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OECD Praises Bahamas

BY LICEC BASTIAN
 Journal Staff Writer

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest delivered good news in the House of Assembly yesterday, regarding The Bahamas' position with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

DPM Turnquest, while seconding amendments for a compendium of bills related to the financial services sector, said The Bahamas has passed the assessment of the OECD, which confirmed that the jurisdiction is a safe place



▶ Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest

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Bills Increase Financial Services Regulation

BY LICEC BASTIAN
 Journal Staff Writer

Legislators passed a compendium of bills related to the financial services sector, upping The Bahamas' fight to better safeguard the sector.

During a brief debate, in the House of Assembly yesterday, Minister of Financial Services, Trade and Industry Ellsworth Johnson said once passed and enacted, the bills will

assist The Bahamas in complying with several remaining matters to be addressed in its Financial Action Task Force action plan.

"The Bahamas as we're being regulated as a territory being regulated around the world is required to ensure that we are a safe jurisdiction where no act or funding or a quarter will be given to

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Davis Doubts Wilchcombe's Support for Chairman



▶ PLP Leader Philip Davis

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
 Journal Staff Writer

Progressive Liberal Party Leader Philip Davis believes former Minister of Tourism Obie Wilchcombe does not have the needed support to become the party's chairman at the upcoming

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GOVERNOR GENERAL VISITS SIR ORVILLE ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY



▶ Governor General, His Excellency the Most Hon. Cornelius A. Smith attended the 90th birthday celebration for former Governor General and former Parliamentarian, the Most Hon. Sir Orville Turnquest at his home, Friday, July 19, 2019. Also in attendance were Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis; former Governor General, the Most Hon. Sir Arthur Foulkes; former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham and Bahamasair Chairman, former Member of Parliament and son of Sir Orville, O. A. 'Tommy' Turnquest. (BIS Photos/Patrick Hanna)

Davis Confident in PLP's Leadership Security

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Philip Davis has been leader of the Progressive Liberal Party now for two years and he is counting on keeping it that way following the party's general convention.

Tuesday night's

address in Freeport was yet another opportunity for Mr. Davis to drive that message home to supporters.

Addressing those who turned out to the Taxi Union Hall, Mr. Davis advised that now is not

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D'Aguilar Denies Skybahamas Victimization

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Minister of Tourism and Aviation Dionisio D'Aguilar dismissed claims that the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority victimized Skybahamas Chief Executive Officer Randy Butler, who is still tail spinning after his airline was grounded.

Mr. D'Aguilar told The



▶ Minister of Tourism and Aviation Dionisio D'Aguilar

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anybody who is participating in providing the creation of or of weapons of mass destruction," Mr. Johnson said.

"And so, that is what we are attempting to do, to increase the regulation so that The Bahamas can be seen as a safe place for investment and for people to come to."

The proposed legislative pieces include the Investment Fund

Amendment Bill and Non-Profit Amendment Bill.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest, in seconding the compendium of bills, also acknowledged the need to keep apace with the changes and requirements of international organizations like the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

(OECD).

"As the FATF, in some cases add to their requirements, we will respond, taking no chances or doing all that is in our to clear the good name of our country, to re-establish The Bahamas as a strong and enduring financial services center," the DPM said.

"We just hope to save thousands of high paying, high skilled middle class jobs for Bahamians."

Shadow Minister of Finance Chester Cooper noted too, that the opposition had no serious burning issues with the compendium. However, he said there are still concerns about the proposed amendments to the Non-Profit Organization Bill.

"We find that this is an updated version of legislation we did not support, and we previously warned would be problematic among civil society and religious and

other nonprofit organizations," Mr. Cooper said.

"As usual, this government pressed on and did not listen to our good advice, so today we are here. We are where we are.

"It appears common practice of this administration to come back for quick amendments on bills just passed."

The deadline for passing the pieces of legislation is said to be September. However,

Mr. Cooper argued that the government had since December to propose the amendments.

The compendium of bills is now set to be read and debated in Senate on Friday.

It includes the Economic Obligations Ancillary Measures Act, the Investment Fund Act, the Non-Profit Organization Act, the Register of Beneficial Ownership Act and the Anti-Terrorism Act.

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the time to interrupt the party's progress and growth, but rather to let it continue with what he has dubbed the 'Brave Wave Team' consisting of himself, Deputy Leader

Chester Cooper, PLP Chairman Fred Mitchell and Deputy Chair Robyn Lynes.

Mr. Davis added that he is very satisfied with the enormous progress made throughout the party and is certain that the present

leadership team can and will take the PLP to victory in 2022.

The appeal comes in the face of reports that former Cabinet Minister Obie Wilchcombe will make another attempt to clinch the chairmanship

position.

At last report, former Attorney General Alfred Sears had also not ruled out the possibility of again putting in his name in the hat for leader.

In 2017, that battle ended with Mr. Davis

locking in the vast majority of votes, sealing his place at the top.

The PLP's three day convention kicks off today at the Melia Resort.

According to Convention Chairman Michael Halkitis, nearly

2,000 registered delegates are expected to be in attendance from across the country.

Tonight, Mr. Cooper will bring the keynote address and on Friday Mr. Davis will address the convention.

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Haitians Charged with Fraud



► Two Haitians and three Bahamians pleaded not guilty in the Magistrate's Court yesterday for conspiracy to commit fraud. (Journal Photo)



BY EARYEL BOWLEG
Journal Staff Writer

Two Haitians and three Bahamians were charged in the Magistrate's Court on Wednesday with conspiracy to commit fraud

by false pretense and intent to commit a fraudulent marriage.

It is alleged that Bridnay Johnson and Bernard Musgrove, both 19, Willy Exama and Ansele Nicolas, both 24,

and 48-year-old Bradley Smith tried to commit fraud to obtain a marriage license and a spouse permit.

It is also alleged that they were involved in abetment to commit fraud

and abetment to commit a fraudulent marriage.

According to police, the incidents took place on May 21 and June 11 at the Registrar General's Department.

They pleaded not guilty

to all charges and chose to have their trials heard in the Magistrate's Court.

Smith was also charged with aiding and vetting a fraudulent marriage.

They were not granted bail and advised by

Magistrate Kara Turnquest-Deveaux of their rights to apply for bail in the Supreme Court.

They are scheduled to return to court on October 3.

Marine Receives VBI

BY EARYEL BOWLEG
Journal Staff Writer

Royal Bahamas Defence Force officer Javon Seymour, accused of Petty Officer Percival Perpall's death, was served with a voluntary bill of indictment (VBI) fast tracking

his case to the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

He was informed by Chief Magistrate Joyann Ferguson-Pratt that he cannot provide evidence or call witnesses in support of his alibi in the Supreme Court.

Seymour was given the option to state his alibi to

the judge or submit it within the next month to the Department of Public Prosecution in which he chose the latter.

Last May, 35-year-old Seymour was arraigned for the April 28 death of Petty Officer Percival Perpall and the attempted murder of fellow officer

of Calvin Hanna and Ellis Rahming.

In a briefing back in May, Police Commissioner Anthony Ferguson said a gunman accessed Government House's Guard House around 2:30 am. The gunman opened fire on the guard commander wound-

ing him several times before fleeing. He was pursued by officers but escaped.

The aftermath led to an immediate assessment of key government structures directed by Defence Force Commodore Tellis Bethel.

Seymour's family members protested out-

side the Magistrate's Court while he was in the courtroom.

Nearly 10 of his relatives wore white shirts with his face and holding signs reading "Justice for Javon".

His case will be heard before Justice Bernard Turner on the August 16.



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OECD Praises

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for financial services and corporate investment activities.

"The OECD concluded that the domestic legal framework is in line with international standards and therefore, not harmful which is a nod to a slate of legislative and

regulatory reforms undertaken by the government since the New Year," Mr. Turnquest said.

"On July 19, 2019 the Global Forum on Harmful Tax Practices, an exchange of information, through the inclusive framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS),

approved the latest results of the peer review of The Bahamas' Domestic Law and Economic Substance."

Mr. Turnquest said "The Bahamas' commitment to the enhancement of transparency mechanisms demonstrates it will not be a jurisdiction that encourages or facilitates

financial crimes.

"This confirmation by the OECD that The Bahamas' domestic laws are not harmful affirms The Bahamas as a premier partner in the global fight against harmful tax practices and reinforces to the international community that The Bahamas is a safe place for finan-

cial services and other investment activities."

Mr. Turnquest said the Ministry of Finance will ensure that all participants in the financial services sector, including regulators, industry and stakeholders are doing their part to monitor full compliance with all provisions of the new laws.

"The working group on Financial Service Sector Reform will continue to review our legislative framework and engage with the international organizations to ensure the interest of our financial services sector are represented and protected," Mr. Turnquest said.

Skybahamas Victimization

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Bahama Journal that as minister, there is nothing he can do.

"Now that is not going to happen in any of my portfolios. I am very pro-

business. I want businesses to succeed as best as they can because it creates employment and opportunities for my people," he said.

"However, certainly when it involves the regu-

lation of a business where safety and oversight is so critical, there is no way that I am going to intervene in that process other than to ensure that there is no funny business going on."

Minister D'Aguilar added that it is on Mr. Butler to sit down with the regulator, address any deficiencies and get his airline back in the air.

"For whatever reason, regulating aircrafts is a

very technical issue and no politician is minded to get in the middle of that process," Mr. D'Aguilar said.

"If the regulatory body feels that there are deficiencies, I don't feel com-

fortable stepping into that and saying ignore those deficiencies and allow the airline to continue."

Calls were made to Skybahamas CEO Randy Butler, but were not returned up to press time.

FORM B
Notice of Intended Marriage
(Section 7(3))

The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Clifford Simon Clark, Single,
of 17 Springvale Avenue, Brentford TW8 9QH, Great Britain (UK)

and

Monika Milcarz, Divorced,
of 17 Springvale Avenue, Brentford TW8 9QH, Great Britain (UK)

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Dated this 30th day of May, 2019.

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FORM B
Notice of Intended Marriage
(Section 7(3))

The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Lawrence William Ludwig, Single,
of 3814 SE 12th Place, Cape Coral FL 33904, United States of America

and

Isabella Dawn Lanzante, Single,
of 3814 SE 12th Place, Cape Coral FL 33904, United States of America

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[Signature]
Registrar of Marriages

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(Section 7(3))

The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

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and

Deanne Christine Lewis, Divorced,
of 7062 Cantaberra Ct., San Diego 92129, United States of America

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of 1747 S.Spring Creek Dr, Lehi Utah 84043, United States of America

and

Lailani Aka Anderton, Single,
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Registrar of Marriages

FORM B
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(Section 7(3))

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and

Andria Lynn Bazilevich, Single,
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