

BERMUDA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

SESSION OF 2023 - 2024

No. 2

WEDNESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER 2023

PRESENT:

Senator the Hon. Mrs. J.E. DILLAS-WRIGHT,
M.B.E., J.P. - PRESIDENT
Senator R.J. WIGHT
Senator the Hon. O.K. DARRELL, J.P.
Senator Ms. A.J.L. HODGSON
Senator Ms. L.K. SIMMONS
Senator L.L. ROBINSON, J.P.
Senator Mrs. R.S. TUCKER
Senator D.V. ROBINSON, J.P.
Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCOUTO, J.P.

ABSENT:

Senator Ms. K.J. BELL, J.P. – VICE PRESIDENT
Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. DILL

10:02a.m.

On the motion of Senator R.J. Wight, consideration of the minutes of the meeting of Friday, 3rd November 2023 was deferred.

Announcements

10:02a.m.

Senator the Hon. the President announced that Senator Kiernan Bell and Senator Rev. Dr. Emilygail Dill will be absent from today's meeting.

Ministerial Statements

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell, as Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, made a Ministerial Statement on "Heritage Month Theme 2024".

Question Period

Senator R.S. Tucker asked a question to Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell on his Ministerial Statement entitled "Heritage Month Theme 2024".

Senator R.S. Tucker asked a second question.

Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto asked a question.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell replied.

Senator R.S. Tucker re-asked her second question.

Senator R.S. Tucker asked a third question.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell replied.

Orders of the Day

10:23a.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the Senate do now take under consideration the Throne Speech with which Her Excellency the Governor was pleased to open the present Session of Parliament -- which was agreed to.

10:48a.m. – Senator R.S. Tucker

11:18a.m.

Madam President acknowledged the presence of the Hon. Diallo V. Rabain, JP, MP, Minister of Education and Acting Premier, in the Public Gallery.

11:18a.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

11:28a.m. – Senator L.K. Simmons

11:37a.m. – Senator D.V. Robinson

11:46a.m. – Senator D.V. Robinson withdrew his comment on the ruling of Madam President.

12:01p.m. – Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto

12:23p.m.

Madam President ordered that the Senate do now adjourn for lunch and resume at 2:00p.m.

2:00p.m.

The Senate resumed.

2:02p.m.

Madam President acknowledged the presence of Mr. Jaché Adams, MP, in the Public Gallery.

2:02p.m. – Senator L.L. Robinson

2:26p.m. – Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

2:41p.m. – Senator O.K. Darrell replied.

3:02p.m.

Madam President acknowledged that the Hon. Diallo V. Rabain, JP, MP, was in the Public Gallery earlier in his position as Acting Premier.

3:03p.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that the following message be sent to Her Excellency the Governor:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Senate has the honour to thank Your Excellency for the gracious speech with which Your Excellency was pleased to open the present session of Parliament.”

-- which was agreed to and ordered accordingly.

Congratulations and/or Obituary Speeches

3:03p.m.

Senator R.J. Wight offered condolences to the family of the late Mr. Colin Young, former CEO of BF&M, who passed at the age of 101 years old.

Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto offered condolences to the family of the late Mr. David Benevides, a well-known local architect and former RBYC Commodore. Senator DeCouto congratulated

all the sailors who took part in the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association Open and National Championship this past weekend in windy and challenging conditions - especially defending champion Miguel Power who placed first. He extended further congratulations to all those who were chosen to represent the island at the IODA North American Championship in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in July 2024.

Senator R.S. Tucker associated herself with the condolences extended to the family of the late Mr. David Benevides. She also offered condolences to the families of the late Ms. June Beek, Mr. Robert Vosper and Mr. Gordon “Ricky” Woolridge. Senator Tucker congratulated Colin Harper (Collie Buddz) on his nomination for a Grammy Award. She also congratulated Connor White who won bronze at the Pan Am Games. Senator Tucker congratulated Nicky and Marilyn Bascome who married this past Friday.

Senator L.L. Robinson associated herself with the condolences extended to the family of the late Gordon “Ricky” Woolridge. She also offered condolences to the family of the late Ms. Bernice Morton. Senator Robinson offered congratulations to the Women’s National Football team on their excellent performance recently. She also congratulated all the cast and crew of Troika on putting on their recent performance of ‘Serafina’ which required extra performances as it kept selling out.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell congratulated all the recently returned athletes from the Pan Am Games. He congratulated the sailors who qualified for the Olympics and associated himself with the congratulations to Connor White on his bronze medal. Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell congratulated the Gombey Warriors football team as well as Jaydon Goddard on their hard work as a professional body builder. He also congratulated the Tino Martinez Quintet performing at The Deep. He congratulated former diver Katura Horton-Perinchief working as a referee during the Pan Am Games. He also associated himself with the congratulations extended to Troika on their amazing performance ‘Serafina’.

Madam President associated herself with the congratulations extended to all of Bermuda’s

athletes and the cast and crew of Troika's 'Serafina'.

3:16p.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Wednesday, 29th November 2023 – which was agreed to.

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

3:16p.m.

Adjourned until Wednesday, 29th November 2023.

PRESIDENT

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Wednesday – 29th November 2023

NIL