1. PRAYERS
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   (i) The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT) to the High Court with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended December 31, 2020.  
       (By the Ministry of Finance)

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   (iii) The Report on the first withdrawal in the amount of US$400.0Mn from the Trinidad and Tobago Heritage and Stabilisation Fund under Section 15A(3) of the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund Act, Chapter 70:09 for the year ended September 2020.  
        (By the Minister of Finance)

   (iv) The Report on the second withdrawal in the amount of US$200.0Mn from the Trinidad and Tobago Heritage and Stabilisation Fund under Section 15A(3) of the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund Act, Chapter 70:09 for the year ended September 2020.  
        (By the Minister of Finance)

   (v) The Report on the third withdrawal in the amount of US$300.0Mn from the Trinidad and Tobago Heritage and Stabilisation Fund under Section 15A(3) of the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund Act, Chapter 70:09 for the year ended September 2020.  
        (By the Minister of Finance)
Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 59 to the Minister of Education
(By Senator Wade Mark)
Having regard to the 2017 increase in the budget of the Tamana Campus, University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) project, from $975.5M to $1.5B, can the Minister provide an explanation for the approximately 50 percent variation in said budget?

Question No. 60 to the Minister of Education
(By Senator Wade Mark)
In light of the delay in the completion of the Tamana Campus, University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT), can the Minister state whether the Government intends to terminate its contractual arrangements with China Jiangsu International Economic and Technical Co-operation Group Ltd?

Question No. 65 to the Minister of National Security
(By Senator Wade Mark)
Can the Minister provide an update on any of the investigations conducted by the Police Service and the Police Complaints Authority into the shooting incident, which led to the death of Ms. Ornella Greaves, during protests near the Beetham Highway on June 30, 2020?

*Question No. 72 to the Minister of Finance
(By Senator Amrita Deonarine)
Can the Minister indicate whether a feasibility study is being conducted to examine the inclusion of sole traders and members of the informal economy under the National Insurance System?

*Question No. 74 to the Minister of Finance
(By Senator Amrita Deonarine)
Having regard to references contained in the Central Bank’s Monetary Policy Report, 2020 to the large number of errors/omissions on the country’s Balance of Payments account, can the Minister provide reasons for said errors/omissions?

*Question No. 75 to the Minister of Finance
(By Senator Amrita Deonarine)
Given the Minister’s projection in his 2020/2021 Budget Statement that the fiscal deficit for 2021 is expected to total $8.209 billion or 5.6 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), can the Minister advise as to the following:
(i) has a decision been taken by the Government as to how the deficit will be financed;

* Questions Nos. 72, 74 and 75 were deferred for one week on 09.02.2021 due to the absence of the Senator in whose name the Questions were filed.
(ii) if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, does the Government intend to engage in any domestic borrowing, external borrowing or drawdown from the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund to finance said deficit; and

(iii) what is the TTD value of the funds to be acquired from the sources mentioned at (ii), if any?

10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

11. STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

12. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

13. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

14. MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

(i) WHEREAS the Senate is asked to address amongst other things, complex legislation which necessitates focused deliberations;

AND WHEREAS the current global pandemic has impacted all aspects of life in Trinidad and Tobago, including the Parliament. As such, on August 29, 2020, the Senate agreed that the “time limit for Speeches in Debates be limited to 30 minutes for the mover/Member wrapping-up and the first speaker on the Opposition and Independent Benches, and 20 minutes for all other speakers”;

AND WHEREAS citizens are being encouraged to adapt to the ‘new normal’ while observing COVID-19 safety protocols;

AND WHEREAS the business of the Parliament should similarly adapt to the ‘new normal’ by allowing for the full time for Speeches in Debates;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate revert to the speaking time as set out in the Standing Orders with immediate effect.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

(ii) WHEREAS the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 provides for the establishment of commissions to manage the conduct of enquiries into public officers, departments and matters of public welfare;

AND WHEREAS Commissions of Enquiry are recognized as an important tool for social investigation in contemporary society, an effective mechanism for delivering truth, justice and social or organizational reform, and a device for inquiring into and ameliorating matters of public concern;
AND WHEREAS successive Government administrations have failed to adequately address public concerns which have arisen from time to time on whether the Commissions of Enquiry in Trinidad and Tobago have been effectively and efficiently carrying out their mandate;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Government to review the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 and the public inquiry process in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Anthony Vieira)

(iii) WHEREAS it is recognized that rising levels of domestic and foreign debt may negatively impact this country’s socio-economic development;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that because of Government’s policies, the working population has been experiencing the effects of these rising debt levels;

AND WHEREAS international credit rating agencies have cautioned about Trinidad and Tobago’s future borrowings, given the economic constraints caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government reconsider its borrowing policy in light of this country’s rising Debt-to-GDP ratio and the possible negative impact of same on the country’s socio-economic development;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Government to outline specific plans and programmes in respect of fulfilling its debt servicing obligations, in light of the economic constraints caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

(i) WHEREAS it is provided by section 4 of the Quarantine Act, Chap. 28:05 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister of Health may make Regulations, with respect to the whole or any part of Trinidad and Tobago, including the ports and coastal waters thereof, for preventing;

(a) danger to public health from ships or aircraft or persons or things therein, arriving at any place; and

(b) the spread of infection by means of any ship or aircraft about to leave any place, or by means of any person or thing;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by the said section 4 of the Act, that Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister has on the 4th day of February, 2021 made the Quarantine (Maritime) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 (hereinafter called “the Regulations”);

AND WHEREAS the Regulations were laid in the House of Representatives on the 5th day of February, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Quarantine (Maritime) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

(By the Minister of Health)
Bills Second Reading:

(i) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to repeal the Livestock and Livestock Products Board Act, Chap. 67:05’.  
(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

(By the Minister of Labour)

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APPENDIX

ORDER PAPER – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 73 to the Minister of Finance
(By Senator Amrita Deonarine)

Can the Minister provide a breakdown, in TTD value, of loans guaranteed by the Ministry for the period October 2019 - November 2020 for each State Enterprise and Statutory Authority?

(Answer due by 03.02.2021)

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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the President in accordance with Standing Order 25 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY**
   (By Senator Wade Mark)
   In light of the recent infection of three Immigration Officers and the quarantining of approximately twenty others, can the Minister indicate whether a regular testing COVID-19 programme for persons in such contact intensive jobs will be implemented?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
   (By Senator Wade Mark)
   Given the issue of defective compactors in Bon Air Gardens and environs and the consequent odour and scattering of garbage, can the Minister indicate what steps are being taken to address this issue which is affecting the health of residents?

3. **TO THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**
   (By Senator Jayanti Lutchmedial)
   Given the increasing number of reports of water supply disruptions nationwide, can the Minister advise as to the immediate to short-term response to provide relief to those negatively impacted?