

**Proceedings**  
**of the**  
**Honourable House of Assembly**  
**Session of 2022-2023**

**No. 23**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023**

His Honour, the Speaker of the House, the Hon. Dennis P. Lister | Lt. Col. the Hon. David A. Burch | The Hon. Derrick V. Burgess | Ms. Crystal C. Caesar | Mr. Wayne M. Caines | The Hon. Vance M.E. Campbell | The Hon. L. Craig Cannonier | The Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva | Mr. Curtis L. Dickinson | Ms. Lovitta F. Foggo | The Hon. Tineé. S. Furbert | The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert | The Hon. Jason P. Hayward | Ms. Susan E. Jackson | Mrs. Renée D. L. Ming | Mr. R. Scott Pearman | The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain | Mr. H. Anthony Richardson | Mr. Jarion C. Richardson | The Hon. Walter H. Roban | Mr. W. Lawrence A. Scott | Mr. Jamahl S. Simmons | The Hon. Kathy Lynn Simmons | Mrs. Ianthia G. Simmons-Wade | Mr. Neville S. Tyrrell | The Hon. Michael A. Weeks | 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.**

**12:01 p.m.**

Prayers

**12:03 p.m.**

Minutes of the Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 were confirmed.

**Announcements by the Speaker**

His Honour the Speaker informed Members of the absence of Members, Premier, the Hon. E. David G. Burt, Mr. Dennis J. R. Lister, Mr. Jason R. W. Wade, Mr. T. Christopher Famous and Mr. Kim E. Swan from the House of Assembly proceedings.

**12:04 p.m.**

His Honour the Speaker informed Members that Former Inspector Troy Glasgow will be the Acting Sergeant at Arms for today's proceedings, as the Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Arnold E. Allen, is on vacation.

His Honour the Speaker made an announcement regarding the IT System challenges being faced by the Government and how that has caused today's House meeting to be delayed.

**Papers and other Communications to the House**

**12:06 p.m.**

The Hon. W. H. Roban on behalf of the Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance, read the following communication to His Honour, the Speaker:-

"I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly, the "Annual Report for the Bermuda Public Accountability Board for the fiscal year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 as required by section 14 and 15 of the Bermuda Accountability Act 2011."

The Hon. W. H. Roban behalf of the Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance, read the following communication to His Honour, the Speaker:-

"I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly, the "Audited Financial Statements for the Bermuda Public Accountability Board for the fiscal year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021. "

The Hon. W. H. Roban behalf of the Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance, read the following communication to His Honour, the Speaker:-

"I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly, the "2022 Annual Report for the Bermuda Deposit Insurance Corporation. "

**12:07 p.m.**

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

"I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly, the "Bermuda Immigration and Protection (Prohibition of Entry) (No.2) Order 2023", as made by the Minister responsible for immigration, in exercise of the power conferred by section 26 of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956."

The Hon. V. M. E. Campbell on behalf of the Hon. E. D. G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance read the following communication to His Honour, the Speaker:-

"I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly, the "Government Fees (Trade Marks) Regulations 2023", as made by the Minister responsible for Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1965."

**12:08 p.m.**

**Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers.**

Statement entitled "Employment (Protection of Employee Tips and Other Gratuities) Amendment Act 2023" was read by the Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour.

**12:12 p.m.**

Statement entitled "Amendments to the National Training Board Act 1997 to enhance Workforce Development" was read by the Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour.

**12:16 p.m.**

Statement entitled "Our Progress towards Strengthening Bermuda's Health System" was read by the Hon. K. N. Wilson, Minister of Health.

**12:39 p.m.**

Statement entitled "Celebrating Wellness Family Fun Night" was read by the Hon. K. N. Wilson, Minister of Health.

**12:43 p.m.**

Statement entitled "Dr. Barbara Ball Public Health Scholarship Awardees" was read by the Hon. K. N. Wilson, Minister of Health.

**12:47 p.m.**

Statement entitled "The Commencement of Bermuda Public School System's 2023-2024 School Year" was read by the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain, Minister of Education.

**12: 59 p.m.**

Statement entitled "A Plan to End Homelessness" was read by the Hon. T. S. Furbert, Minister of Social Development and Seniors.

**1:11 p.m.**

**Question Period**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. J. P. Hayward a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Employment (Protection of Employee Tips and Other Gratuities) Amendment Act 2023".

**1:12 p.m.**

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

**1:13 p.m.**

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the Hon. J. C. Richardson as the New Opposition Leader.

**1:13 p.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked a second question.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

**1:14 p.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked a third question.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

**1:15 p.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

**1:16 p.m.**

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. J. P. Hayward a question.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

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

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

**1:17 p.m.**

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

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

**1:18 p.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. J. P. Hayward a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Amendments to the National Training Board Act 1997 to enhance Workforce Development".

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

**1:19 p.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked a second question.

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

**1:20 p.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked a third question.

**1:21 p.m.**

The Hon. J. P. Hayward replied.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier asked the Hon. K. N. Wilson a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "Our Progress toward Strengthening Bermuda's Health System".

**1:22 p.m.**

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

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

**1:23 p.m.**

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a question.

**1:24 p.m.**

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

**1:27 p.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a supplementary question.

**1:28 p.m.**

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

**1:29 p.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

**1:30 p.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a second question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

**1:31 p.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

**1:32 p.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a second supplementary question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

**1:33 p.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a third question.

The Hon. K. N. Wilson replied.

**1:34 p.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "The Commencement of Bermuda Public School System's 2023-2024 School Year".

**1:35 p.m.**

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

**1:36 p.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked a second question.

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

Ms. S. E. Jackson asked a third question.

**1:37 p.m.**

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

**1:38 p.m.**

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

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

**1:39 p.m.**

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain asked for clarity of the question asked.

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier clarified question.

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

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

**1:40 p.m.**

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

His Honour the Speaker asked D. V. S. Rabain to clarify his response to the question.

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain clarified his response to the question.

**1:41 p.m.**

His Honour the Speaker explained the clarification given by The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain.

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

**1:42 p.m.**

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

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

**1:43 p.m.**

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

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

His Honour the Speaker informed the Hon. L. C. Cannonier that the question asked was not in the Hon. D. V. S. Rabain's statement.

**1:44 p.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked the Hon. T. S. Furbert a question in reference to the Ministerial Statement entitled "A Plan to End Homelessness for Bermuda".

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

**1:45 p.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked a second question.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

**1:46 p.m.**

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked a supplementary question.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

The Hon. J. C. Richardson asked a second supplementary question.

**1:47 p.m.**

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a question.

**1:48 p.m.**

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

**1:49 p.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a supplementary question.

**1:50 p.m.**

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

**1:51 p.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a second question.

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

Mr. R. S. Pearman asked a supplementary question.

**1:53 p.m.**

The Hon. T. S. Furbert replied.

**1:54 p.m.**

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the passing of the late Member of Parliament, Mr. Stanley A. Morton, JP.

**1:55 p.m.**

The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Member of Parliament, Mr. Stanley A. Morton, JP.

**1:56 p.m.**

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

Mr. J. S. Simmons

**1:58 p.m.**

The Hon. D. V. S. Rabain

**2:00 p.m.**

The Hon. W. L. Furbert

**2: 03 p.m.**

Mrs. R. D. L. Ming

**2:06 p.m.**

The Hon. M. A. Weeks

**2:09 p.m.**

Mr. R. S. Pearman

**2:12 p.m.**

The Hon. D. V. Burgess

**2:15 p.m.**

Ms. L. F. Foggo

**2:18 p.m.**

Lt. Col. the Hon. D. A. Burch

**2:19 p.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson

**2:20 p.m.**

The Hon. L. C. Cannonier

**2:23 p.m.**

His Honour the Speaker

**2:25 p.m.**

The Hon. V. M. E. Campbell on behalf of the Premier and Minister of Finance, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Trade Marks Act 2023".

The Hon. V. M. E. Campbell on behalf of the Premier and Minister of Finance, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Trade Marks and Service Marks Regulations Amendment and Validation Act 2023".

The Hon. K. N. Wilson, Minister of Health, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Health Insurance Amendment Act 2023".

The Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Financial Assistance Amendment (No. 2) Act 2023".

**2:26 p.m.**

The Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "National Training Board Amendment Act 2023".

The Hon. J. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour, introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Employment (Protection of Employee Tips and Other Gratuities) Amendment Act 2023".

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

**2:27 p.m.**

The Second Reading of the "Distilleries Licensing Act 2023" was carried over by the Hon. V. M. E. Campbell to the next day of meeting, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

The Hon. W. L. Furbert moved that the Bill entitled the "Motor Car (Classic Cars) Amendment Act 2023" be now read a second time, which was agreed to.

The Hon. W. L. Furbert spoke on the Bill.

**2:35 p.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson

**2:43 p.m.**

The Hon. Z. J. S. DeSilva

**2:45 p.m.**

The Hon. W. L. Furbert replied.

**2:48 p.m.**

The Bill was committed.

The Hon. D. V. Burgess in the Chair.

The Hon. W. L. Furbert moved Clauses 1 and 2, which was agreed to.

**2:49 p.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson

The Hon. W. L. Furbert replied.

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to, as printed.

**2:50 p.m.**

The Hon. W. L. Furbert moved Clause 3 and an Amendment to Clause 3, which was agreed to.

The proposed Amendment to Clause 3 is as follows:

That Clause 3 section 13c (1) (b) be amended to read:

"Shall cause or allow more than one private motor car registered at the same residence to be used at any time."

**2:51 p.m.**

Ms. S. E. Jackson

The Hon. W. L. Furbert replied.

The Amendment to Clause 3 was agreed to.

Clause 3, as amended, was agreed to.

**2:53 p.m.**

The Hon. W. L. Furbert moved Clauses 4-11, which was agreed to.

Clauses 4-11 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

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

The Committee rose.

**2:56 p.m.**

The House resumed.

His Honour the Speaker in the Chair.

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

**2:57 p.m.**

The Motion to be moved by the Hon. K. L. Simmons regarding the “Assessment of Self Governance Sufficiency in Conformity with International recognised Standards-Country: Bermuda” was carried over to the next day of meeting, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

The Hon. W. L. Furbert moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled “Motor Car (Classic Cars) Amendment Act 2023” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. W. L. Furbert, the Bill entitled “Motor Car (Classic Cars) Amendment Act 2023”, was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

**2:58 p.m.**

The Hon. W. H. Roban moved that the House, at its rising, adjourn until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, which was agreed to.

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

The Hon. Walter H. Roban thanked the Speaker for his indulgence and the opportunity to speak to the House on a matter of crucial national importance, that being the serious IT disruption within Government over recent days.

**2:59 p.m.**

The Hon. W. H. Roban made a statement to the House on the matter.

**3:08 p.m.**

His Honour the Speaker

**3:09 p.m.**

The House adjourned until Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.