

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**NOTICE OF THE THIRTIETH SITTING OF THE 2001 SESSION TO BE HELD IN
THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, THE RED HOUSE, PORT OF SPAIN,
ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2001 AT 10:30 A.M.**

ORDER PAPER

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 - 1. The Defamation 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 subsection (2) of section 13 of the Excise (General Provisions) Chap. 78:50 that the Minister may be Order impose any new excise duty or increase duty and from the date of publication of the Order in the *Gazette* and until the expiry thereof the duties specified in the Order shall be payable in lieu of the duties payable thereto:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by the said subsection that every Order issued under that subsection shall, after four days and within twenty-one days from the date of its first publication, be submitted to the Senate and House of Representatives and the Senate and House of Representatives may by Resolution confirm, amend or revoke such Order, and upon publication of the Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the *Gazette* the Resolution shall have effect and the Order shall then expire:

AND WHEREAS the excise Duty (Alcoholic Beverages) Order, 2001 was made under subsection (2) of section 13 of the Excise (General Provisions) Act, and first published in the *Gazette* on the 14th day of September, 2001.

And whereas it is expedient to confirm the said Order:

Be it Resolved:

That the Excise Duty (Alcoholic Beverages) Order, 2001 be confirmed.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (2) of section 13 of the Excise (General Provisions) Chap. 78:50 that the Minister may be Order impose any new excise duty or increase duty and from the date of publication of the Order in the *Gazette* and until the expiry thereof the duties specified in the Order shall be payable in lieu of the duties payable thereto:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by the said subsection that every Order issued under that subsection shall, after four days and within twenty-one days from the date of its first publication, be submitted to the Senate and House of Representatives and the Senate and House of Representatives may by Resolution confirm, amend or revoke such Order, and upon publication of the Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the *Gazette* the Resolution shall have effect and the Order shall then expire:

AND WHEREAS the excise Duty (Tobacco Products) Order, 2001 was made under subsection (2) of section 13 of the Excise (General Provisions) Act, and first published in the *Gazette* on the 14th day of September, 2001.

And whereas it is expedient to confirm the said Order:

Be it Resolved:

That the Excise Duty (Tobacco Products) Order, 2001 be confirmed.

(By the Minister of Finance)

3. **WHEREAS** section 41(1)(d) of the Integrity in Public Life Act, 2000 (“the Act) provides that the Commission may make regulations for the form of declaration to be submitted and any additional forms which have been prescribed or which may become necessary:

AND WHEREAS section 41(1)(e) of the Act provides that the Commission may make regulations for the period within which any information or document required by the Commission should be furnished or produced:

AND WHEREAS section 41(2) of the Act provides that regulations made under subsection (1), shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the Commission has on the 7th day of August, 2001 made

**The Integrity in Public Life (Prescribed Forms) Regulations, 2001
(hereinafter called “the Regulations”); and**

**The Integrity in Public Life (Period of Furnishing of Information)
Regulations, 2001:**

BE IT RESOLVED the Integrity in Public Life (Prescribed Forms) Regulations, 2001 and the Integrity in Public Life (Period for Furnishing of Information) Regulations, 2001, be approved.

(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)

4. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 100 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), that the Minister may make Regulations in respect of, *inter alia*, the better carrying out, generally, of the provisions of the Act and in particular for the safety, control and regulation of traffic and the use of vehicles or any class of vehicles on any road and the conditions under which they may be used:

AND WHEREAS it is also provided by section 100 of the Act that Regulations made under that section shall be subject to affirmative Resolution of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the Minister has on the 11th day of May, 2001 made the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”):

AND WHEREAS the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 2001 were laid in the Senate on Tuesday, July 03, 2001 and the House of Representatives on Friday, July 13, 2001:

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 2001, be now approved.

(By the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Tobago Affairs)

5. **WHEREAS** the Integrity in Public Life Act (No. 83 of 2000) together with the Integrity in Public Life (Amendment) Act (No. 88 of 2000), the Constitution (Amendment) Act (No. 89 of 2000) and the Constitution (Amendment) Act (No. 82 of 2000) (hereinafter referred to as the Integrity Package of Legislation) were proclaimed on November 6, 2000;

AND WHEREAS the package of legislation significantly enhances the scope and powers of the Integrity Commission so as to allow that body to exercise greater oversight and control over all persons exercising public functions;

AND WHEREAS Judges and Magistrates have been included as persons in public life under the said Acts;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised by the Judiciary that the provisions of the integrity legislation in so far as they affect members of the Judiciary constitute a threat to the independence of the Judiciary and amount to an alteration of their terms and conditions of service and that the Judiciary was not given the opportunity to comment on the provisions of the Legislation which were proposed by the Opposition:

BE IT RESOLVED that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament be established to review the provisions of the Integrity Package of Legislation to consider the views of the Judiciary: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Select Committee be also authorised to consider and review any other provisions of the Integrity Package of Legislation which the Committee considers necessary and submit its report and recommendations to the Parliament.

(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)

6. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (4) of section 7 of the Professions Related to Medicine Act, 1985, that the Council may, offer consultation with all the Boards for the time being established under this Act, and with the approval of the Minister, make Rules with respect to the form and keeping of the registers maintained on behalf of the Boards and the making of entries, alterations and corrections and other matters prescribed therein:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (8) of section 14 of the said Act, that the Council may, after consultation with each of the Boards, and with the approval of the Minister make Rules as to the procedure to be followed and the Rules of

evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee and other matters prescribed therein:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (5) of the said section 7 that Rules made under subsection (4) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS by Council has on the 6th day of June, 2001 made the Professions Related to Medicine Rules, 2001:

AND WHEREAS the Minister has on the 6th day of June, 2001 approved the Professions Related to Medicine Rules, 2001:

AND WHEREAS the Professions Related to Medicine Rules, 2001 were laid in the Senate on Tuesday, June 26, 2001 and the House of Representatives on Friday, June 29, 2001:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Rules now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Professions Related to Medicine Rules, 2001 be approved.

(By the Minister of Health)

7. **RESOLVED** that this House approve the decisions of the President to acquire the lands described in Appendix for the public purpose specified.

(By the Minister of Housing and Settlement)

Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the Second reading of the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday September 21, 2001 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, 'An act to provide for the Service of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending on the 30th day of September, 2002'.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act, to establish the Anti-Corruption Commission and for matters relating thereto'.

(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)

3. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago'.

(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)

4. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to validate the cancellation of certain postage stamps'.

(By the Minister of Finance)

5. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Pilotage Act, Chap. 51:02'.
(By the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Tobago Affairs)
6. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Airports Authority Act, Chap. 49:02 and for matters incidental thereto'.
(By the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Tobago Affairs)
7. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to re-enact and revise the laws respecting Weights and Measures and to give effect to the International System of Units (SI units)'.
(By the Minister of Community Empowerment, Sport and Consumer Affairs)
8. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Liquor Licences Act, Chap. 84:10'.
(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)
9. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control (Incorporation) Act, No. 34 of 1989'.
(By the Minister of Community Empowerment, Sport and Consumer Affairs)
10. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Registrar General Act, Chap. 19:03'.
(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)
11. A Bill entitled, 'An Act relating to the planning and development of land'.
(By the Minister of Integrated Planning and Development)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

1. **WHEREAS** the State Enterprises are entrusted with the management of billions of dollars of public monies and other assets; and

WHEREAS some of these Enterprises are being managed in such a manner as to deprive citizens of the benefits which should flow from their operations;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House take note of the existence and content of the **Integrated Security Systems Ltd. (ISSL) Report** which was commissioned by Petrotrin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House accept the Recommendations contained therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House direct the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee (PA[E]C) to summon Petrotrin to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity for the purpose of examining all matters relating to the award of contracts and matters incidental thereto with particular reference to Southwest Soldado (SWS), Sundowner and the Refinery Upgrade Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minister of Finance be directed to so augment the Parliamentary budget so as to ensure that all the necessary human and financial resources are available to the Committee, such additional expenditure to be taken up in a supplemental allocation.

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday May 25, 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)

3. **WHEREAS** a Special Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on an Audit into certain areas of Internal Controls of the North-West Regional Health Authority (NWRHA) was referred to the Public Accounts Committee on Friday June 29, 2001:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House mandate the Public Accounts Committee to consider the said report as a matter of priority and submit its report and recommendations to this Honourable House by **September 30, 2001**.

(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, 'An Act for the incorporation of the International Pentecostal Assembly Churches of Trinidad and Tobago and matters incidental thereto'.

(The Speaker will put the question that the Bill be now read a Second time)

**J. SAMPSON-JACENT
CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

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