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Hon. Stanley W. Lowe, OBE, JP, MP
Speaker

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No. 23**Friday, 18th May, 2012**

Members present: His Honour the Speaker, Mr. M.A.R. Bean, Mr. G.A. Blakeney, Mr. D.V. Burgess, Mr. L.C. Cannonier, Ms. P.A. Cox, Mr. S.D.G. Crockwell, Mr. Z.J.S. DeSilva, Mr. A.E. DeVent, Mr. W.L. Furbert, Dr. E.G. Gibbons, Mr. K.H.R. Horton, Mr. D.O. Hunt, Mrs. L.A. Jackson, Mr. E.G. James, Mr. D.P. Lister, Mr. W.M. Lister, Mrs. P.K. Minors, Mr. T.G. Moniz, Mr. W.N.M. Perinchief, Mr. M.J. Pettingill, Mr. E.T. Richards, Mr. W.H. Roban, Mr. M.J. Scott, Mr. W.A. Scott, Mr. N.H.C. Simons, Dame Jennifer Smith, Mr. C.F.B. Swan, Mr. H.K.E. Swan, Mr. D.D.M. Tucker, Mr. M.A. Weeks.

11:05 a.m.

Confirmation of the minutes of the Meeting of 11th May, 2012 was deferred.

His Honour the SPEAKER announced that Ms. D.N.I. Butterfield, Ms. L.F. Foggo, Mrs. P.J. Gordon Pamplin and Mr. T.E. Lister will be absent from the House today while attending the 2012 CPA Regional Conference in Jamaica; announced that Mr. D.D. Butler will be absent from the House today while on business.

His Honour the SPEAKER noted that the House proceedings were delayed to 11:00 a.m. in consideration of the Departure Ceremony conducted at Cabinet Building for His Excellency Governor Richard Gozney.

11:07 a.m.

Mr. M.J. SCOTT made a Ministerial Statement giving an Update on the Establishment of a Cisco Local Academy in Bermuda.

11:14 a.m.

Mr. W.N.M. PERINCHIEF made a Ministerial Statement on Exercise Rum Runner: Bermuda Regiment Overseas Camp 2012.

11:22 a.m.

Mrs. P.K. Minors made a Ministerial Statement on the Retraining Scholarship Fund Established with the Bermuda College.

11:27 a.m.

Mr. M.A.R. BEAN made a Ministerial Statement on the Status of the Telecommunications Reform.

11:38 a.m.

Mr. W.L. FURBERT made two Ministerial Statements on the Bill entitled the Tourism Board Act 2012; on Bermuda's Latest Tourism Marketing Initiatives in Boston and the U.S. East Coast.

Mr. SPEAKER acknowledged the presence in the Public Gallery of a touring group of Christ for the Nations Missionaries from Texas, accompanied by Senate President, the Hon. Carolanne M. Bassett.

11:47 a.m.

Mr. D.V. BURGESS made a Ministerial Statement on the Dumpster Trailers in Bermuda.

11:50 a.m.

Dr. E.G. GIBBONS asked Mr. W.L. Furbert questions regarding his Statement on the Bill entitled the Tourism Board Act 2012.

Mr. N.H.C. SIMONS asked Mr. M.J. SCOTT questions regarding his Statement on the Establishment of a Cisco Local Academy in Bermuda.

11:57 a.m.

Dr. E.G. GIBBONS congratulated the 2012 Spring Commencement Ceremony Graduates of the Bermuda College and stated that he was especially encouraged by the 22 graduates receiving Certificates and Diplomas from the Division of Applied Science and Technology; congratulated Mr. Ronnie Viera on being appointed President of the Bermuda Chamber of Commerce; congratulated Ms. Cathy Lapsley of the Bermuda Foundation for Insurance Studies on the publication of her book; expressed condolences to the family of Mrs. Judith Montgomery-Moore who was a wonderful lady, an accomplished sailor; certified F.E.I. judge in equestrian competitions; ran a summer camp for kids and will be missed.

Mr. D.D.M. TUCKER expressed condolences to the family of Mrs. Terry Bean, a young wife and mother who died at 45/46 after a fight with cancer; congratulated Donika and Jerome Reid on the establishment of their Ultrasound Facility and stated that it is wonderful to see young Bermudians with such entrepreneurial spirit and determination.

Mr. H.K.E. SWAN associated himself with the obituary remarks for Mrs. Judith Stewart, wife of Mr. Robert Stewart, who was involved in the founding of Project Action (done by Dr. E.G. Gibbons last week); associated Mrs. L.A. Jackson with his remarks; thanked departing Governor Sir Richard Gozney and Lady Gozney for their service in Bermuda; associated Mr. N.H.C. Simons with these remarks; associated himself with congratulatory remarks to Mr. Ronnie Viera; congratulated Mr. Daniel Stovell on his retirement after many years of sterling service in Government.

12:05 p.m.

Mr. D.O. HUNT congratulated the organizers and young performers in the recent Bermuda Youth Got Talent event, a celebration of the Arts in Bermuda; noted that his wife is a producer of the event; commended the Ministry of Youth, Families and Sport, a sponsor of the BYGT competition.

Dame JENNIFER SMITH associated herself with congratulatory remarks to the Bermuda College graduates, Bermuda Youth Got Talent event and organizers; associated herself with remarks made by Dr. E.G. Gibbons and Mr. D.D.M. Tucker; congratulated the Bermuda College President Dr. Duranda Greene; congratulated Mr. Mitchell Trott on giving the 2012 Graduate Address at the Bermuda College Commencement; congratulated graduate Ms. J. Carol Swan on achieving two distinctions – Diploma in Web Development with Distinction and an Associate of Arts with Distinction; congratulated the Youth Conflict Resolution Team which won the 9th Bermuda Youth Conference by formulating a National Peace Plan for the community; congratulated the winning Teen Performer Awardees; congratulated Miss DeAzha Chambers of CedarBridge Academy on winning the Outstanding Teen Award in the Performing Arts Category.

Mr. N.H.C. SIMONS associated himself with the obituary remarks for Mrs. Judith Montgomery-Moore who was actively involved in the Bermuda Equestrian Society, was a renaissance woman; a bold lady, successful single mother of four children, and accomplished in sailing; expressed condolences to the family of Mr. Stanley Blanchette, a former long-time Bank of Bermuda employee; associated himself with the congratulatory remarks to Sir Richard and Gozney, the Bermuda College graduates and Mr. Ronald Viera.

Ms. P.A. COX introduced two Bills entitled:

“National Pension Scheme (Occupational Pensions) Temporary Amendment Act 2112”
“Referendum Act 2012”.

Mr. W.L. FURBERT introduced the Bill entitled the “Tourism Board Act 2012”.

12:15 p.m.

Mr. W.L. FURBERT gave notice that at the next day of meeting, he proposed to moved the following motion:

“That this Honourable House take note of the Government’s National Tourism Plan which will increase tourism expenditure, increase tax revenue, increase jobs and grow GDP.”

Mr. SPEAKER noted that Minister Furbert’s Motion could not be allowed to stand as worded unless the National Tourism Plan was tabled in the House.

12:27 p.m.

On the motion of Ms. P.A. Cox, the Bill entitled the “Insurance Amendment Act 2012” was then read the second time.

12:22 p.m. – Mr. E.T. RICHARDS
12:26 p.m. – Mr. W.L. FURBERT
12:27 p.m. – Mr. C.F.B. SWAN
12:28 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

12:29 p.m.

Ms. P.A. COX moved that the House do now recess for lunch, which was agreed to.

His Honour the SPEAKER ordered that the House resume at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

The House resumed.

Mr. W.L. FURBERT suspended Standing Order 21 to enable him to table a revised Notice of Motion, which was agreed to.

Mr. W.L. FURBERT gave notice that at the next day of meeting, he proposed to move the following revised Motion:

“That this Honourable House take note of steps taken by the Government as they relate to the further development of Tourism, proposed to increase

tourism expenditure, increase tax revenue, increase jobs and grow GDP.”

2:02 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

The Bill was committed.

Mr. D.D.M. TUCKER in the Chair.

Ms. P.A. COX moved Clauses 1 – 24

2:21 p.m. – Mr. E.T. RICHARDS

2:24 p.m. – Mr. C.F.B. SWAN

2:28 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

2:29 p.m. – Mr. C.F.B. SWAN

2:29 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

2:34 p.m. – Mr. E.T. RICHARDS

2:35 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

2:36 p.m. – Dr. E.G. GIBBONS

2:41 p.m. – Mr. T.G. MONIZ

2:43 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

2:46 p.m. – Dr. E.G. GIBBONS

2:48 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

2:48 p.m. – Dr. E.G. GIBBONS

Clauses 1 – 24, as printed, were agreed to.

The Schedule, as printed, was agreed to.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The House resumed.

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

Item number 2 on the Order Paper was carried over to the next day of meeting.

2:51 p.m.

Mr. E.T. RICHARDS moved the following motion, notice of which was given on 20th April, 2012:

“That this Honourable House take note of the significant findings in the April 2012 Department of Statistics Report entitled ‘The Bermuda Job Market Employment Briefs’.”

3:25 p.m. – Mrs. P.K. MINORS

3:55 p.m. – Dr. E.G. GIBBONS

4:15 p.m. – Mr. G.A. BLAKENEY

4:39 p.m. – Mr. N.H.C. SIMONS

4:55 p.m. – Mr. M.J. SCOTT

5:25 p.m. – Mr. H.K.E. SWAN

5:50 p.m. – Ms. P.A. COX

6:08 p.m. – Mrs. L.A. JACKSON

6:08 P.M. – Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair.

6:21 p.m. – Mrs. P.J. GORDON PAMPLIN

6:43 p.m. – Mr. L.C. CANNONIER

6:56 p.m. – Mr. C.F. SWAN

7:03 p.m.

The House took note of the motion.

On the motion of Mr. H.K.E. Swan, Item numbers 4 – 6 on the Order Paper were carried over to the next day of meeting.

Mr. C.F.B. SWAN moved that under the provisions of Standing Order 25 (3), Item number 7 on the Order Paper be reinstated and extended, which was agreed to.

Mr. C.F.B. SWAN moved the following motion, notice of which was given on 10th February, 2012 and reinstated on 18th May, 2012.

“That this Honourable House take note of the Special Report by the Ombudsman for Bermuda’s Systemic Investigation into the Process and Scope of Analysis for Special Development Orders.”

7:58 p.m. – Mr. M.A.R. BEAN

8:19 a.m. – Mr. H.K.E. SWAN

8:40 p.m. – Mr. N.H.C. SIMONS

8:56 p.m.

The House took note of the Motion.

Mr. D.V. BURGESS moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Insurance Amendment Act 2012” be now read the time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. D.V. Burgess, the Bill entitled the “Insurance Amendment Act 2012” was then read the third time and passed.

8:58 p.m.

Mr. D.V. BURGESS moved that the House do now adjourn.

8:58 p.m. – Mr. K.K.R. SWAN

9:14 p.m.

The House adjourned to Friday, 25th May, 2012 at
10:00 a.m.