

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2015-2016**

No. 14

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Kenneth L. Bascome, Marc A. R. Bean, Walton D. Brown, David G. Burt, L. Craig Cannonier, Rolfe P. Commissiong, Zane J. S. DeSilva, Michael H. Dunkley, Lovitta F. Foggo, Dr. Edmund G. Gibbons, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Suzann Roberts-Holshouser, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis P. Lister, Trevor G. Moniz, Nandi S. Outerbridge, Mark J. Pettingill, Diallo V.S. Rabain, Everard T. Richards, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Michael J. Scott, R.W. E. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, Jamahl S. Simmons, N. H. Cole Simons, Glenn C. Smith, Jefferson C. Sousa, Kim N. Wilson.

10:05 a.m. Prayer

Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes of the 2nd March confirmed, Minutes of the 7th March deferred.

Announcements by the Speaker:

Members Ms. L. K. Scott, Hon. D.V. Burgess, Hon. W.L. Furbert and Hon. S. G. Crockwell, absent. The Speaker announced that he met with Mr. R. P. Commissiong, who offered an apology.

10:06 a.m.

Papers and other communications to the House:

MR. R.W. SCOTT on behalf of Mr. S. G. Crockwell read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER:-

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:

I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Marine Board (Pilotage Dues) Amendment Regulations 2016”

Hon. S. G. CROCKWELL
Minister of Tourism
Development and Transport

Sessions House,
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MR. R.W. SCOTT on behalf of Mr. S. G. Crockwell read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER.

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly the draft Regulations entitled the “Marine and Ports Authority (Port Dues) Amendment Regulations 2016”

Hon. S. G. CROCKWELL
Minister of Tourism
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10:08am

Orders of the Day:

MR. E.T.RICHARDS moved that the House resume in Committee of Supply for further consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2016/2017, which was agreed to.

Mr. G.C. Smith in the Chair.

10:09pm

Mr. M.H. Dunkley moved for consideration of Heads: 56, 63, 92, and 98:- Human Rights Commission; Parliamentary Registrar; Internal Audit; and Information Commissioner's Office.

10:58am – MRS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

11:15am –MR. M.A.R.BEAN

12:15pm – MS. L.F.FOGGO

12:16am- MRS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

12:23am – MS. N.S. OUTERBRIDGE

12:27pm –MR. M.H.DUNKLEY

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY moved Heads: 56, 63, 92, and 98:- Human Rights Commission; Parliamentary Registrar; Internal Audit; and Information Commissioner's Office, to be approved, which was agreed to.

12:32pm

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY moved that the House do now recess for lunch, which was agreed to.

The Chairman ordered that the Committee resume at 2:00 p.m.

2:00pm

The House resumed in Committee.

Mr. C.W. Brown in the Chair.

2:01pm

MR. L.C.CANNONIER moved for consideration of Heads:- 36, 49, 53, 68, 81, 82, and 97:- Ministry of Public Works, Land Valuation, Bermuda Housing, Parks, Public Lands and Buildings, Works and Engineering, and Land Title & Registration.

Ms. S. E. Jackson in the Chair.

6:15pm – MR. D.P.LISTER

6:25pm

The Chair acknowledged the presence of Senator R. Ming in the public gallery.

7:00pm

Mr. Cannonier moved Heads:- 36, 49, 53, 68, 81, 82, and 97:- Ministry of Public Works, Land Valuation, Bermuda Housing, Parks, Public lands & Buildings, Works and Engineering, and Land Title and Registration, to approved, which was agreed to.

7:09pm

Mr. E. T. Richards moved that the Committee rise and report progress and ask for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

The Committee was granted leave to sit again.

Orders of the Day:

Order number 2-5 were carried over.

7:10pm

On motion by MR. E.T. RICHARDS moved that the Bill entitled the "Payroll Tax Amendment Act 2016" be now read the second time in the House, which was agreed to.

7:20pm- MR. E.D.G.BURT

7:25pm – MR.M.H.DUBKLEY

7:30pm – MR. M.A.R.BEAN

7:45pm – MRS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

7:59pm – MR. E.T.RICHARDS

8:15pm

Bill committed.

S. Roberts-Holshouser in the Chair.

Mr. E. T. Richards moved Clauses 1-7.

8:20pm-MR.E.D.G.BURT

8:22pm-MR. E.T.RICHARDS

Clauses 1-7 were approved, as printed, which was agreed to.

The Preamble was agreed to.

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

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

8:25pm

On motion by Dr. the Hon. E.G.GIBBONS on behalf of Mr. S. G. Crockwell moved that the Bill entitled the "Tourism Authority Act 2016" be now read the second time in the House, which was agreed to.

8:31pm-MR. J.S. SIMMONS

8:34pm-MR.M.A.R.BEAN

8:51pm- MR. D.P.LISTER

8:55pm- MR.E.D.G.BURT

8:54pm-DR. E.G.GIBBONS

9:10pm

Bill Committed.

Mrs. S. Roberts-Holshouser in the chair.

Dr. the Hon. E. G. Gibbons moved Clause 1 to be approved, as printed.

Dr. the Hon. E. G. Gibbons moved Clause 2 with an amendment as follows:

In Clause 2, delete "5.5%" and substitute "4.5%."

9:06pm-MR. J.S. SIMMONS

9:07pm-MR. D.P.LISTER

9:08pm-DR. E.G.GIBBONS

9:09pm-MR. E.D.G.BURT

9:11pm-DR. E.D.G.GIBBONS

Dr. the Hon. E.D.G.GIBBONS moved Clause 2 with an amendment as follows:

Clause 2 was agreed to as amended.

Dr. the Hon. E. D. G. Gibbons moved Clause 3, with an amendment which reads as follows:

In Clause 3, delete "1 April 2016" and substitute "1 May 2016".

Dr. the Hon. E. G. Gibbons moved Clause 3 as amended, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-3 were approved as amended.

The Preamble was approved.

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

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

9:23pm

Mr. E. T. Richards requested from the Speaker to move Order number 12 before Order number 8, which was agreed to.

MR. E.T.RICHARDS moved that consideration be given to the draft Regulations entitled the "Government Fees Amendment Regulation 2016" proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for Finance under the provision of section 2 of the "Government Fees Act 1965", which was agreed to.

9:26pm-MR.E.D.G.BURT

9:27pm-MR. E.T.RICHARDS

MR. E.T.RICHARDS moved that the said draft Regulations be approved and that the following message be sent to His Excellency the Governor.

(No.12)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled the "Government Fees Amendment Regulation 2016" proposed to be made under section 2, of the "Government Fees Act 1965" has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House has approved the said draft Regulation.

-which was agreed to and ordered accordingly

9:28pm

Mr. E. T. Richards moved for consideration be given to the draft Regulations, entitled the "Government Fees (Trade Marks and Service Marks) Amendment Regulations 2016", which was agreed to.

9:38pm-MR. E.D.G.BURT

9:40pm

MR. E.T.RICHARDS moved that the said draft Regulations be approved and that the following message be sent to His Excellency the Governor.

(No.13)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Regulations entitled the "Government Fees (Trade Marks and Service Marks) Amendment Regulations 2016", proposed to be made under section 2, of the "Government Fees Act 1965" has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House has approved the said draft Regulation.

-which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

9:46pm

On motion by MR. M.H.DUNKLEY moved that the Bill entitled the "Commissions of Inquiry Amendment Act 2016" be now read the second time in the House, which was agreed to.

9:46pm-MR.M.A.R.BEAN
9:50pm-MR. C.W.BROWN
9:51pm-MR.E.D.G.BURT
9:55pm-MR. Z.J.DESILVA
10:00pm-MR.M.H.DUNKLEY

Bill Committed.

Mrs. S. Roberts Holshouser in the Chair.

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY moved Clauses 1-3

10:05pm – MR. S.J. DISILVA
10:08pm-MR.E.D.G.BURT
10:09pm-MR. M.A.R. BEAN
10:09pm-MR. Z.J.DESILVA
10:13pm-MR. M.A.R.BEAN
10:14pm-MR. M.H.DUNKLEY
10:16pm-MR.Z.J.DESILVA
10:17pm-MR.Z.J.DESILVA
10:19pm-MR.M.H.DUNKLEY
10:25pm- MR.Z.J.DESILVA

10:29pm

MR. M.H.DUNKLEY moved Clauses 1-3 to be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

The Preamble was approved.

The Chairman reported the Bill to the House, as printed.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

Order numbers 10-28 were carried over.

Order number 30 to be done before Order number 29, which was agreed to.

10:35 pm

MS. K.N.WILSON moved the following Motion notice of which was given on February 19th, 2016, which read as follows:

"WHEREAS unemployment is at unprecedented levels;

AND WHEREAS the majority of single parent households are headed by women;

AND WHEREAS age discrimination affects women and their employment opportunities in alarming numbers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pursuant to the Parliament Act 1957 Part IV, I move that a Select Committee of the House be set up to examine the impact unemployment is having on women; and their families and to report their findings along with recommendations to the House as soon as practicable."

11:20pm

Mrs. N. S. Ourterbridge moved an amendment to the Motion by Ms. K. N. Wilson which was agreed to, and reads as follows:

"WHEREAS there are concerns related to unemployment;

AND WHEREAS the majority of single parent households are headed by women;

AND WHEREAS there are relevant concerns related to employment opportunities afforded to women;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pursuant to the Parliament ACT 1957 Part IV, I move that a Joint Select Committee of the House be set up to examine

any impact that unemployment is having on women and their families and to report their findings along with recommendations to the House as soon as practicable".

11:38pm

Mr. E.D.G. Burt noted a correction in the Amendment which reads as follows: Delete "of the House", which was agreed to.

11:38pm-MR. C.W.BROWN

11:49pm-MS. S.E.JACKSON

11:58pm-MS.L.F.FOGGO

Thursday 10th March, 2016

12:17am-MRS. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN

12:34am-Z.J.DESILVA

12:49m-MR.J.S.SIMMONS

1:01am-MRS.J.J.ATHERDEN

1:12am-MR.M.J.SCOTT

1:26am-MR.E.D.G.BURT

1:27am-MS. K.N.WILSON

The Amended motion was agreed to.

Order number 29 was carried over.

Order number 31 was carried over.

Order number 32 Motion by Mr. C. W. Brown was withdrawn and discharged from the Order Paper.

Order number 33 and 34 were carried over.

1:30am

MR. E.T. RICHARDS moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled, entitled "Payroll Tax Amendment Act 2016" be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. E.T. RICHARDS, the Bill entitled the "Payroll Tax Amendment Act 2016" was then read the third time and passed.

1:30am

Dr. the Hon. E.G. GIBBONS moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled, "Bermuda Tourism Authority Amendment Act 2016" be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. E.G.GIBBONS, the Bill entitled the "Bermuda Tourism Authority Amendment Act 2016" was then read the third time and passed.

1:31am

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled, "Commissions of Inquiry Amendment Act 2016" be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. M.H. DUNKLEY, the Bill entitled the "Commissions of Inquiry Amendment Act 2016" was then read the third time and passed.

1:32am

MR. M.H. DUNKLEY moved that the House, at its rising adjourn to Friday 11, March 2016, which was agreed to.

1:35am

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

1:32am-MR.E.D.G.BURT

The House adjourned to Friday 11th March, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

