

**Proceedings**  
**of the**  
**Honourable House of Assembly**  
**Session of 2018-2020**

**No. 40**

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

**Members Present:** His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Lt. Col. David A. Burch, Derrick V. Burgess, E. David G. Burt, L. Craig Cannonier, Wayne M. Caines, Rolf P. Commissiong, Zane J.S. De Silva, Curtis L. Dickinson, Michael H. Dunkley, T. Christopher Famous, Jason P. Hayward, Lovitta F. Foggo, Wayne L. Furbert, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis J.R. Lister, Renee D.L. Ming, Trevor G. Moniz, R. Scott Pearman, Diallo V.S. Rabain, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Michael J. Scott, Leah K. Scott, W. Lawrence A. Scott, Jamahl S. Simmons, N.H. Cole Simons, Ben A. Smith, H. Kim E. Swan, Neville S. Tyrrell, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

**[This meeting of the House was conducted in the Temporary House Chamber located on the Third Floor at Veritas Place on Court Street in the City of Hamilton.]**

submit for the consideration of the Honourable House of Assembly, the “Government Fees Amendment Regulations 2020”, proposed to be made by the Minister of Finance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 2 of the Government Fees Act 1965.

**10:05 a.m.**

Mr. C.L. Dickinson

Prayers

Minister of Finance

Minutes of the Meeting of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 and March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were confirmed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read the following communication to the Speaker:-

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER announced Ms. Jache Butler and Ms. Dazhja Greaves would be observing today’s proceedings in the House, as prospective Pages.

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly, the “Bermuda Public Accountability Board 2019 Annual Report and Financial Statements”.

**10:07 p.m.**

Mr. C.L. Dickinson

MR. C.L. DICKINSON read the following communication to the Speaker:-

Minister of Finance

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:

With the Governor’s recommendation and in accordance with section 36(3) of the Bermuda Constitution, I have the honour to attach and

MS. K.N. WILSON read the following communication to the Speaker:-

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly, the “Bermuda Hospitals Board Annual Report for 2014-2015”.

Ms. K.N. Wilson

Minister of Health

**10:08 a.m.**

**Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers.**

MS. K.N. WILSON read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Bermuda Hospitals Board Annual Report 2015”.

**10:11 a.m.**

MR. W.M. CAINES read a Ministerial Statement entitled “Tabling the Repatriation and Mixed Status Families Bill”.

**10:31 a.m.**

**Question Period**

Under the provisions of Standing Order 18(4), MR. E.D.G. BURT deferred written response to the following parliamentary questions from Mr. L.C. Cannonier:-

Q1. Notwithstanding, the responses provided to questions by the Honourable Premier on July 12, 2019; will the Honourable Premier please advise this Honourable House if any Members of Parliament have been paid from the public purse for any services, other than Government Committees, Government Boards or Quangos?

Q2. Will the Honourable Premier please identify for this Honourable House the Members of Parliament and the amounts paid or the outstanding amounts due to them?

**10:31 a.m.**

MR. J.P. HAYWARD asked a question to Mr. W.M. Caines on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Tabling the Repatriation and Mixed Status Families Bill”.

**10:34 a.m.**

MR. N.S. TYRRELL asked a question to Mr. W.M. Caines on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Tabling the Repatriation and Mixed Status Families Bill”.

**10:35 a.m.**

MR. L.C. CANNONIER asked a question to Mr. W.M. Caines on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Tabling the Repatriation and Mixed Status Families Bill”.

**10:37 a.m.**

MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG asked a question to Mr. W.M. Caines on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Tabling the Repatriation and Mixed Status Families Bill”.

**10:38 a.m.**

MR. R.S. PEARMAN asked a question to Mr. W.M. Caines on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Tabling the Repatriation and Mixed Status Families Bill”.

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

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

**10:40 a.m.**

MR. S.D. RICHARDS asked a question to Mr. W.M. Caines on his Ministerial Statement entitled “Tabling the Repatriation and Mixed Status Families Bill”.

**10:42 a.m.**

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

**11:14 a.m.**

**Introduction of Bills**

MS. K.N. WILSON introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Health Insurance Amendment Act 2020”.

MR. W.M. CAINES introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the “Bermuda Immigration and Protection Amendment Act 2020”.

**11:15 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 2020/2021, which was agreed to.

(MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG in the Chair.)

**11:15 a.m.**

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH moved for consideration the following Heads: 36 – Ministry of Public Works Headquarters, 49 – Land Valuation, 53 – Bermuda Housing Corporation, 68 – Parks, 81 – Public Lands and Buildings, 82 – Works and Engineering and 97 – Land Title and Registration.

(11:36 a.m. - MR. H.K.E. SWAN in the Chair.)

(11:41 a.m. - MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG in the Chair.)

**12:17 p.m.**

THE CHAIRMAN noted that multiple Members were leaving the Chamber to attend the International Women’s Day event at City Hall, but invited the Minister to continue with his presentation up to the usual lunch break if he wished. The Minister continued.

**12:31 p.m.**

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH moved that the House do now adjourn for lunch and resume at 2:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

**2:00 p.m.**

The House resumed in Committee.

(MR. R.P. COMMISSIONG in the Chair.)

**2:01 p.m.**

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH continued on Heads 36, 49, 53, 68, 81, 82, and 97.

(2:39 p.m. - MR. N.S. TYRRELL in the Chair.)

3:16 p.m. – MR. L.C. CANNONIER

**3:51 p.m.**

THE CHAIRMAN acknowledged the presence of Former Speaker, Hon. K.H. Randolph Horton in the Public Gallery.

(4:35 p.m. - MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Chair.)

4:37 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

4:46 p.m. – LT. COL. D.A. BURCH

5:32 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

5:33 p.m. – LT. COL. D.A. BURCH

LT. COL. D.A. BURCH moved that Heads: 36 – Ministry of Public Works Headquarters, 49 – Land Valuation, 53 – Bermuda Housing Corporation, 68 – Parks, 81 – Public Lands and Buildings, 82 – Works and Engineering and 97 –

Land Title and Registration, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

(5:41 p.m. – MS. R.D.L. MING in the Chair.)

**5:41 p.m.**

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved for consideration the following Heads: 13 – Post Office, 14 – Department of Statistics, 61 – Department of Employee and Organizational Development.

**6:38 p.m.**

MR. J.S. SIMMONS moved for consideration the following Head: 51 – Department of Communications.

6:51 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
6:54 p.m. – MR. J.S. SIMMONS  
6:56 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
6:58 p.m. – MR. J.S. SIMMONS  
7:01 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
7:03 p.m. – MR. J.S. SIMMONS  
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7:05 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
7:05 p.m. – MR. J.S. SIMMONS  
7:06 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY  
7:07 p.m. – MR. J.S. SIMMONS  
7:08 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
7:09 p.m. – MR. J.S. SIMMONS  
7:10 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
7:11 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
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7:12 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
7:13 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
7:14 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
7:15 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
7:17 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
7:23 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
7:25 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
7:28 p.m. – MR. M.H. DUNKLEY  
7:29 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
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7:45 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
7:48 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
7:52 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
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7:56 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
7:58 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
7:58 p.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN  
7:59 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
8:00 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
8:02 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
8:03 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
8:04 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
8:07 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
8:10 p.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN  
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8:18 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
8:20 p.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN  
8:22 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
8:22 p.m. – MRS. J.J. ATHERDEN  
8:24 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
8:26 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
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8:29 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT  
8:30 p.m. – MS. S.E. JACKSON  
8:31 p.m. – MR. W.L. FURBERT

MR. W.L. FURBERT moved that Heads: 13 – Post Office, 14 – Department of Statistics, 51 –

Department of Communications, 61 – Department of Employee and Organizational Development, be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

MR. W.L. FURBERT 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 for leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

(8:37 p.m. - MR. D.V. BURGESS in the Speaker's Chair)

Order number 2 on the Order Paper was carried over.

**8:37 p.m.**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved the second reading of the Bill entitled the “Digital Asset Issuance Act 2020”, which was agreed to.

8:42 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

8:45 p.m. – MR. E.D.G. BURT

8:53 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

The Bill was Committed.

(MS. R.D.L. MING in the Chair)

**8:54 p.m.**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 1 to 10, which was agreed to.

8:58 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

8:59 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

9:01 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

9:02 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 1 to 10 were agreed to, as printed.

**9:03 p.m.**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 11 to 20, which was agreed to.

9:05 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

9:06 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

9:07 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

9:08 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

**9:10 p.m.**

Clauses 11 to 20 were agreed to, as printed.

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 21 to 32, which was agreed to.

9:12 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

9:14 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 21 to 32 were agreed to, as printed.

**9:14 p.m.**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 33 to 43, which was agreed to.

Clauses 33 to 43 were agreed to, as printed.

**9:19 p.m.**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 44 to 58, which was agreed to.

9:23 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

9:24 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

9:25 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

9:26 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

9:27 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

9:29 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 44 to 58 were agreed to, as printed.

**9:31 p.m.**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 59 to 68, which was agreed to.

9:34 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

Clauses 59 to 68 were agreed to, as printed.

**9:35 p.m.**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Clauses 69 to 85, which was agreed to.

9:39 p.m. – MRS. P.J. GORDON-PAMPLIN

9:40 p.m. – MR. M.J. SCOTT

9:41 p.m. – MR. C.L. DICKINSON

Clauses 69 to 85 were agreed to, as printed.

**9:43 p.m.**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved Schedules 1-3, which 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.

Order numbers 4 to 6 inclusive on the Order Paper were carried over.

**9:46 p.m.**

MR. C.L. DICKINSON moved that Standing Order 21 be suspended to enable him to move that the Bill entitled the “Digital Asset Issuance Act 2020” be now read a third time, which was agreed to.

On the motion of MR. C.L. DICKINSON, the Bill entitled the “Digital Asset Issuance Act 2020” was then read the third time by its title only and passed.

**9:47 p.m.**

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that, at its rising, the House adjourn to Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020, which was agreed to.

MR. E.D.G. BURT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

**9:47 p.m.**

The House adjourned until Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 10:00 a.m.