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Friday, 3rd June, 2022

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Jache A.K. Adams, Lt. Col. the Hon. David A. Burch, 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. Renée D.L. Ming, Mr. R. Scott Pearman, Hon. Diallo V. 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. Kim E. Swan, Mr. Neville S. Tyrrell, Mr. Jason R. W. Wade, Mr. Michael A. Weeks, Hon. Kim N. Wilson.

[This meeting of the House was conducted virtually.]

10:00 a.m.

Prayers

10:02 a.m.

The Minutes of the Meetings of May 20, 2022 were confirmed.

10:03 a.m.

Papers and Other Communications

HON. W.H. ROBAN read the following communication to the His Honour the Speaker:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly the “North East Hamilton Local Plan 2022”.

Hon. W.H. Roban
Deputy Premier & Minister of Home Affairs

10:03 a.m.

HON. W.H. ROBAN read the following communication to the His Honour the Speaker:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Tribunal Report Draft North East Hamilton Local Plan 2022”.

Hon. W.H. Roban
Deputy Premier & Minister of Home Affairs

10:04 a.m.

HON. W.L.A. SCOTT read the following communication to the His Honour the Speaker:-

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Air Navigation (Fees for Certificates and Services) Regulations 2022” made by Her Excellency the Governor, in exercise of the powers conferred by article 4(3) of the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories)

Order 2013 (United Kingdom) as applied to Bermuda.

Hon. W.L.A. Scott
Minister of Transport

10:04 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

MR. W.H. ROBAN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Introducing the North East Hamilton Local Plan 2022”.

10:17 a.m.

MR. W.L.A. SCOTT read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Public Service Vehicle Modernisation”.

10:21 a.m.

MR. M.A. WEEKS read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Cybersecurity Workshop”.

10:25 a.m.

MR. M.A. WEEKS read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Hurricane Preparedness”.

10:32 a.m.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER asked for the indulgence of the House for MR. M.A. WEEKS to add a paragraph to his Ministerial Statement, which was agreed to.

10:33 a.m.

MR. J.P. HAYWARD read a Ministerial Statement entitled “National Youth Employment Strategy”.

10:41 a.m.

Question Period

MS. S.E. JACKSON asked a question to MR. W.L.A. SCOTT on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Public Service Vehicle Modernisation”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a question to MR. M.A. WEEKS on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Cybersecurity Workshop”.

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

MR. J.C. RICHARDSON asked a question to MR. M.A. WEEKS on his Ministerial Statement entitled “National Youth Employment Strategy”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11:04 a.m.

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

MR. E.D.G. BURT
MS. L.F. FOGGO
MR. D.V. BURGESS
MR. N.H.C. SIMONS
MR. J.S. SIMMONS
MR. S.A. SIMMONS
MR. M.A. WEEKS
MR. H.A. RICHARDSON
MR. L.C. CANNONIER
MR. W.H. ROBAN
MR. J.A.K. ADAMS
HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

11:30 a.m.

Orders of the Day

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that the Bill entitled the “Electricity Amendment Act 2022” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

11:45 a.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

11:57 a.m. – MR. T.C. FAMOUS

12:03 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

12:12 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES

12:15 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

12:21 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

12:33 p.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch.

2:00 p.m.

The House resumed.

2:00 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

2:09 p.m. – The Bill was committed.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

2:09 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN moved Clauses 1-6, which was agreed to.

2:11 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:14 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

2:16 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:16 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

2:17 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

2:19 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

2:21 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

Clauses 1-6 were agreed to, as printed.

2:20 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN moved Clause 7 and an Amendment to Clause 7, which was agreed to.

That the Electricity Amendment Bill 2022 be amended as follows:

Clause 7, which seeks to insert sections 32A and 32B, is amended in section 32A(3), by inserting after the words “For the avoidance of doubt,” the words “except as otherwise expressly provided,”.

2:25 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:26 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

2:27 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

2:29 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN

Clause 7 was agreed to, as amended.

2:30 p.m. – MR. W.H. ROBAN moved Clauses 8-13, which was agreed to.

Clauses 8-13 were agreed to, as printed.

The Schedule was agreed to,

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

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

2:35 p.m.

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH moved that consideration be given to the draft “Lease Agreement between the Ministry of Public Works and Gorham’s Limited” reference areas of all that property shown hatched in red on the plan labeled Sheet No 4533/008/10 dated 27 January 2020.

2:40 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

2:46 p.m. – MR. M.A. WEEKS

2:50 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

2:53 p.m. – LT. COL. D.A. BURCH

The Lease Agreement was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

2:57 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the Bill entitled the “Land Valuation and Tax Amendment Act 2022” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

3:03 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

3:11 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS

3:15 p.m. – MS. I.G. SIMMONS-WADE

3:19 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

3:24 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT (P.O.I)

3:24 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT asked for the indulgence of the House so that he attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the “Long Term Care Action Plan 2017”, which was agreed to.

3:24 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

3:26 p.m. – MR. J.P. HAYWARD (P.O.I)

3:29 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON

3:32 p.m. – MR. J.A.K. ADAMS

3:40 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

3:45 p.m. – The Bill was committed.

(MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair)

3:45 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT moved Clauses 1-4, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-4 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.

3:48 p.m.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 25(3), MR. E.D.G. BURT moved to withdraw the

following Motion, standing in his name, notice of which was given on February 4, 2022:

“That this Honourable House take note of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Historic Land Losses in Bermuda laid for the information of the House of Assembly on 10th December 2021.” -- which was agreed to.

3:49 p.m. – Item number 6 on the Order paper was carried over.

3:51 p.m.

MR. W.H. ROBAN moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Electricity Amendment Act 2022” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. W.H. ROBAN, the Bill entitled the “Electricity Amendment Act 2022” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

3:52 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Land Valuation and Tax Amendment Act 2022” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of E.D.G. BURT, the Bill entitled the “Land Valuation and Tax Amendment Act 2022” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

3:53 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn to Friday, 17th June 2022, which was agreed to.

3:53 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

3:59 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

4:16 p.m. – MR. D.V. BURGESS

4:29 p.m. – MR. M.A. WEEKS

4:34 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

4:40 p.m. – MR. W.M. CAINES

4:48 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN (P.O.O)

4:55 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

5:06 p.m.

The House adjourned until Friday, 17th June 2022 at 10:00 a.m.