

**Proceedings**  
**of the**  
**Honourable House of Assembly**  
**Session of 2020-2021**

**Twenty-Second Virtual Sitting**

**No. 23**

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2021**

**Members Present:** His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Jache A.K. Adams, Hon. E. David G. Burt, Hon. Derrick V. Burgess, Ms. Crystal C. Caesar, Hon. Wayne M. Caines, Mr. Vance M.E. Campbell, Hon. L. Craig Cannonier, Mr. Zane J.S. DeSilva, Hon. Curtis L. Dickinson, Hon. M.H. Dunkley, Mr. Thomas C. Famous, Ms. Lovitta F. Foggo, Hon. Tinee S. Furbert, Hon. Wayne L. Furbert, Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Ms. Susan E. Jackson, Mr. Dennis J.R. Lister III, Hon. R.D.L. Ming, Mr. R. Scott Pearman, Hon. Diallo V.S. Rabain, Mr. H. Anthony Richardson, Mr. Jarion C. Richardson, Hon. Walter H. Roban, Hon. W. Lawrence A. Scott, Mr. Jamahl S. Simmons, Hon. Kathy L. Simmons, Mr. Scott A. Simmons, Mrs. Ianthia G. Simmons-Wade, Mr. N. H. Cole Simons, Mr. H.K.E. Swan, Mr. Neville S. Tyrrell, Mr. Jason R. W. Wade, Mr. Michael A. Weeks.

**[This meeting of the House was conducted virtually.]**

Premier

**10:00 a.m.**

Prayers

**10:05 a.m.**

Minutes of the Meeting of July 16, 2021 were confirmed.

**10:07 a.m.**

**Papers and Other Communications**

HON. E.D.G. BURT read the following communication to the Speaker:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly, the “Tourism Investment (Nautilus Hotel) Order 2021”, proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for tourism, with the written agreement of the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 5 of the Tourism Investment Act 2017.

Hon. E.D.G. Burt

**10:08 a.m.**

HON. C.L. DICKINSON read the following communication to the Speaker:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Issuance of New Government Guarantees” in accordance with Section 2 AA (3) of the Government Loans Act 1978.

Hon. C.L. Dickinson  
Minister of Finance

**10:08 a.m.**

HON. D.V. RABAIN read the following communication to the Speaker:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Bermuda College Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2020”.

Hon. D.V. Rabain  
Minister of Education

**10:09 a.m.**

**Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers**

MR. D.V. RABAIN, on behalf of LT. COL. D.A. BURCH, read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Tynes Bay Plant Critical Status Report”.

**10:14 a.m.**

MR. D.V. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Bermuda College: 2020 Audited Financial Statements”.

**10:18 a.m.**

MR. D.V. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Parish Primary School Consultation Decision”.

**10:33 a.m.**

MR. W.L.A. SCOTT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Skyport Minimum Revenue Guarantee”.

**10:36 a.m.**

MS. T.S. FURBERT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Ministry of Social Development and Seniors Projects”.

**10:48 a.m.**

**Question Period**

HON. R.D.L. MING provided an oral response to the following parliamentary question from HON. N.H.C. SIMONS:-

\*1. Will the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House the total monthly cost to the Government for all of the quarantine sites

from inception of the programme to July 10, 2021?

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. D.V. RABAIN, on behalf of LT. COL. D.A. BURCH, on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Tynes Bay Plant Critical Status Report”.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a second question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a third question.

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a question.

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a supplementary question.

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a second question.

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MR. D.V. RABAIN on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Parish Primary School Consultation Decision”.

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a second question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a supplementary question.

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a second question.

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question.

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a second question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a question to MR. W.L.A. SCOTT on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Skyport Minimum Revenue Guarantee”.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a second question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a second supplementary question.

MR. N.S. TYRRELL asked a second question.

MR. N.S. TYRRELL asked a supplementary question.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a question to MS. T.S. FURBERT on her Ministerial Statement entitled “Ministry of Social Development and Seniors Projects”.

MR. N.H.C. SIMONS asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a second supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a second question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a supplementary question.

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a second supplementary question.

**11:38 a.m.**

**Congratulatory and/or Obituary Speeches  
(Please refer to the House Hansard)**

MR. M.A. WEEKS  
MS. L.F. FOGGO  
MR. D.J.R. LISTER III  
MS. T.S. FURBERT  
MR. H.K.E. SWAN  
MR. T.C. FAMOUS

**11:52 a.m.**

**Introduction of Bills**

MR. E.D.G. BURT introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Gaming Amendment Act 2021”, which was agreed to.

**11:53 a.m.**

MS. T.S. FURBERT introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Human Rights Amendment Act 2021”, which was agreed to.

**11:53 a.m.**

MR. W.L.A. SCOTT introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Marine and Ports Services Amendment Act 2021”, which was agreed to.

**11:53 a.m.**

**Orders of the Day**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that Standing Order 23(3) be suspended to enable the House to proceed with the consideration of the Order entitled the “Tourism Investment (Nautilus Hotel) Order 2021” proposed to be made by the

Minister responsible for tourism, with the written agreement of the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 5 of the Tourism Investment Act 2017, which was agreed to.

12:00 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

12:03 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

12:08 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

12:14 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

12:19 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

12:19 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY (P.O.C)

**12:20 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the said draft Order be approved and that a suitable message be sent to Her Excellency the Governor, which was agreed to.

(No. 23)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Order “Tourism Investment (Nautilus Hotel) Order 2021” proposed to be made by the Minister responsible for tourism, with the written agreement of the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 5 of the Tourism Investment Act 2017, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House has approved the said draft Order.

- which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

**12:25 p.m.**

The House adjourned for lunch.

**2:00 p.m.**

The House resumed.

**2:01 p.m.**

MS. K.L. SIMMONS, on behalf of MS. K.N. WILSON, moved that consideration be given to the draft Order entitled the “Public Health (COVID-19) Emergency Extension (No. 4) Order 2021” proposed to be made by the Minister of Health, in exercise of the power conferred by section 107A of the Public Health Act 1949, which was agreed to.

2:09 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

2:25 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS (P.O.C)

2:25 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

2:31 p.m. – MR. V.M.E. CAMPBELL

2:39 p.m. – MRS. I.G. SIMMONS-WADE

2:43 p.m. – R.S. PEARMAN

2:55 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

3:08 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

3:19 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON

3:22 p.m. – MS. K.L. SIMMONS

MS. K.L. SIMMONS moved that the said draft Order be approved and that a suitable message be sent to Her Excellency the Governor, which was agreed to.

(No. 24)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the draft Order “Public Health

(COVID-19) Emergency Extension (No. 4) Order 2021” proposed to be made by the Minister of Health, in exercise of the power conferred by section 107A of the Public Health Act 1949, has the honour to inform Your Excellency that the House has approved the said draft Order.

- which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

**3:27 p.m.**

MR. J.P. HAYWARD moved that the Bill entitled “Financial Assistance Amendment and Validation Act 2021” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

3:31 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON

3:34 p.m. – MR. M.A. WEEKS

3:35 p.m. – MS. L.F. FOGGO

3:42 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

3:50 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

3:59 p.m. – MR. J.P. HAYWARD

4:19 p.m. – The Bill was committed.

(MS. L.F. FOGGO in the Chair)

4:19 p.m. – MR. J.P. HAYWARD moved Clauses 1 and 2, which was agreed to.

4:22 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to, as printed.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

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

**4:25 p.m.**

Item 4 on the Order paper was carried over.

**4:25 p.m.**

MR. J.P. HAYWARD moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Financial Assistance Amendment and Validation Act 2021” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. J.P. HAYWARD, the Bill entitled the “Financial Assistance Amendment and Validation Act 2021” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

**4:26 p.m.**

MR. ACTING SPEAKER asked for the indulgence of the House so that MR. E.D.G. BURT might read a Ministerial Statement, which was agreed to.

MR. E.D.G. BURT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Supervised Quarantine – Moving Beyond the Pandemic”.

**4:34 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

4:34 p.m. – MR. N.S. TYRRELL

4:43 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

4:56 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS (P.O.O)

4:58 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

5:00 p.m. – MR. ACTING SPEAKER

5:02 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS (P.O.O)

5:02 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

5:03 p.m. – MR. ACTING SPEAKER ruling. Subsequently, MR. L.C. CANNONIER was instructed to remove himself from the virtual Chamber.

5:04 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

5:06 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS (P.O.O)

5:06 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

5:07 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT (P.O.O)

5:07 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

5:08 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT (P.O.O)

5:08 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY

5:18 p.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS (P.O.O)

5:23 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

5:33 p.m. – MS. R.D.L. MING

5:39 p.m. – Mr. Acting Speaker announced that the Hon. K.N. Wilson and Lt. Col. the Hon. D.A. Burch were absent from today's meeting.

5:39 p.m. – MS. L.F. FOGGO

5:50 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON

5:57 p.m. – MR. D.J.R. LISTER III

6:00 p.m. – MR. M.A. WEEKS

6:05 p.m. – MR. H.K.E. SWAN

6:23 p.m. – MR. V.M.E. CAMPBELL

6:25 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

6:44 p.m. – MS. K.L. SIMMONS

6:58 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

**7:02 p.m.**

The House adjourned until Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 10:00 a.m.