SENATE
Tuesday, November 12, 2002
The Senate met at 1.30 p.m.

PRAYERS

[MADAM PRESIDENT in the Chair]

SESSIONAL SELECT COMMITTEES
(APPOINTMENT OF)

Madam President: Hon. Senators, in accordance with Standing Order 64, I wish to appoint the following Senators to serve on the following Sessional Select Committees of the Senate for the 2002/2003 session of the Senate:

**Standing Orders Committee**

- Dr. Linda Baboolal, Chairman
- Mrs. Glenda Morean-Phillip, Member
- Mr. Danny Montano, Member
- Mr. Wade Mark, Member
- Prof. Kenneth Ramchand, Member

**House Committee**

- Dr. Lenny Saith, Chairman
- Mr. Satish Ramroop, Member
- Mrs. Hazel Ann-Marie Manning, Member
- Mrs. Mary King, Member
- Mrs. Jennifer Kernahan, Member

**Committee of Privileges**

- Dr. Linda Baboolal, Chairman
- Mrs. Christine Kangaloo, Member
- Mr. Martin Joseph, Member
- Dr. Eastlyn McKenzie, Member
- Mr. Robin Montano, Member
Madam President: Hon. Senators, I have received the following correspondence from His Excellency the President of Trinidad and Tobago:

“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By His Excellency ARTHUR N.R. ROBINSON, T.C., O.C.C., S.C., President and Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

/s/ Arthur N. R. Robinson
President.

TO: SENATOR RUDRANATH INDARSINGH

WHEREAS by the provisions of paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 43 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the President acting in accordance with the advice of the Leader of the Opposition, is empowered to declare the seat of a Senator to be vacant:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR N.R. ROBINSON, President as aforesaid, acting in accordance with the advice of the Leader of the Opposition, in exercise of the power vested in me by the said paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 43 of the Constitution, do hereby declare the seat of you, RUDRANATH INDARSINGH, to be vacant.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the Office of the President, St. Ann’s, this 8th day of November, 2002.”

SENATOR’S APPOINTMENT

Madam President: Hon. Senators, I have received the following correspondence from his Excellency, the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago:
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O.C.C. S.C., President and Commander-in-Chief
of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

/s/ Arthur N. R. Robinson
President.

TO: DR. JENNIFER KERNAHAN

In exercise of the power vested in me by paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 40 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, I, ARTHUR N.R. ROBINSON, President as aforesaid, acting in accordance with the advice of the Leader of the Opposition, do hereby appoint you, JENNIFER KERNAHAN, a Senator.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the Office of the President, St. Ann’s, this 8th day of November, 2002.”

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Sen. Dr. Jennifer Kernahan took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as required by law.

PAPERS LAID


**RENT RESTRICTION (RE-ENACTMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL**

Bill to re-enact the Rent Restriction Act, Chap. 59:50 and to validate things done thereunder [The Minister of Public Administration and Information]; read the first time.

*Motion made*, That the next stage be taken at the next sitting of the Senate. [Sen. The Hon. Dr. L. Saith]

*Question put and agreed to.*

**COMPANIES (FORMER-ACT COMPANIES) (VALIDATION) BILL**

Bill to validate certain acts of former-Act companies [The Minister of Public Administration and Information]; read the first time.

*Motion made*, That the next stage be taken at the next sitting of the Senate. [Sen. The Hon. Dr. L. Saith]

*Question put and agreed to.*
CHILDREN'S AUTHORITY (AMDT.) BILL

Bill to amend the Children’s Authority Act, 2000 [The Minister of Public Administration and Information]; read the first time.

Motion made, That the next stage be taken at the next sitting of the Senate. [Sen. The Hon. Dr. L. Saith]
Question put and agreed to.

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (AMDT.) BILL

Bill to amend the Adoption of Children Act, 2000 [The Minister of Public Administration and Information]; read the first time.

Motion made, That the next stage be taken at the next sitting of the Senate. [Sen. The Hon. Dr. L. Saith]
Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

The Minister of Public Administration and Information (Sen. The Hon. Dr. Lenny Saith): Madam President, we have concluded Government’s Business for this sitting. I did indicate to the hon. Independent Senator, Prof. Kenneth Ramchand, that we would be prepared to start the debate on the Private Motion. He has, however, indicated that he is not yet ready to start and, as a consequence, Madam President, I beg to move that the Senate do now adjourn to Tuesday, November 19, at 1.30 p.m.

Sen. Wade Mark: Madam President, before moving the adjournment, could the hon. Senator indicate to this Senate what Bills we will be dealing with and, just for your guidance and my guidance, Madam President, I just want to draw your attention to 48(1) of the Standing Orders.

Sen. The Hon. Dr. L. Saith: Madam President, as indicated when I moved that we debate these Bills in one week’s time, let me reiterate that we will debate all.

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 1.46 p.m.