p.m.** - Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch

**4:33 p.m.** -Mr. J. S. Simmons

**4:40 p.m.** -Mr. T. C. Famous

**4:57 p.m.**-Mr. H. K. E. Swan

**5:17 p.m.**-Mr. W. L. A. Scott

**5:37 p.m.** -Ms. L. F. Foggo in the Chair.

Mr. H. A. Richardson

**5:57 p.m.** -The Hon. T. S. Furbert

**6:11 p.m.** -The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

**6:31 p.m.** -The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain

**6:45 p.m.** -The Hon. E. D. G. Burt

**7:06 p.m.**

The House adjourned.