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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WHICH OPENED ON DECEMBER 17, 2007

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SENATE

Friday, January 09, 2009

1.30 P.M.

The Senate having assembled, and it being the first meeting of the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Clerk of the Senate read the following Proclamation:

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No. 1 of 2009.

[L.S.]

By His Excellency Professor GEORGE MAXWELL
RICHARDS, T.C., C.M.T., Ph.D., President
and Commander-in-Chief of the Republic
of Trinidad and Tobago.

GEORGE M. RICHARDS
President

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (1) of section 67 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place within Trinidad and Tobago and shall commence at such time as the President may by Proclamation appoint:

Now, therefore, I, GEORGE MAXWELL RICHARDS, President as aforesaid, do hereby appoint the Red House, Port of Spain, Trinidad, as the place at which the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago shall be held and 1.30 p.m. on Friday the 9th day of January, 2009, as the time at which the said Session shall commence.

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 2nd day of January, 2009.

PRAYERS

[MR. PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

PAPERS LAID

1. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the National Library and Information System Authority for the period September 10 to 30, 1998. [*The Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Sen. The Hon. Mariano Browne)*]
Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the National Library and Information System Authority for the year ended September 30, 1999. [*Sen. The Hon. M. Browne*]
2. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the National Library and Information System Authority for the year ended September 30, 2000. [*Sen. The Hon. M. Browne*]
3. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the National Library and Information System Authority for the year ended September 30, 2001. [*Sen. The Hon. M. Browne*]
4. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the National Library and Information System Authority for the year ended September 30, 2002. [*Sen. The Hon. M. Browne*]
5. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the National Library and Information System Authority for the year ended September 30, 2003. [*Sen. The Hon. M. Browne*]
6. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the National Library and Information System Authority for the year ended September 30, 2004. [*Sen. The Hon. M. Browne*]
7. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the National Library and Information System Authority for the year ended September 30, 2005. [*Sen. The Hon. M. Browne*]

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8. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the financial statements of the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago for the period December 31, 2000. [*Sen. The Hon. M. Browne*]
9. Annual Report of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission for the year 2007. [*The Attorney General (Sen. The Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George)*]
10. The Working Document on Constitutional Reform for Public Consultation. [*The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries (Sen. The Hon. Conrad Enill)*]

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO NATIONAL STEEL
ORCHESTRA CORPORATION BILL**

Bill to establish the Trinidad and Tobago National Steel Symphony Orchestra Corporation and for matters incidental thereto, [*The Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs*]; read the first time.

**EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES
AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL BILL**

Bill to regulate emergency ambulance services, to provide for the registration of emergency medical personnel in Trinidad and Tobago, for the establishment of a National Emergency Ambulance Authority and for matters connected therein, [*The Minister of Health*]; read the first time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries (Sen. The Hon. Conrad Enill): Thank you, Mr. President. I beg to move that the Senate do now adjourn to Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 1.30 p.m.

Mr. President, the matter that we would debate is the Finance (Appropriation) Bill, which is going to be debated in the other place during the course of next week, and will be taken through all its stages. There is a deadline for this that has to do with the closing of the financial year. Also, the Bill to give effect to the measures in the Budget, the Finance Bill, is also on the agenda and we would seek to deal with that at the same time, because I believe there is also a deadline for it. As soon as those documents become available, they will be made available to Members of the Senate.

Before we adjourn, Mr. President, I wish to, on behalf of all of us, welcome our Senators back. We note that they are in good health and I trust that during the course of this year we would continue to do the work as we had successfully done on the last occasion.

Adjournment

Friday, January 09, 2009

Sen. Mark: Mr. President, just let me on one point of clarification. I do not know if the hon. Leader of Government Business can tell us, are you taking those two Bills simultaneously or are you going to take them on separate occasions?

Sen. The Hon. C. Enill: No, on separate occasions.

Sen. Mark: I, too, would like to join with him in welcoming you back, Mr. President, and all my colleagues.

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 1.40 p.m.