

**THE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES
OFFICIAL REPORT
IN THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
WHICH OPENED ON JUNE 18, 2010**

SESSION 2014-2015

VOLUME 1

SENATE

Monday, August 04, 2014

1.30 P.M.

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

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No. 7 of 2014.

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By His Excellency TIMOTHY HAMEL-SMITH, Acting
President and Commander-in-Chief of the
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

TIMOTHY HAMEL-SMITH
Acting 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, TIMOTHY HAMEL-SMITH, Acting President as aforesaid, do hereby appoint Tower D, Port-of-Spain International Waterfront Centre, 1A, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, as the place at which the Fifth Session of the Tenth Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago shall be held and 1.30 p.m. on Monday the 4th day of August, 2014, as the time at which the said Session shall commence.

A Proclamation

Monday, August 04, 2014

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 23rd day of July, 2014.

PRAYERS

[MR. VICE-PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. Vice-President: Hon. Senators, I have granted leave of absence to Senators The Hon. Vasant Bharath and Gary Griffith and Sen. Anthony Vieira, who are all out of the country.

SENATORS' APPOINTMENT

Mr. Vice-President: Hon. Senators, I have received the following correspondence from His Excellency the Acting President, Timothy Hamel-Smith:

“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By His Excellency TIMOTHY HAMEL-SMITH,
Acting President and Commander-in-Chief
of the Armed Forces of the Republic of
Trinidad and Tobago.

/s/ Timothy Hamel-Smith
Acting President

TO: MS. KEITHA SMITH

WHEREAS Senator the Honourable Vasant Vivekanand Bharath is incapable of performing his duties as a Senator by reason of his absence from Trinidad and Tobago:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIMOTHY HAMEL-SMITH, Acting President as aforesaid, in exercise of the power vested in me by section 44 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby appoint you, KEITHA SMITH, to be temporarily a member of the Senate, with effect from 4th August, 2014 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of the said Senator the Honourable Vasant Vivikanand Bharath.

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 31st day of July, 2014.”

Senators' Appointment

Monday, August 04, 2014

“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By His Excellency TIMOTHY HAMEL-SMITH,
Acting President and Commander-in-
Chief of the Armed Forces of the
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

/s/ Timothy Hamel-Smith
Acting President

TO: DR. KRIYAAN SINGH

WHEREAS Senator the Honourable Anthony Vieira is incapable of performing his duties as a Senator by reason of his absence from Trinidad and Tobago:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIMOTHY HAMEL-SMITH, Acting President as aforesaid, in exercise of the power vested in me by section 44 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby appoint you, Kriyaan Singh, to be temporarily a member of the Senate, with effect from 4th August, 2014 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of the said Senator the Honourable Anthony Vieira.

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 4th day of August, 2014.”

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Senators Keitha Smith and Dr. Kriyaan Singh took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as required by law.

PAPERS LAID

1. Annual Report of Taurus Services Limited for the year 2013. [*The Minister of Finance and the Economy (Sen. The Hon. Larry Howai)*]
2. Annual Report of First Citizens Trustee Services Limited for the year 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. L. Howai*]
3. Annual Report of First Citizens Brokerage and Advisory Services Limited for the year 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. L. Howai*]
4. Annual Report of First Citizens Asset Management Limited for the year 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. L. Howai*]

5. Annual Report of First Citizens Investment Services Limited and its Subsidiaries for the year 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. L. Howai*]
6. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. L. Howai*]
7. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Information and Communication Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. L. Howai*]
8. Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Entertainment Company Limited for the fiscal year 2009/2010. [*The Minister of the Environment and Water Resources (Sen. The Hon. Ganga Singh)*]
9. Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Entertainment Company Limited for the fiscal year 2010/2011. [*Sen. The Hon. G. Singh*]
10. Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Entertainment Company Limited for the fiscal year 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. G. Singh*]
11. Annual Administrative Report of the Export-Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (EXIMBANK) for the fiscal year 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. G. Singh*]
12. Annual Administrative Report of the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending September 30, 2010. [*The Minister of Food Production (Sen. The Hon. Devant Maharaj)*]
13. Annual Administrative Report of the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending September 30, 2011. [*Sen. The Hon. D. Maharaj*]
14. Annual Administrative Report of the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending September 30, 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. D. Maharaj*]
15. Annual Administrative Report of the former Ministry of Food Production, Land and Marine Affairs for the fiscal year October 2011 to September 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. D. Maharaj*]
16. Annual Administrative Report of the Cocoa and Coffee Industry Board of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2010-2011. [*Sen. The Hon. D. Maharaj*]

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17. Annual Administrative Report of the Cocoa and Coffee Industry Board of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2011-2012. [*Sen. The Hon. D. Maharaj*]
18. Annual Administrative Report of the Cocoa and Coffee Industry Board of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2012-2013. [*Sen. The Hon. D. Maharaj*]
19. Annual Administrative Report of the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO) for the year 2010. [*Sen. The Hon. D. Maharaj*]
20. Annual Administrative Report of the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO) for the year 2011. [*Sen. The Hon. D. Maharaj*]
21. Annual Administrative Report of the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation for the period 2012/2013. [*The Minister of Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Marlene Coudray)*]
22. Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Justice for the fiscal year 2012. [*The Minister of Justice (Sen. The Hon. Emmanuel George)*]

**URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING PROFESSION
BILL, 2014**

Bill to establish a Council for Urban and Regional Planners and to provide for the regulation of the urban and regional planning profession and other matters incidental thereto [*The Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development*]; read the first time.

**LAND TENANTS (SECURITY OF TENURE)
(AMDT.) (NO. 2) BILL, 2014**

Bill to amend the Land Tenants (Security of Tenure) Act, Chap. 59:54 [*The Minister of Housing and Urban Development*]; read the first time.

PRECURSOR CHEMICALS (NO. 2) BILL, 2014

Bill to provide for the monitoring of prescribed activities and the prevention of the diversion of precursor chemicals and other chemical substances used, or capable of being used, in any type of illicit transaction involving narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and other drugs or substances having a similar effect and for purposes connected therewith [*The Minister of National Security*]; read the first time.

Adjournment

Monday, August 04, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

The Minister of the Environment and Water Resources (Sen. The Hon. Ganga Singh): Thank you, Mr. Vice-President. I beg to move that this Senate do now adjourn to Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

On that day it is the intention of the Government to deal with the Bill dealing with the right to recall and fix the time period for Prime Ministers, and that will be debated in the other place on August 11, 2014. So, I just want to give notice of that. Other than that we will deal with matters that are on the Supplemental Order Paper.

I thank you, Mr. Vice-President—time, 11.00 a.m.

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 1.44 p.m.