

**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
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Ninth Virtual Sitting**

No. 10

Wednesday, 10th March, 2021

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Mr. Jache A.K. Adams, Hon. Lt. Col. 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. Michael 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. 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

10:03 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of March 5, 2021 were confirmed and the Minutes of March 8, 2021 were deferred.

10:03 a.m.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers

HON. D.V. RABAIN read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Professional Development for Public School Educators”.

10:25 a.m.

Question Period

Under the provisions of Standing Order 18(4), HON. E.D.G. BURT, on behalf of HON. C.L. DICKINSON, deferred oral responses to parliamentary questions from the Hon. N.H.C. Simons. (Deferred from Friday, February 26, 2021)

*1. Will the Honourable Premier please confirm to this Honourable House the value of the total accounts receivables due to the Government of Bermuda’s Consolidated Fund as at March 31, 2018, March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2020?

*2. Will the Honourable Minister please provide this Honourable House an aged receivable schedule for the three years in question?

*3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm to this Honourable House the value and details of receivables written off the Government’s books for the last three years?

HON. R.D.L. MING provided oral responses to parliamentary questions from MS. S.E.

JACKSON which were deferred from Friday, February 26, 2021.

10:25 a.m.

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

MR. T.C. FAMOUS
MR. D.V. RABAIN
MR. D.A. BURCH
HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

10:34 a.m.

Orders of the Day

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that the House resume in Committee of Supply for further consideration of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 2021/2022, which was agreed to.

(MR. T.C. FAMOUS in the Chair)

10:35 a.m.

MR. D.V. RABAIN moved for consideration of the following Heads: 16 – Ministry of Education Headquarters, 17 – Department of Education, 18 – Libraries and Archives and 41 – Bermuda College.

12:29 p.m.

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

2:00 p.m.

The House resumed in Committee of Supply.

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

2:00 p.m.

MR. D.V. RABAIN continued moving Heads 16 – Ministry of Education Headquarters, 17 – Department of Education, 18 – Libraries and Archives and 41 – Bermuda College.

2:42 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

2:50 p.m. – MS. L.F. FOGGO

2:51 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

2:51 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON

2:55 p.m. – MS. L.F. FOGGO

2:55 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

3:18 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

3:18 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

3:28 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON

3:30 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN (P.O.I)

3:31 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

3:31 p.m. – MR. J.C. RICHARDSON

3:38 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

3:48 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

3:49 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

3:50 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

3:51 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

4:00 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

4:02 p.m. – MS. L.F. FOGGO

4:02 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

4:04 p.m. – (MR. N.S. TYRRELL in the Chair)

4:06 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

4:07 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

4:14 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

4:15 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

4:19 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

4:20 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

4:23 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

4:24 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

4:26 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON

4:29 p.m. – MR. D.V. RABAIN

4:32 p.m.

MR. D.V. RABAIN moved that Heads: 16 – Ministry of Education Headquarters, 17 – Department of Education, 18 – Libraries and Archives and 41 – Bermuda College be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

4:33 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved for consideration of the following Heads 10 – Ministry of Finance Headquarters, 11 – Accountant General, 12 – Customs, 28 – Social Insurance, 38 – Office of the Tax Commissioner, 39 – Registrar of Companies, and 58 – Debt & Loan Guarantees.

5:43 p.m. (MR. H.K.E. SWAN in the Chair)

7:23 p.m. – MR. N.H.C. SIMONS

7:32 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

7:33 p.m.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that Heads 10 – Ministry of Finance Headquarters, 11 – Accountant General, 12 – Customs, 28 – Social Insurance, 38 – Office of the Tax Commissioner, 39 – Registrar of Companies, and 58 – Debt & Loan Guarantees be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that the Committee rise, report progress and ask for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The House resumed.

The Chairperson reported progress and asked for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

7:34 p.m. – Order number 2 on the Order Paper was carried over.

7:34 p.m.

MR. W.L.A. SCOTT moved that the Bill entitled the “Motor Car (Driver’s Licence Renewal) Amendment Act 2021” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

7:39 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

7:40 p.m. – MR. N.S. TYRRELL

7:42 p.m. – MR. D.J.R. LISTER III

7:43 p.m. – MR. W.L.A. SCOTT

The Bill was committed.

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

MR. W.L. SCOTT moved Clauses 1-3, which was agreed to.

Clauses 1-3 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.

7:49 p.m.

MR. W.L.A. SCOTT moved that the Bill entitled the “Motor Car and Auxiliary Bicycles (Validation and Amendment) Act 2021” be read a second time, which was agreed to.

7:55 p.m. – MR. R.S. PEARMAN

7:55 p.m. – MR. N.S. TYRRELL

7:58 p.m. – MR W.L.A SCOTT

The Bill was committed.

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

MR. W.L. SCOTT 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 amended, which was agreed to.

8:00 p.m. – Order number 5 on the Order Paper was carried over.

8:01 p.m.

MR. W.L.A SCOTT moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill

entitled the “Motor Car (Driver’s Licence Renewal) Amendment Act 2021” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. W.L.A. SCOTT, the Bill entitled the “Motor Car (Driver’s Licence Renewal) Amendment Act 2021” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

8:01 p.m.

MR. W.L.A SCOTT moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Motor Car and Auxiliary Bicycles (Validation and Amendment) Act 2021” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. W.L.A. SCOTT, the Bill entitled the “Motor Car and Auxiliary Bicycles (Validation and Amendment) Act 2021” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

8:03 p.m.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that at its rising, the House do now adjourn to Friday, 12th March 2021, which was agreed to.

8:03 p.m.

The House adjourned until Friday, 12th March 2021 at 10:00 a.m.