

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

NOTICE OF THE SEVENTH SITTING OF THE 2001 SESSION
TO BE HELD IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, THE RED HOUSE, PORT OF SPAIN,
FRIDAY MARCH 02, 2001 AT 1.30 P.M.

ORDER PAPER

- (a) PRAYERS
- (b) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER
- (c) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER
- (d) BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE
- (e) PETITIONS
- (f) PAPERS
 - 1. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the National Housing Authority for the year ended December 31, 1988.
(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
 - 2. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the National Housing Authority for the year ended December 31, 1989.
(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
 - 3. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the National Housing Authority for the year ended December 31, 1990.
(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
 - 4. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the National Housing Authority for the year ended December 31, 1991.
(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
 - 5. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the National Housing Authority for the year ended December 31, 1992.
(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

6. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the National Housing Authority for the year ended December 31, 1993.

(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

7. The Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

8. The Chaguanas Borough Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

9. The Diego Martin Regional Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

10. The Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

11. The Penal/Debe Regional Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

12. The Point Fortin Borough Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

13. The Princes Town Regional Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

14. The Sangre Grande Regional Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

15. The San Juan Laventille Regional Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

16. The Siparia Regional Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

17. The Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation Vesting Order, 2000.

(By the Minister of Infrastructure Development and Local Government)

(g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

(h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 1 to the Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)

- (a) Would the Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs please state whether he has commissioned any investigative report from Mr. Bob Liguist an anti-corruption forensic expert?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, would he state whether he has received any such report and if so would he lay the Report in this House?

Question No. 2 to the Honourable Minister of Community Empowerment, Sport and Consumer Affairs

(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)

- (a) Would the Minister confirm whether Success Village, Laventille was ‘adopted’ under the Adopt-a-Community programme instituted by his Ministry in 1998?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is yes, would the Minister indicate the sponsor or ‘adopter’ in respect of Success Village?
- (c) Would the Minister further indicate what benefits this community has derived infrastructurally, socially and/or financially from this sponsorship?
- (d) Could the Minister indicate the organisations, their registered addresses and/or projects which received such benefits under this programme?

Question No. 3 to the Honourable Minister of Housing and Settlements

(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)

- (a) Would the Minister indicate the total number of Housing Units located at the new NHA Housing Development known as Almond Drive Flats/Apartments, Lady Young Road, Morvant?
 - (b) Would the Minister outline the Government’s policy regarding the allocation of these apartments and further outline the fundamental terms of a typical agreement for one of these Units?
 - (c) Would the Minister indicate the number of Units already purchased and allocated to the new owner(s)?
- (i) REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
 - (j) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS
 - (k) PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

(l) INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)

(m) MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

(n) PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 56(1) of the Customs Act that the House of Representatives may from time to time by Resolution exempt from import duties of customs, goods, which are imported or entered into Trinidad and Tobago for use by any person for any purpose specified in the Resolution for such period as the House of Representatives may determine:

AND whereas the Resolution of the Legislative Council dated December 21, 1959, providing that certain classes of goods would be exempt from import duty was from time to time extended by further Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives:

AND whereas by Legal Notice No. 235 dated December 19, 1994 the last Resolution in respect of the goods identified below came into effect on January 1, 1995 and expired on December 31, 2000:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that certain goods be exempt from import duties of customs as of January 1, 2001:

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of section 56 of the Customs Act, exempt from import duties of customs the classes of goods imported or entered for use in Trinidad and Tobago for the respective purposes set out in the List of Conditional Duty Exemptions given in the Third Schedule to the Customs Act, for the period beginning immediately after the expiration of the last such Resolution of Parliament and ending December 31, 2001.

(By the Minister of Enterprise Development, Foreign Affairs and Tourism)

2. **WHEREAS** section 24(1) of the Cinematograph and Video Entertainment Act, Chap. 20:10 (hereinafter called "the Act") provides that the Minister may make Regulations for prescribing anything under the Act which is to be prescribed, generally for carrying the Act into effect and in particular *inter alia* as to the form and duration of licences issued under the Act and the conditions or restrictions subject to which a licence may be issue:

AND WHEREAS section 24(3) of the Act provides that the Regulations made under the Act shall have no force or effect until they have been approved by Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the Cinematograph and Video Entertainment (Amendment) Regulations, 2001 were made under section 24 of the Act, whereby the Cinematograph and Video Entertainment Regulations were amended in the manner set out therein:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Regulations:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Cinematograph and Video Entertainment (Amendment) Regulations, 2001 be approved.

(By the Minister of Communications and Information Technology)

3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (1) of section 86 of the Education Act, Chap. 39:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister may make Regulations generally for the purpose of carrying the Act into effect and in particular for prescribing anything that is , by the Act, required to be prescribed:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (2) of section 86 that Regulations made with respect to section 23 shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the Minister has on the 28th July, 2000 made the Education (Local School Board) regulations, 2000:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Regulations now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Education (Local School Board) Regulations, 2000 be approved.

(By the Minister of Education)

Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the second reading of the following bill which was adjourned on Friday February 09, 2001, will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to regulate the licensing and operation of private security agencies, the employment of security officers and matters incidental thereto’.

(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)

2. A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Supplemental Police Act, Chap. 15:02’.

(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)

3. A Bill entitled, ‘An Act respecting the safety, health and welfare of persons at work’.

(By the Minister of Labour, Manpower Development and Industrial Relations)

4. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to repeal section 14A of the Evidence Act, Chap. 7:02; to amend the Larceny Act, Chap. 11:12; to amend the Legal Aid and Advice Act, Chap 7:07, to allow a Magistrate to appoint an attorney at law to give legal aid to an accused; to amend the Bail Act, 1994; to amend the Negotiable Instruments (Dishonoured Cheques) Act, 1998; and for other related matters'.

(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)

5. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Airports Authority Act, Chap. 49:02 and for matters incidental thereto'.

(By the Minister of Transport)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday February 02, 2001 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS under the Constitution, the people of Trinidad and Tobago have asserted their belief in a democratic society; and

WHEREAS the Elections and Boundaries Commission (**EBC**) and an accurate and acceptable Voters List are essential ingredients of the democratic system required for the conduct of free and fair elections; and

WHEREAS, following the recent elections, there is considerable disquiet and anxiety in the country with respect to the role of the **EBC** and the state of the Voters List which was utilised during the General Elections of December 11th 2000:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call on the relevant authorities to take steps to review by way of a **Public Commission of Enquiry**, all the actions of the **EBC** in the preparation of the Preliminary and Final Voters Lists which were used on December 11th 2000:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House agree that the Government provide, through supplementary allocation, all the necessary financial and other resources to effect an immediate, comprehensive, nationwide voter registration exercise, inclusive of a new voter identification system:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this exercise be completed in the shortest possible time with a view to having improved procedures and a revised Voters List available well before any other national election becomes due in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

**JACQUI SAMPSON-JACENT
CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

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The Red House
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