

BERMUDA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

SESSION OF 2025 - 2026

No. 21

THURSDAY, 26th MARCH 2026

PRESENT:

Senator the Hon. Mrs. J.E. DILLAS-WRIGHT,
M.B.E., J.P. - PRESIDENT
Senator R.J. WIGHT - VICE PRESIDENT
Senator Ms. T.O.P. TANNOCK
Senator the Hon. K.R. WILKERSON, J.P.
Senator the Hon. C.C. CAESAR, J.P.
Senator Ms. L.K. SIMMONS
Senator M.G. FUBLER
Senator Ms. L.F. BELL
Senator Ms. V.J. CUNNINGHAM
Senator T.J.D. SMITH
Senator D.H. ROGERS

10:05a.m.

On the motion of Senator R.J. Wight, the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 18th March 2026 be taken as read and confirmed.

Senator R.J. Wight moved that the minutes of Monday, 23rd and Wednesday 25th March 2026 be deferred, which was agreed to.

Orders of the Day

10:06a.m.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Senate do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the "Appropriation Act 2026", together with the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 2026/2027, which was agreed to.

(Senator R.J. Wight in the Chair)

10:08a.m.

Senator L.K. Simmons moved that the Committee do now take under consideration Head 86 - Ministry of Youth, Social Development and

Seniors Headquarters; Head 23 - Child and Family Services; and Head 55 - Financial Assistance, which was agreed to.

Senator L.K. Simmons spoke on the Heads.

12:22p.m. - Senator T.J.D. Smith

12:31p.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

12:36p.m. - Senator V.J. Cunningham

12:38p.m.

Senator R.J. Wight moved that Senate do now adjourn for lunch and resume at 2:00p.m., which was agreed to.

2:00p.m.

The Senate resumed in Committee of the Whole.

(Senator R.J. Wight in the Chair)

2:02p.m - Senator V.J. Cunningham

2:05p.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

2:05p.m. - Senator D.H. Rogers

2:07p.m. - Senator L.K. Simmons replied.

2:16p.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

2:20p.m. - Senator T.J.D. Smith

2:24p.m - Senator V.J. Cunningham

2:30p.m. - Senator L.K. Simmons replied.

2:34p.m. - Senator T.J.D. Smith

2:38p.m. - Senator T.O.P. Tannock

2:39p.m - Senator V.J. Cunningham

2:43p.m. - Senator L.K. Simmons replied.

2:45p.m - Senator V.J. Cunningham

2:46p.m - Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson

2:46p.m. - Senator L.K. Simmons replied.

2:52p.m.

Senator L.K. Simmons moved that Heads 86, 23 and 55 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

(2:53p.m. – Senator T.O.P. Tannock in the Chair)

2:54p.m.

Senator L.F. Bell moved that the Committee do now take under consideration Head 21 – Ministry of Health Headquarters; Head 22 - Department of Health and Head 24 – Hospitals, which was agreed to.

Senator L.F. Bell spoke on the Heads.

6:54p.m.

Senator L.F. Bell moved that Heads 21, 22 and 24 be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

6:54p.m.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the following Heads be approved, as printed:-

~Non-Ministry Departments Heads 01, 02, 05, 56, 63, 85, 92, 98 and 101;

~Cabinet Office & Digital Innovation Heads 09, 13, 18, 32, 43, 51, 61 and 80;

~Ministry of Justice Heads 03 and 04;

~Ministry of Finance Heads 10, 11, 12, 28, 38, 39, 49 and 58;

~Ministry of Education Head 41;

~Ministry of Health Head 91;

~Ministry of Economy & Labour Heads 44, 14, 27, 29, 60, 94 and 99;

~Ministry of Public Works & Environment Heads 81 and 82;

~Ministry of Tourism & Transport, Culture & Sport Heads 34, 35, 48 and 52;

~Ministry of National Security Heads 83, 06; 07, 12, 45 and 88;

~Ministry of Home Affairs Heads 93, 89 and 97;
and

~Ministry of Housing & Municipalities Heads 90 and 53.

-- which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Capital Account Estimates be approved and stand as part of the Bill – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar that Clauses 1 to 6 of the Bill, together with Schedules A to C, inclusive, be approved and stand as part of the Bill – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Preamble be approved – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Title stand as part of the Bill – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Report of the Committee on the Bill entitled the “Appropriation Act 2026” be adopted by the Senate – which was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The Senate resumed.

(Madam President in the Chair)

Senate adopted the Report of the Committee.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Bill be now read a third time – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. C.C. Caesar moved that the Bill entitled the “Appropriation Act 2026” do now pass – which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly passed and ordered to be laid before His Excellency the Governor for His Excellency’s assent.

6:59p.m.

Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Monday, 30th March 2026 – which was agreed to.

6:59p.m. – Senator V.J. Cunningham

7:00p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

7:01p.m. – Senator T.J.D. Smith

Senator the Hon. K.R. Wilkerson moved that the Senate do now adjourn – which was agreed to.

7:02p.m.

Adjourned until Monday, 30th March 2026.

PRESIDENT

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Monday – 30th March 2026

NIL