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BERMUDA
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE
SESSION OF 2013-2014

No. 13

WEDNESDAY, 11th JUNE, 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 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.

10:01a.m.

Senator the Hon. the President announced that she had received notice and apologies from Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy and Senator M.G. Daniels for their absence from the Senate meeting today.

On the motion of Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright, the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 21st May 2014 were taken as read and confirmed.

Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright presented for the information of Senate the 'Report from the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the Adoption of a Mandatory Random Drug Testing Policy for Members of the Legislature', dated 30th May 2014.

Senator N.S. Brangman, on behalf of Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy, presented for the information of Senate the 'Annual Report of the Registry General for the Year ended 31st December 2013'.

Senator N.S. Brangman, on behalf of Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy, presented for the consideration of Senate the draft Regulations entitled "The Government Fees Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014", proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance under the provisions of section 2 of The Government Fees Act 1965; and he gave notice that at the next day of meeting Senator Fahy would move that the said draft Regulations be approved.

Senator N.S. Brangman, on behalf of Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy, presented for the consideration of the Senate the draft Regulations entitled "The Electronic Communications (Regulatory Authority Fees) Regulations 2014", proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for telecommunications under the provisions of sections 6 and 11 of The Electronic Communications Act 2011, read with section 44 of The Regulatory Authority Act 2011; and he gave notice that at the next day of meeting Senator Fahy would move that the said draft Regulations be approved.

10:05a.m.

Senator J.C. Baron presented for the consideration of Senate the draft regulations entitled the "Proceeds of Crime (Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing) Amendment Regulations 2014", proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Justice under the provisions of section 49 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 1997 and section 12A of the Anti-Terrorism (Financial and Other Measures) Act 2004; and he gave notice that at the next day of meeting he would move that said draft Regulations be approved.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge presented for the consideration of Senate a "Lease Agreement between the West End Development Corporation and the National Museum of Bermuda", proposed to be made under the provisions of section 20 of The West End Development Corporation Act 1982; and she gave notice that at the next day of meeting, she would move that the said Agreement be approved.

Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright gave notice that at the next day of meeting, she proposed to move the following Motion:

"That the Senate approves the Report of the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the Adoption of a Mandatory Random Drug Testing Policy for Members of the Legislature."

10:07a.m.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Health, Seniors and the Environment, made a Ministerial Statement providing "An Update on STEPS to a Well Bermuda".

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Health, Seniors and the Environment, made a Ministerial Statement on "The Chikungunya Virus", caused by a certain type of mosquito.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Health, Seniors and the Environment, made a Ministerial Statement on "Vaccine-Preventable Disease and the World Cup".

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge, as Junior Minister for Public Works, made a Ministerial Statement on the Ministry's

"Property Asset Management Plan" for vacant properties and buildings in the Government Estates.

Senator J.C. Baron, as Junior Minister for National Security, made a Ministerial Statement on the recent release of "The National Drug Control Master Plan and Action Plan 2013 -2017".

The following Public Bills were brought up from the Honourable House of Assembly, and given their First Reading in the Senate:-

"The Life Insurance Amendment Act 2014"; and

"The Companies Amendment (No. 2) Act 2014".

Questions/Question Period

10:32a.m.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming asked Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge a question regarding the Update on STEPS to a Well Bermuda. Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator Ming asked a second question. Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator J.S. Jardine asked Senator Woolridge a question. Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator D.V.S. Rabain asked Senator Woolridge a question. Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator Rabain asked a second question. Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator Ming asked a third question. Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator D.V.S. Rabain asked Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge a question regarding the Ministry of Public Works' Property Asset Management Plan. Senator Woolridge replied.

Senator Rabain asked a second question. Senator Woolridge replied.

10:42a.m.

Senator J.S. Jardine asked Senator J.C. Baron a question regarding the NDC Master Plan and Action Plan 2013-2017. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming asked Senator Baron a question regarding the Master Plan and Action Plan. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Ming asked a second question. Senator Baron replied.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge provided Answers to questions put to her at the last day of meeting regarding the Perimeter Lane Repairs and the Update on the Disposal of Waste.

Orders of the Day

On the motion of Senator N.S. Brangman, item number 1 on the Order Paper was carried over to the next day of meeting.

10:50a.m.

Senator J.C. Baron moved that the Senate do now take under consideration the following Motion:-

“That the Senate take note of the Final Report of the National Security and Defence Review Committee entitled “NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE REVIEW – Towards A More Secure Bermuda”.”

-- which was agreed to.

Senator Baron spoke on the Motion.

11:18a.m. Senator J.S. Jardine spoke on the Motion.

11:43a.m. Senator D.V.S. Rabain.

11:53a.m. Senator N.S. Brangman.

12:00p.m. Senator Mrs. J.E. Dillas-Wright.

12:15p.m. Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming.

12:20p.m. Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge.

12:28p.m. Senator Baron.

The Senate took note of the Report.

On the motion of Senator J.C. Baron, item number 3 on the Order Paper was carried over to the next day of meeting.

Congratulatory &/or Obituary Speeches

12:45p.m.

Senator Mrs. L.A. Woolridge congratulated all of the young athletes on the CedarBridge Academy Special Olympics Team on their tremendous success at the recent Delaware Regional Special Olympics in the USA. The Team won 27 Gold Medals, 11 Silver and 6 Bronze Medals.

Senator Woolridge expressed condolences for the families of the late Mr. Kenneth Lawrence “Smokey” Thompson of Pembroke; the late Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Barritt of Pembroke; and the late Ms. Vivian Mary Lorina “Aunt V” Jones, a well-known centenarian and very highly respected long-time owner/operator of Jones Dry Goods Store in Pembroke. Senator N.S. Brangman associated himself with these remarks.

Senator D.V.S. Rabain expressed condolences for the family of the late Miss Clara Inchup of Smith’s Parish.

Senator Rabain congratulated the Aerie’s Adventures Nursery & PreSchool on their recent Fairy Tales and Fashion presentation entitled “The Mixed Up Fairy Tale”; and he congratulated Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Shaina Williams on the recent dedication of their young son at the First Baptist Church in Devonshire. Senator Ming associated herself with these remarks.

Senator Rabain congratulated the Distinguished Gentlemen of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in Bermuda on the presentation of the 2014 Alpha Beautillion; and he congratulated young Mr. Ryan Robinson-Perinchief on his phenomenal performance and presentation in winning the 2014 Beautillion. All Senators associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator J.S. Jardine expressed condolences for the family of the late Mr. Cyril “Hooks” Cooper, who was a well-known character in the community and a long-time successful Guest House operator. Senator Jardine also paid tribute to the late Mr. Teddy Tucker, whom he noted was a well-known sea explorer and Diving master and outstanding Bermudian who had discovered the famous “Teddy Cross”. All Senators associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming expressed condolences for the families of the late Mrs. Katherine “Momma Kay” Brangman, who was very-well known in the St. George’s community; and the late Mrs. Edith Fubler, who was an upstanding member of the community over many years. All Senators associated themselves with these remarks.

Senator Ming congratulated Mr. Sinclair Smith Jr. on recently graduating from University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Finance; Mr. Randy Bassett; Ms. Garina Tucker on establishing a career as a Floral Designer; Ms. Zuri Phillip on earning a

Bachelor of Sciences Degree; Ms. Ebony Young on being appointed as a Human Resources V.P.; all participants in the Bermuda Day Parade and the Annual Marathon Derby Classic; the Department of Parks on the events in celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Fort St. Catherine in St. George’s; the Prospect Primary School on their recent Fashion Show event; the Francis Patton Primary School on their recent Art display; and the organizers of the ‘Walk For Life’ fundraising event.

Senator N.S. Brangman congratulated the In Motion School of Dance on their Dance Recital held over the weekend, and he noted that a number of boys had participated.

Senator Brangman congratulated HOTT Radio on the recent launch of their community programme entitled “Have A Heart”.

Senator Brangman paid tribute to the late Hon. Sir David Gibbons, KBE, a former Premier of Bermuda and long-time outstanding businessman

Senator Brangman also congratulated the Bermuda Insurance Institute on the launch of a new programme promoting studies in Insurance in the Public Schools system. All Senators associated themselves with these remarks.

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

12:58p.m.

Senator N.S. Brangman moved that the Senate do now adjourn – which was agreed to.

- 12:59p.m. Senator D.V.S. Rabain
- 1:10p.m. Senator Ms. R.D.L. Ming.
- 1:18p.m. Senator Ms. A.L. Swan.
- 1:23p.m. Senator N.S. Brangman.

1:29p.m.

Adjourned until Wednesday, 18th June, 2014.

(9) Consideration of Motion to be moved by Senator J.E. Dillas-Wright, notice of which was given on 11th June 2014:- "That the Senate approves the Report of the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the Adoption of a Mandatory Random Drug Testing Policy for Members of the Legislature."

PRESIDENT

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Wednesday - 18th June, 2014

(1) Consideration of draft Regulations entitled the "Government Fees Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014".

(2) Second Reading: The Life Insurance Amendment Act 2014.

(3) Second Reading: The Companies Amendment (No. 2) Act 2014.

(4) Consideration of draft Regulations entitled the "Electronic Communications (Regulatory Authority Fees) Regulations 2014".

(5) Consideration of draft Regulations entitled the "Proceeds of Crime (Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing) Amendment Regulations 2014".

(6) Consideration of proposed Lease Agreement between the West End Development Corporation and the National Museum of Bermuda.

(7) Consideration of Motion to be moved by Senator the Hon. M.M. Fahy, notice of which was given on 21st May 2014:- "That this Honourable House take note of Part 1 of the 'NATIONAL TRAINING PLAN - December 2013 to December 2023'."

(8) Consideration of Motion to be moved by Senator J.C. Baron, notice of which was given on 21st May 2014:- "That the Senate take note of the Cannabis Reform Collaborative Report."