



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
BERMUDA**



**Sitting No.2- Friday, 21st March, 2025
Order of Business
(Standing Order 14)**

(a) 10:00 a.m. HOUSE CONVENES

(b) PRAYERS

(c) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- Minutes of the 14th March, 2025 to be confirmed.

(d) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

(e) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OR MEMBER PRESIDING

Member: The Hon. Tinée S. Furbert will be absent from today's proceedings.

(f) MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

(g) PAPERS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HOUSE

"Tax Reform Commission (Extension and Operation) Order 2025" lay for the information of the House of Assembly-The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

"Actuarial Review of the Contributory Pension Fund of Bermuda as of August 1, 2023" lay for the information of the House of Assembly-The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

"Public Service Superannuation Fund-Actuarial Valuation as at March 31, 2023 for Funding Purposes" lay for the information of the House of Assembly-The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

"Ministers and Members of the Legislature Pension Fund-Actuarial Valuation as at March 31, 2023 for Funding Purposes" lay for the information of the House of Assembly-The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

"Financial Statements of the Consolidated Fund for the year ended March 31, 2024" lay for the information of the House of Assembly-The Hon. Wayne L. Furbert, Junior Minister of Finance

"Bermuda Immigration and Protection (Prohibition of Entry) Order 2025" lay for the information of the House of Assembly-The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

"Motor Taxi (Approved Taxi Meter) (Cabman MDT) Order 2025" lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

"Motor Taxi (Approved Taxi Meter) (Curb Digital Meter) Order 2025" lay for the information of the House of Assembly- The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

(h) PETITIONS

(i) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND JUNIOR MINISTERS

“Consolidated Fund Financial Statement 2024”- The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

“Actuarial Review of Government’s Pension Plans 2023”- The Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

“Heritage Month Theme 2025”-The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

“Transport Control Department Advancement of Digitalization”- The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

“National Fire Chiefs Council Peer-Led Review of the Bermuda Fire and Rescue Service”-The Hon. Michael A. Weeks, Minister of National Security

“Employment Amendment Act 2025”-The Hon. Jason. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

“Updates to the Bermuda Immigration and Protection (Prohibition of Entry) Order-Bermuda’s Visa Controlled Nationals List”-The Hon. Jason. P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

“Protecting Our Shores: Enhancing Lifeguard Coverage for the Safety of All”-The Hon. Jache A. K. Adams, Minister of Public Works and the Environment

“Salary Uplift for Public Officers”-The Hon. Diallo V. S. Rabain, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Digital Innovation

(j) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(k) QUESTION PERIOD

(l) CONGRATULATORY AND/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES

(m) MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

(n) PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

(o) NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(p) INTRODUCTION OF BILLS:

(I) GOVERNMENT BILLS

“Corporate Income Tax (Penalty Provisions) Amendment Act 2025”-The Hon. E. David Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

“Employment Amendment Act 2025”-The Hon. Jason P. Hayward, Minister of Economy and Labour

“Municipalities Amendment Act 2025”-The Hon. Zane J. S. DeSilva, Deputy Premier and Minister of Housing and Municipalities

(II) OPPOSITION BILLS

(III) PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BILLS

(q) NOTICES OF MOTION:

Motion to be moved by the Hon. E. David G. Burt, Premier and Minister of Finance

“**WHEREAS** it is provided by Section 96 of the Bermuda Constitution Order 1968 that if the Legislature is dissolved less than three months before the commencement of any financial year, the estimates for that year may be laid before the House as soon as practicable after the commencement of that year;

AND WHEREAS it is expected that the Appropriation Act in respect of the Financial Year 2025/2026 will not come into operation by 1st April 2025;

AND WHEREAS Section 97 of the Bermuda Constitution Order 1968 makes provision for the authorisation, by resolution of the House of Assembly, of expenditures in advance of appropriation;

“BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Honourable House, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 96 and 97 of the Bermuda Constitution, hereby empowers the Minister of Finance to authorise the withdrawal of moneys from the Consolidated Fund of the Government of Bermuda in an amount not exceeding twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total expenditure authorised by the Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 2024/25 for the purpose of meeting expenditure necessary to carry on the services of the Government and shall be effective from 1st April 2025 for a period not exceeding four (4) months or until the coming into operation of the Appropriation Act 2025, whichever is the earlier.”

(r) ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- 1) Consideration of the Speech with which His Excellency the Governor was pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.
[Premier and Minister of Finance]

Throne Speech Reply
[The Hon. Jarion C. Richardson, Opposition Leader]

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