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Friday, 21st May, 2021

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Jache A.K. Adams, Hon. Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Hon. E. David G. Burt, Hon. Derrick V. Burgess, Ms. Crystal C. Caesar, Hon. Wayne M. Caines, Mr. Vance M.E. Campbell, Hon. L. Craig Cannonier, Mr. Zane J.S. DeSilva, Hon. Curtis L. Dickinson, Hon. Michael H. Dunkley, Mr. Thomas C. Famous, Ms. Lovitta F. Foggo, Hon. Tinee S. Furbert, Hon. Wayne L. Furbert, Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Ms. Susan E. Jackson, Mr. Dennis J.R. Lister III, Hon. R.D.L. Ming, Mr. R. Scott Pearman, Hon. Diallo V.S. Rabain, Mr. H. Anthony Richardson, Mr. Jarion C. Richardson, Hon. Walter H. Roban, Mr. Jamahl S. Simmons, Hon. Kathy L. Simmons, Mr. Scott A. Simmons, Mrs. Ianthia G. Simmons-Wade, Mr. N. H. Cole Simons, Mr. H. Kim E. Swan, Mr. Neville S. Tyrrell, Mr. Jason R. W. Wade, Mr. Michael A. Weeks, Hon. Kim N. Wilson.

[This meeting of the House was conducted virtually.]

10:00 a.m.

Prayers

10:01 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of May 7, 2021 were confirmed.

10:02 a.m.

Announcements by the Speaker

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER announced that the Hon. W.L.A. Scott will be absent from today's meeting.

10:02 a.m.

Papers and Other Communications

HON. W.H. ROBAN read the following communication to the Speaker:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly "The Bermuda Plan 2018";

The "Tribunal Report Draft Bermuda Plan 2018"; and

"Zoning Maps".

Note: The zoning maps can be found on our Parliament website

<https://planning.gov.bm/index.php/bermuda-plan-2018/>.

Hon. W.H. Roban
Minister of Home Affairs

10:03 a.m.

HON. K.N. WILSON read the following communication to the Speaker:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the:

“Public Health (COVID-19) Emergency Extension Order 2021”;

“Public Health (COVID-19 Emergency Powers) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2021”;

“Public Health (COVID-19 Emergency Powers) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2021”;

“Public Health (Covid-19 Emergency Powers) Amendment (No.6) Regulations 2021”;

“Public Health (Covid-19 Emergency Powers) (Stay at Home) Regulations 2021”;

“Public Health (COVID-19) Emergency Extension (No. 2) Order 2021”;

“Public Health (COVID-19 Emergency Powers) (Stay at Home) Amendment Regulations 2021”;

“Public Health (COVID-19 Emergency Powers) (Stay at Home) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2021”;

“Quarantine (Covid-19) (No.3) Amendment Order 2021”;

“Public Health (COVID-19 Emergency Powers) (Phased Re-opening) Regulations 2021”.

Hon. K.N. Wilson
Minister of Health

10:05 a.m.

HON. J.P. HAYWARD read the following communication to the Speaker:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly “Recommendations for a Minimum Wage in Bermuda, Report, April 2021”.

Hon. J.P. Hayward
Minister of Labour

10:05 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Implementation of SafeKey”.

10:14 a.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “The Final Bermuda Plan 2018”.

10:22 a.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Laying Out the Details of the Recent Announcement by the RA Regarding Electricity Rates”.

10:33 a.m.

MR. D.V. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Saliva Testing Programme”.

10:39 a.m.

MR. J.P. HAYWARD read a Ministerial Statement entitled “The Wage Commission Report 2021”.

10:44 a.m.

MS. R.D.L. MING asked for the indulgence of the House so that she might read an updated version of her Ministerial Statement, which was agreed to.

MS. R.D.L. MING read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Hurricane Preparedness”.

10:54 a.m.

Question Period

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from the HON. N.H.C. SIMONS.

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what remedial action and additional corrective measures the Government intends to take to ensure that the frequent accident spot on the corner of Zuill's Park Road and South Shore Road is safer for all road users?

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

*2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide an update to this Honourable House when the entire remediation plan for this intersection will be made public?

*3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House when will the Minister meet with the residents of the Zuill's Park area to share all remedial options and invite their input?

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from the HON. L.C. CANNONIER.

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House an update on the progress of the Bermudiana Beach Resort redevelopment, including the Hilton Franchise Agreement and local/overseas buyers/investors of the units?

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

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

*2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House an update on Daniel's Head concerning the leasing of government land to Westover Farm, the marketing of Nine Beaches Resort to local/foreign developers or any Bermuda Land Development Corporation redevelopment of the property?

*3. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House the expenditure from

January 2018 to present spent on advisory services to market the Daniel's Head site to potential developers?

HON. D.V. RABAIN provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from MS. S.E. JACKSON.

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House an update on the progress and delivery of 1600 high-tech Chrome Books to support teachers, primary and middle school students?

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a supplementary question.

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a second supplementary question.

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

*2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House if the Ministry of Education will provide a stipend or other reimbursement for teachers that use their personal resources to deliver online classes and keep contact with students?

HON. W.L. FURBERT provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from MR. J.C. RICHARDSON.

*1. Will the Honourable Minister please update this Honourable House on the progress of the shoreside fish processing plant at Marginal Wharf?

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a supplementary question.

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

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY asked a supplementary question.

*2. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House what construction company (or construction companies) was contracted to build the shoreside fish processing plant at Marginal Wharf?

*3. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House how the preliminary steps required in the Department of Environmental Protection's report A Strategy for the Sustainable Use of Bermuda's Living Marine Resources (page 21) (the "Report") have been satisfied and whichever specific, named White Paper is guiding the Government's decision making and policy implementation?

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. E.D.G. BURT on his Ministerial Statement entitled "Implementation of SafeKey".

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

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

MR. T.C. FAMOUS asked a supplementary question.

MR. T.C. FAMOUS asked a second supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. W.H. ROBAN on his Ministerial Statement entitled "The Bermuda Plan 2018".

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a question to MR. D.V. RABAIN on his Ministerial Statement entitled "Saliva Testing Programme".

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a question to MR. J.P. HAYWARD on his Ministerial Statement entitled "The Wage Commission Report 2021".

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a second supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a second question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a second supplementary question.

10:55 a.m.

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

MR. D.V. BURGESS
MS. K.L. SIMMONS
MR. H.K.E. SWAN
MR. Z.J.S. DESILVA
MR. V.M.E. CAMPBELL
MS. L.F. FOGGO
MR. W.H. ROBAN
MR. N.S. TYRRELL
MS. R.D.L. MING

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY
MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

(HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER in the Chair)

MS. T.S. FURBERT
MR. T.C. FAMOUS
MRS. I.G. SIMMONS-WADE

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH
MR. E.D.G. BURT
HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

12:31 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch.

2:00 p.m.

The House resumed.

2:01 p.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that Standing Order 14 be suspended so that he might present the following Motion to the House, which was agreed to.

“I give notice that at the next day of meeting I propose to move the following Motion:

That this Honourable House, in accordance with sections 10 & 11 of the Development and Planning Act 1974, approve ‘The Bermuda Plan 2018’.”

-- which was agreed to.

2:02 p.m.

Orders of the Day

MS. R.D.L. MING moved that the Bill entitled the “Fire Safety Amendment Act 2021” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

2:05 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

2:12 p.m. – MS. L.F. FOGGO

2:15 p.m. – MS. R.D.L. MING

The Bill was committed.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

2:16 p.m. – MS. R.D.L. MING moved Clauses 1-3, which was agreed to.

2:18 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

2:22 p.m. – MS. R.D.L. MING

2:24 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

2:25 p.m. – MS. R.D.L. MING

2:25 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

2:26 p.m. – MS. R.D.L. MING

2:27 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

Clauses 1-3 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

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

2:29 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that the Bill entitled the “Public Service Superannuation Temporary Amendment Act 2021” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

2:35 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

2:44 p.m. – MR. J.A.K. ADAMS

2:46 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:49 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

The Bill was committed.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

2:52 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved
Clauses 1-3, which was agreed to.

2:53 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

2:56 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:57 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

2:57 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

2:58 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 1-3 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

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

3:00 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that the Bill
entitled the “Contributory Pensions Temporary
Amendment Act 2021” be read a second time,
which was agreed to.

3:05 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

3:07 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

The Bill was committed.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

3:08 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved
Clauses 1-3, which was agreed to.

3:09 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

3:10 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 1-3 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

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

3:12 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that Standing
Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move
that the Bill entitled the “Public Service
Superannuation Temporary Amendment Act
2021” be now read a third time, which was
agreed to.

On the motion of MR. C.L. DICKINSON, the
Bill entitled the “Public Service Superannuation
Temporary Amendment Act 2021” was then read
the third time by its title only and passed.

3:13 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that Standing
Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move
that the Bill entitled the “Contributory Pensions
Temporary Amendment Act 2021” be now read
a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. C.L. DICKINSON, the
Bill entitled the “Contributory Pensions
Temporary Amendment Act 2021” was then read
the third time by its title only and passed.

3:13 p.m.

MS. R.D.L. MING moved that Standing Order
21 be suspended to enable her to move that the
Bill entitled the “Fire Safety Amendment Act

2021” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MS. R.D.L. MING, the Bill entitled “Fire Safety Amendment Act 2021” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

3:14 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

3:15 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

3:26 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS (P.O.O)

3:32 p.m. – MR. J.S. SIMMONS

3:42 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

3:48 p.m. – MR. M.A. WEEKS

3:54 p.m. – MRS. I.G. SIMMONS-WADE

3:59 p.m. – MR. V.M.E. CAMPBELL

4:10 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS

4:16 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

4:30 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

4:46 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

5:00 p.m.

The House adjourned until Friday, 4th June 2021 at 10:00 a.m.