

BERMUDA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

SESSION OF 2022 - 2023

No. 13

WEDNESDAY, 5th JULY 2023

PRESENT:

Senator the Hon. Mrs. J.E. DILLAS-WRIGHT,
M.B.E., J.P. - PRESIDENT
Senator Ms. K.J. BELL, J.P. – VICE PRESIDENT
Senator R.J. WIGHT
Senator the Hon. O.K. DARRELL, J.P.
Senator Ms. A.J.L. HODGSON
Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. DILL
Senator Ms. L.L. ROBINSON, J.P.
Senator Ms. L.K. SIMMONS
Senator B.A. SMITH, J.P.
Senator Mrs. R.S. TUCKER
Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCOUTO, J.P.

**[This meeting of Senate was conducted in
the Senate Chamber at Veritas Place.]**

10:02a.m.

On the motion of Senator K.J. Bell, the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, June 7th 2023 were taken as read and confirmed.

Announcements

10:04a.m.

Senator the Hon. the President presented for the information of Senate, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 24(1) and 24(3) of the Ombudsman Act 2004, a copy of the “Ombudsman for Bermuda Annual Report for the Year ended 31st December 2022”.

10:04a.m.

Senator L.L. Robinson presented for the information of Senate the “Economic Development Strategy Bermuda 2023-2027”.

10:05a.m.

Senator L.K. Simmons presented for the information of Senate the “Human Rights Commission 2022 Annual Report”.

10:06a.m.

Senator L.K. Simmons, on behalf of Senator A.J.L. Hodgson, presented for the information of Senate the “Bermuda Hospitals Board Annual Report 2019/2020”.

Ministerial Statements

10:06a.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell, as Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport, made a Ministerial Statement on “Emancipation 2023: Legacies of Honour”.

10:12a.m

The following Public Bills were brought up from the Honourable House of Assembly, and given their First Reading in the Senate:-

The “Personal Information Protection Amendment Act 2023”; and
The “Child Day Care Allowance Amendment Act 2023”.

Question Period

10:13a.m.

Senator B.A. Smith asked a question to Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Emancipation 2023: Legacies of Honour”.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell replied.

Orders of the Day

10:15a.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the provisions of Standing Order 25 be granted so that Senate may now proceed with the Second Reading of the Public Bill entitled "Personal Information Protection Amendment Act 2023" - which was agreed to.

10:15a.m

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the Public Bill entitled the "Personal Information Protection Amendment Act 2023" be now read the second time.

Senator Darrell spoke on the Bill.

10:27a.m. – Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto

10:32a.m. – Senator L.L. Robinson

10:35a.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

10:35a.m. – Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell replied.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill - which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the Bill be now read a third time - which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the Bill entitled the "Personal Information Protection Amendment Act 2023" do now pass -- which was agreed to.

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

10:37a.m.

Senator L.L. Robinson moved that the provisions of Standing Order 25 be granted so

that Senate may now proceed with the Second Reading of the Public Bill entitled "Child Day Care Allowance Amendment Act 2023" - which was agreed to.

10:38a.m.

Senator L.L. Robinson moved that the Public Bill entitled "Child Day Care Allowance Amendment Act 2023" be now read the second time.

Senator Robinson spoke on the Bill.

10:43a.m.

Madam President acknowledged the presence of Ms. Carlita O'Brien, Acting Director for the Department of Financial Assistance, in the Chamber.

10:43a.m. – Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto

10:44a.m. – Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill

10:46a.m. – Senator L.K. Simmons

10:48a.m. – Senator R.S. Tucker

10:51a.m. – Senator B.A. Smith

10:53a.m. – Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

10:57a.m. – Senator L.L. Robinson replied.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Senator L.L. Robinson moved that Standing Order 26 be suspended in respect of this Bill - which was agreed to.

Senator L.L. Robinson moved that the Bill be now read a third time - which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Senator the L.L. Robinson moved that the Bill entitled the "Child Day Care Allowance Amendment Act 2023" do now pass -- which was agreed to.

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

Congratulatory and/or Obituary Speeches

11:00a.m.

Senator L.K. Simmons offered condolences to the family of the late Honourable Ottiwell Simmons who was a unionist and a champion of the people. Senator Simmons also congratulated all recent graduates from preschool through high school as well as the Special Olympians who recently performed amazingly.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell associated himself with the condolences extended to the family of the Hon. Ottiwell Simmons. Minister Darrell also congratulated the nineteen Special Olympians who increased their medal total to 11: 8 bronze, 1 silver and 2 gold. He thanked the organisers and the families of the Special Olympians. He also congratulated the CAC athletes currently competing. Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell extended best wishes to all participants of the upcoming Island Games in Guernsey. He also congratulated a former student of his, Mr. Zion Robinson, for receiving the Bermuda International Long-term Insurers and Reinsurers scholarship.

Senator R.S. Tucker associated herself with the condolences extended to the family of the late Hon. Ottiwell Simmons. She also extended condolences to the family of the late Ms. Eulene Wilkinson-Furbert, a longtime family friend. She also extended condolences to the families of Mr. Boyd Smith and Ms. Violet Charves. Senator Tucker offered congratulations to Senator B.A. Smith for an excellent swim team performance at the CAC Games. She also associated herself with the congratulations offered to the Special Olympians. Senator Tucker congratulated Mr. Carvel Van Putten on his retirement after 56 years in the hospitality industry.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson associated herself with the condolences extended to the family of the late Hon. Ottiwell Simmons. She also offered congratulations and thanks to the organisers of the Mount Hill Block Party.

Senator Hodgson congratulated the Bahamas on celebrating their 50th anniversary of independence.

Senator B.A. Smith associated himself with the condolences offered to the family of the late Hon. Ottiwell Simmons. He also associated himself with the congratulations extended to the participants of the CAC Games, as well as the Bermuda Olympic Association for organizing Bermuda's participation. He also associated himself with the congratulations offered to the Special Olympians on a wonderful showing.

Senator K.J. Bell associated herself with the condolences offered to the family of the late Hon. Ottiwell Simmons. She also associated herself with the congratulations offered to each and every athlete who is currently or recently representing Bermuda.

Senator L.L. Robinson associated herself with the condolences offered to the family of the late Hon. Ottiwell Simmons who as a true ambassador for Bermuda when he drove taxi many years ago. She also associated herself with the congratulations offered to the Special Olympians. Senator Robinson also associated herself with the condolences extended to the family of the late Mr. Boyd Smith. She congratulated the Bermuda Conference Branch Young People's Division of the AME Church who held their iRock Awards which were held at Mt. Zion. Congratulations to Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell who won an award.

11:21a.m.

Madam President acknowledged the presence of the Hon. Vance M.E. Campbell, JP, MP, in the Public Gallery.

Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill associated herself with the condolences offered to the family of the late Hon. Ottiwell Simmons who was a champion for justice and role model to all. She also associated herself with the condolences extended to the family of the late Mr. Boyd Smith. She also offered condolences to the AME Church on the passing of the late Bishop Richard Franklin Norris. Senator Dill extended condolences to the family of the late William David Christopher Darrell, a retired

Branch Pilot with Marine and Ports. She associated herself with the congratulations to for all of the athletes representing Bermuda. Senator Dill congratulated Allen Temple AME Church on celebrating their 150th anniversary. She also congratulated Mr. Kelly Zuill on celebrating his 60th anniversary as a gospel music radio announcer. She also congratulated Ms. Melvina Robinson on celebrating her 90th birthday. Senator Dill also associated herself with the congratulations extended to all recent graduates from preschool through university.

Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto associated himself with the condolences offered to the family of the late Hon. Ottiwell Simmons. He also associated himself with the congratulations to all the athletes representing Bermuda. He thanked the organisation Bermuda is Love for their hard work offering a feeding programme, free legal clinics and trash clean up to name a few services they offer.

Madam President associated herself with the condolences offered to the family of the late Hon. Ottiwell Simmons. She also associated herself with the congratulations offered to all the athletes representing Bermuda. Madam President also associated herself with the congratulations extended to Senator B.A. Smith for all his hard work and dedication working with the Bermuda national swim team. She also associated herself with the congratulations extended to Mr. Carvel Van Putten on his retirement.

Adjournment

11:30a.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Wednesday, 19th July 2023 – which was agreed to.

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

11:30a.m. - Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto

11:45a.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

11:52a.m. - Senator L.L. Robinson

12:04p.m. – Senator B.A. Smith

12:17p.m. – Senator O.K. Darrell

12:33p.m.

Madam President acknowledged the presence of visitors Peter and Patricia from Toronto, Canada, in the Public Gallery.

12:33p.m.

Senate adjourned until Wednesday, 19th July 2023.

PRESIDENT

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Wednesday – 19th July 2023

NIL