



THE SENATE OF BERMUDA

(SESSION OF 2023 – 2024)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sitting No. 9 – Monday, 18th March 2024

SENATE CONVENES (10:00am)

1. PRAYERS

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** – Minutes of 13th March 2024 to be deferred

3. MESSAGES

Message from the Honourable House of Assembly forwarding “The Appropriation Act 2024”, together with the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Financial Statements of the Consolidated Fund for the year ended March 31st, 2023” - Senator A.J.L. Hodgson, Junior Minister for Finance

“Consultation on Retaining the Local Workforce Position Paper 2024” – Senator L.L. Robinson, Junior Minister of Economy and Labour

“Bermuda College Annual Report 2022-2023” - The Hon. O.K. Darrell, Spokesman for Education

“Bermuda College 2023 Audited Financial Statements” - The Hon. O.K. Darrell, Spokesman for Education

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

“Merchant Shipping (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2024”^{**} - Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill, Junior Minister for Transport

7. PETITIONS

8. STATEMENTS

9. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

10. FIRST READING - PUBLIC BILLS

The “Appropriation Act 2024”**

{Governor’s Recommendation Signified}

The “Government Loans Amendment Act 2024”**

{Governor’s Recommendation Signified}

The “Payroll Tax Amendment Act 2024”**

{Governor’s Recommendation Signified}

The “Voluntary Registration of Vital Documents (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2024”**

11. FIRST READING - PRIVATE BILLS

12. QUESTIONS/QUESTION PERIOD

Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill to provide Oral responses to Parliamentary Questions from Senator R.S. Tucker.

*Q1. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to the total amount of child support payments that are in arrears as of 31 December 2023?

*Q2. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to the total amount of unpaid child support payments that are outstanding for each of the following periods - for up to 5 years in arrears, 10-15 years arrears and for more than 15 years?

*Q3. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to the total number of staff, and their positions whose specific job is dedicated to assisting with the recovery of child support payments that are in arrears?

13. ORDERS OF THE DAY

[**Items that may be considered under the Provisions of S.O. 25 or Suspension of S.O. 71(2)]

(1) **Senate will initiate Debate on the 2024/2025 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure with the Second Reading of ‘The Appropriation Act 2024’.

{Governor’s Recommendation Signified}

[Senator A.J.L. Hodgson | Junior Minister for Finance]

(2) Second Reading: The “Economic Development Amendment Act 2024”

[Senator L.L. Robinson | Junior Minister of Economy and Labour]

(3) Second Reading: The “Government Loans Amendment Act 2024”

[Senator A.J.L. Hodgson | Junior Minister for Finance]

{Governor’s Recommendation Signified}

(4) Second Reading: The “Payroll Tax Amendment Act 2024”
[Senator A.J.L. Hodgson | Junior Minister for Finance]
{Governor’s Recommendation Signified}

(5) Second Reading: The “Voluntary Registration of Vital Documents (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2024”
[Senator L.K. Simmons | Junior Minister for Home Affairs]

(6) Consideration of: The “Merchant Shipping (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2024”
[Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill | Junior Minister for Transport]

14. MOTIONS

15. CONGRATULATORY &/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES

16. ADJOURNMENT