



# BERMUDA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

## Official House Minutes

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**Speaker**

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**Proceedings  
of the  
Honourable House of Assembly  
Session of 2013**

**No. 6**

**Wednesday, March 06, 2013**

**Members Present:** His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne. J. Atherden, Kenneth. L. Bascome, Marc A. R. Bean, G. A. Blakeney, Walton D. Brown, Derrick V. Burgess, David G. Burt, Craig L. Cannonier Rolfe P. Commissiong, Nandi S. Davis, Zane J.S. DeSilva, Michael H. Dunkley, Lovitta F. Foggo, Wayne L. Furbert, Dr. Edmund G. G. Gibbons, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis P. Lister, Terry E. Lister, Trevor G. Moniz, Mark J. Pettingill. Everard T. Richards, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Suzann Roberts-Holshouser, Leah K. Scott, Michael J. Scott, R. Wayne Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Glen C. Smith, Jefferson C. Sousa, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

**10:03 a.m.** Prayer

associated all members of the House with these remarks.

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

The minutes of the Meeting of Friday 1st March, 2013 were confirmed.

MR. G. A. BLAKENEY associated himself with the remarks made by Mr. Moniz for the late Mr. Eddy DeMello a successful entertainment promoter.

Minutes of the Meeting of Monday March 4th 2013 were deferred.

MR. K. L. BASCOME associated himself with the condolences sent out to the family of the late Mr. Eddy DeMello and to the family of the late Roderick Harley E. Foggo; associated Ms. Foggo and Mr. Cannonier. Mr. Bascome also sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Cyril Drew.

**10:11 a.m.**

**Announcements by the Speaker:**

His Honour the SPEAKER announced the absence of the Hon. Mr. S. G. Crockwell from the House as he is still overseas on Government business.

MRS. S. ROBERTS- HOLSHOUSER associated herself with the condolences of the late Mrs. Muriel Parker; congratulated Nikita Robinson of HOTT 107.5 and the promoters of World Book Day.

**10:07 a.m.**

**Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches**

MS. K. N. WILSON congratulated Mrs. Patrice Frith Hayward who has been appointed Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center and associated Ms. Atherden.

MR. M. J. SCOTT associated himself with the remarks for Mr. Eddy DeMello; congratulations to the distinguished Judge Ms. Patricia Dangor, who retired as a Circuit Judge in London.

MR. T. G. MONIZ expressed condolences to the family of the late Mr. Eddy DeMello who was very well known for his work in the community. A friend and mentor to all who knew him. He

MS. L. F. FOGGO associated herself with the remarks of condolences to the late Mr. Cyril "Dickie" Drew a well known central figure of St. George's.

MR. R. P. COMMISSIONG associated himself with the remarks of condolences to the family of the late Mr. Eddy DeMello.

MR. SPEAKER associated himself with the sentiments of the House on condolences to the family of the late Mr. Eddy DeMello, whom he described as embracing diversity, a first class citizen and a Giant of a Man; he associated himself with the condolences to the family of the late Mr. Lloyd Raynor.

### Orders of the Day:

#### 10:39 a.m.

MR. E. T. RICHARDS moved that the House do now resume in Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2013/2014, which was agreed to.

MR. G. C. SMITH in the Chair.

10:40 a.m.

MR. S. D. RICHARDS moved Heads 50, 32, 68, and 72 - Ministry of Environment and Planning HQ, Department of Planning and Land Valuation.

12:00 p.m.

MRS. S. ROBERTS HOLSHOUSER in the Chair

#### 12:30 p.m.

MR. L. C. CANNONIER moved that the House do now recess for lunch, which was agreed to.

The Chairman ordered that the Committee resume at 2:00 p.m.

#### 2:00 p.m.

The Committee Resumed

MRS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER in the Chair.

2:00 p.m. - MR. S. D. RICHARDS continued.

The Chairman acknowledged the presence of two of Bermuda's Youth Parliament Members who will serve as Pages in the House this afternoon:-

Miss Kennedy Middleton and Mr. Chris Pacheco, both from Mount St. Agnes Academy.

2:17 p.m. - MR. M. A. R. BEAN

3:19 p.m. - MR. W. H. ROBAN

#### 3:29 p.m.

MRS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER acknowledged the presence of the Hon. Nalton S. Brangman, Senator and Minister of Education.

3:34 p.m. - MR. R. P. COMMISSIONG in the Chair.

3:35 p.m. - MR. N. H. C. SIMONS

#### 3:40 p.m.

MR. S. D. RICHARDS moved that Heads 50, 32, 68, and 72 - Department of Land Valuation, Ministry of Environment and Planning HQ be approved, which was agreed to.

#### 3:41 p.m.

His Honour the SPEAKER moved to take under consideration Heads 01 Governor and Staff, 05 Office of the Auditor General, and 63 Parliamentary Registrar, Non Ministry Departments.

MS. K. N. WILSON and MR. M. J. SCOTT cited Erskine Mays Parliamentary Practice and Procedures in reference to the Speaker's role in debates in the House or in Committee (p.220). The Chair briefly reviewed Erskine Mays Parliamentary Practice and Procedures on this point.

#### 4:02 p.m.

The Chairman noted the concerns raised by Opposition Members regarding the Speaker presenting the Budget Brief on Heads 01, 05, and 63. In light of Erskine Mays Parliamentary

Practice, The Chairman expressed agreement that it was not appropriate that the Speaker should be actively participating in any debate on the floor of the House or in Committee.

**4:03 p.m.**

His Honour the Speaker agreed to withdraw as a Spokesman from the House floor on the Heads, and the Hon. Premier agreed to present the Heads.

The Chairperson ruled that in the interest of fairness, the clock on the debate for these Heads 1, 5, and 63 would be reset at the one and a half hours set for these heads and would begin at 4:05p.m.

4:05 p.m. MR. L. C. CANNONIER moved Heads 01 Governor's Office, 05 Office of the Auditor General, and 63 Office of Parliamentary Registrar.

5:05 p.m. MR. C. W. D. BROWN

5:14 p.m. MS. L. F. FOGGO

5:27 p.m. MR. L. C. CANNONIER

5:31 p.m. MR. L. C. CANNONIER moved Heads 01, 05, and 63 for approval, which was agreed to.

5:32 p.m. MR. L. C. CANNONIER moved Heads 9 Cabinet Office, 14 Department of Statistics, and 26 Department of Human Resources.

6:32 p.m. - MS. S. E. JACKSON in the Chair.

7:05 p.m. - MR. M. A. R. BEAN

7:37 p.m. - MR. C. W. D. BROWN

7:41 p.m. - MR. M. J. SCOTT

7:50 p.m. - MR. T. E. LISTER

8:13 p.m. - MR. W. L. FURBERT

8:19 p.m. - MR. E. D. G. BURT

8:20 p.m. - MR L.C. CANNONIER

8:30 p.m. - MR. L.C. CANNONIER

Heads 9, 14, and 26 were agreed to as printed.

MR. E. T. RICHARDS 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 Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

**Orders of the Day:**

**8:31 p.m.**

On the motion of MR. E. T. RICHARDS, the Bill entitled the "Corporate Services Tax Amendment Act 2013" was then read a second time.

8:37 p.m. - MR. E. D. G. BURT

8:40 p.m. - MR. W. L. FURBERT

8:42 p.m. - MS. K. N. WILSON

8:44 p.m. - MR. E. T. RICHARDS

The Bill was committed.

8:48 p.m. MRS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER in Chair.

8:48 p.m. MR. E. T. RICHARDS moved Clauses 1-3

8:49 p.m. - MR. E. D. G. BURT

8:52 p.m. - MR. W. L. FURBERT

9:01 p.m. - MS. K. N. WILSON

9:05 p.m. - MR. E. T. RICHARDS

Clauses 1-3, as printed, were agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The Committee Rose.

The House resumed.

**9:13 p.m.**

The Chairperson reported the adoption of the Bill, as printed, which was agreed to.

MR. L. C. CANNONIER moved that the following resolution be now taken under consideration:-

**MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE**

**(SALARIES AND PENSIONS) ACT 1975**

I **HEREBY** do give notice that at the next day of meeting, I propose to move the following Resolution:

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that previous resolutions of this House made pursuant to section 2 of the Ministers and Members of the Legislature (Salaries and Pensions) Act 1975 be revoked;

**AND BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to section 2 of the Ministers and Members of the Legislature (Salaries and Pensions) Act 1975 the annual salaries payable to Members of the Legislature listed in Part A and Officers of the Legislature listed in Part B of the table below shall be set out in column 3 of the table with effect from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to section 2(2) and (4) of the Act, The annual salary payable to a Minister in the Senate(Full-time) shall be \$112,046 for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2013.

**TABLE OF SALARIES**

**A. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE**

(1)	EXISTING (2)	PROPOSED (3)
Senators	\$ 30,367	\$ 30,367
Members of the House of Assembly	\$ 56,023	\$ 56,023

**B. OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATURE**

(Salaries additional to salaries as Senators or Members of the House of Assembly)

President of the Senate	\$ 15,181	\$ 15,181
Speaker, House of Assembly	\$ 26,569	\$ 26,569
Vice President, Senate	\$ 3,308	\$ 3,308
Deputy Speaker, House of Assembly	\$ 13,285	\$ 13,285
Premier	\$168,069	\$151,262
Deputy Premier	\$125,491	\$112,942
Minister of Finance	\$134,455	\$ 121,010
(As a part-time Minister)		\$ 60,505
Attorney General	\$163,358	\$147,022
Other Ministers in House of Assembly	\$112,046	\$100,841
(As a part-time Minister)		\$ 50,421
Other Ministers in the Senate	\$ 56,023	\$ 100,841
(As a part-time Minister)		\$ 50,421
Opposition Leader	\$ 30,367	\$ 30,367
Junior Ministers in House of Assembly	\$ 11,387	\$ 11,387

Junior Ministers in Senate	\$ 11,425	\$ 11,425
Party Whips	\$ 7,593	\$ 7,593

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Premier

9:17 p.m. - MR. W. L. FURBERT  
9:26 p.m. - MR. G. A. BLAKENEY  
9:36 p.m. - MR. E. D. G. BURT  
9:44 p.m. - MR. L. C. CANNONIER

MR. L. C. CANNONIER moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. L. C. CANNONIER the, resolution was agreed to.

Orders 3-5 were carried over by the Speaker

Order number 7 was carried over.

MR. E. T. RICHARDS moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the "Corporate Services Tax Amendment Act 2013", be now read the third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. E. T. RICHARDS, the Bill entitled the "Corporate Services Tax Amendment Act 2013" was then read a third time by its title only and passed.

**9:49 p.m.**

MR. L. C. CANNONIER moved that the House, at its rising do adjourn to Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., which was agreed to.

9:49 p.m. - MR. M. A. WEEKS  
9:56 p.m. - MR. R. W. E. SCOTT  
10:02 p.m. - MR. W. L. SCOTT  
10:09 p.m. - MR. G. A. BLAKENEY

**10:12 p.m.**

The House adjourned to Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 10:00 a.m.