

**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

**Statutory Instruments Committee**

Dr. Linda Baboolal	Chairman
Mr. Knowlson Gift	Member
Mr. Rawle Titus	Member
Mr. Sadiq Baksh	Member
Ms. Dana Seetahal	Member

**VACANT SEAT**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

*Senator's Appointment*

*Tuesday, November 12, 2002*

“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: 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 2002.”

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PAPERS LAID**

1. Report of the Elections and Boundaries Commission on the Parliamentary Elections held on Monday, December 10, 2001. [*Sen. Rawle Titus*]
2. Fourth Report of the Elections and Boundaries Commission under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1990 and the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government) Act, Chap. 25:50 for the purposes of Local Government Elections. [*Sen. R. Titus*]
3. Report of the Statutory Authorities Service Commission for the year October 01, 2001 to September 30, 2002. [*The Minister of Public Administration and Information (Sen. The Hon. Dr. Lenny Saith)*]
4. Report of the Public Service Commission 2002. [*Sen. The Hon. Dr. L. Saith*]
5. The Judicial and Legal Service Commission Annual Report 2001. [*The Attorney General (Sen. The Hon. Glenda Morean)*]

6. Report of the Police Service Commission 2002. [*The Minister of National Security and Rehabilitation (Sen. The Hon. Howard Chin Lee)*]
7. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1996. [*The Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Sen. The Hon. Conrad Enill)*]
8. Report of the Teaching Service Commission for the year 2000. [*The Minister of Education (Sen. The Hon. Hazel Manning)*]
9. The Trinidad and Tobago Securities Exchange Commission Annual Report for the financial year ended September 30, 2001. [*Sen. The Hon. C. Enill*]
10. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the Institutional Strengthening Programme of the Women's Affairs Division of the Ministry of Culture and Gender Affairs (Now Ministry of Community Development and Gender Affairs) for the period January 01, 1998 to September 30, 1998. [*Sen. The Hon. C. Enill*]

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

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.*