

BERMUDA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

SESSION OF 2022 - 2023

No. 7

THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH 2023

PRESENT:

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

**[This meeting of Senate was conducted in
the Senate Chamber at Veritas Place.]**

10:02a.m.

On the motion of Senator K.J. Bell, consideration of the minutes of the meetings of Monday, 20th March and Wednesday, 22nd March 2023 was deferred.

Orders of the Day

10:03a.m.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the Senate do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the "Appropriation Act 2023", together with the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 2023/2024 - which was agreed to.

The Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, Senator K.J. Bell in the Chair.

10:04a.m.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that Head 21 - Ministry of Health Headquarters; and Head 22 - Department of Health be now considered -- which was agreed to.

Senator Hodgson spoke on the Heads.

11:05a.m.

Senator K.J. Bell, in the Chair, acknowledged the presence of the Chief Strategy Officer for the Ministry of Health, Ms. Aileen Ratteray-Pryse, in the Chamber.

11:25a.m. - Senator R.S. Tucker

11:33a.m. - Senator R.J. Wight

11:37a.m. - Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto

11:38a.m. - Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

11:41a.m. - Senator R.S. Tucker

11:42a.m. - Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

11:43a.m. - Senator R.S. Tucker

11:44a.m. - Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

11:44a.m. - Senator R.S. Tucker

11:45a.m. - Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto

11:46a.m. - Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

11:48a.m. - Senator R.J. Wight

11:51a.m. - Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

11:52a.m. - Senator R.S. Tucker

11:58a.m. - Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

11:59a.m. - Senator R.S. Tucker

12:00p.m. - Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

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12:03p.m. – Senator A.J.L. Hodgson

12:04p.m.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that Heads 21 and 22 be approved as printed - which was agreed to.

12:05p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight in the Chair

12:06p.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that Head 71 – Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport Headquarters and Head 20 – Department of Youth, Culture and Sport be now considered – which was agreed to.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell spoke on the Heads.

12:30p.m.

Senator R.J. Wight, in the Chair, ordered the Senate do now adjourn for lunch and resume at 2:00p.m.

2:00p.m.

The Senate resumed in Committee of the Whole.

Senator R.J. Wight in the Chair

2:00p.m. – Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell spoke on the Heads.

2:33p.m.

Senator R.J. Wight, in the Chair, acknowledged the presence of Ms. Marva-Jean O'Brien, Permanent Secretary for Youth, Culture and Sport and Ms. Kimberly Bean, Director of Youth, Sport and Recreation, in the Chamber.

2:33p.m. – Senator B.A. Smith

2:51p.m. – Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell

3:30p.m. – Senator B.A. Smith

3:31p.m. – Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell replied.

3:32p.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that Heads 71 and 20 be approved as printed – which was agreed to.

3:32p.m. – Senator K.J. Bell in the Chair

3:34p.m.

Senator L.L. Robinson moved that Head 27 – Immigration; Head 55 – Financial Assistance; and Head 60 – Workforce Development be now considered – which was agreed to.

Senator L.L. Robinson spoke on the Heads.

4:57p.m.

Senator K.J. Bell, in the Chair, acknowledged the presence of Ms. Pandora Glasford, Acting Permanent Secretary of Economy and Labour and Ms. Malika Cartwright, Director of Workforce Development, in the Chamber.

4:58p.m. – Senator L.L. Robinson continued.

5:00p.m.

Senator K.J. Bell, in the Chair, acknowledged the presence of Mr. Anil Chatergoon, Ministry Comptroller and Mr. Dave Banarsee, Acting Director for Financial Assistance, in the Chamber.

5:00p.m. – Senator L.L. Robinson continued.

5:10p.m.

Senator K.J. Bell, in the Chair, acknowledged the presence of Dr. Danette Ming, Chief Immigration Officer, in the Public Gallery.

5:11p.m. – Senator R.S. Tucker

5:24p.m. – Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto

5:24p.m. – Senator R.J. Wight

5:25p.m. – Senator R.S. Tucker

5:27p.m. – Senator L.L. Robinson replied.

5:34p.m.

Senator L.L. Robinson moved that Heads 27; 55 and 60 be approved as printed – which was agreed to.

5:35p.m.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the following Heads be approved as printed:-

Non-Ministry Department Heads 01, 02, 05, 56, 63, 85, 92, 98 and 101;

Cabinet Office Department Heads 51, 61 and 80;

Ministry of Legal Affairs & Constitutional Reform Heads 87, 03, 04, 74, 75 and 88;

Ministry of Education Head 18;

Ministry of Health Heads 24 and 91;

Ministry of Transport Heads 48, 30, 34 and 35;

Ministry of Public Works Heads 36, 53, 68, 8 and 82;

Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport Head 52; and

Ministry of Home Affairs Heads 93, 29, 32, 49, 79, 89 and 97

– which was agreed to.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the Capital Account Estimates be approved and stand as part of the Bill – which was agreed to.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that Clauses 1 to 6 of the Bill, together with Schedules A to C, inclusive, be approved and stand as part of the Bill – which was agreed to.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the Preamble be approved – which was agreed to.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the Title stand as part of the Bill – which was agreed to.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the Report of the Committee on the Bill entitled the

“Appropriation Act 2023” be adopted by the Senate – which was agreed to.

The Committee rose.

The Senate resumed.

Madam President in the Chair.

Senate adopted the Report of the Committee.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the Bill be now read a third time – which was agreed to.

Senator A.J.L. Hodgson moved that the Bill entitled “The Appropriation Act 2023” do now pass – which was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly passed and ordered to be laid before Her Excellency the Governor for Her Excellency’s assent.

Congratulatory and/or Obituary Speeches

5:39p.m.

Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill offered condolences to the families of the late Mrs. Muriel Anderson and the late Mrs. Gladys Furbert, who were sisters and passed a few days apart. Both ladies were active in their churches and were highly regarded pillars of the community.

Senator L.L. Robinson associated herself with the condolences extended to the families of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Furbert, both stalwarts of the AME Church.

Senator L.K. Simmons congratulated Parliament Information Officer, Mr. Derek Lamb and his new wife, Mrs. Ashley Lamb, on their wedding earlier today. All Senators associated themselves with the congratulations.

Senator O.K. Darrell offered birthday wishes to his daughter Miss Tatum Darrell on celebrating her 12th birthday. All Senators associated themselves with the congratulations.

Adjournment

5:45p.m.

Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to Monday, 27th March 2023 – which was agreed to.

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

5:45p.m. – Senator O.K. Darrell

5:48p.m.

Senate adjourned until Monday, 27th March 2023.

PRESIDENT

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Monday – 27th March 2023

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