



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**ORDER PAPER**

**THIRTEENTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2002/2003), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT**  
**MONDAY JANUARY 27, 2003 AT 1.30 P.M.**

- (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
- (g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
  - 1. The First Report of the 2002-2003 Session of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, on the proposals for the expenditure from the public revenue which were not included in the Annual Estimates, 2002.  
*(By the Minister of Finance)*
- (h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS
- (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 Finance (Variation of Appropriation) (2002) Bill, 2003.  
*(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)*
- (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. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the First Report of the 2002-2003 Session of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, on the proposals for the expenditure from the public revenue which were not included in the Annual Estimates 2002.

*(By the Minister of Finance)*

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to validate certain leases of State lands registered under the Real Property Ordinance Ch. 27 No. 11 and certain leases of State lands registered under the Registration of Deeds Act, Chap. 19:06 and for matters related thereto”.  
*(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)*
2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the State Lands Act, Chap. 57:01”.  
*(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)*
3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Freedom of Information Act, 1999”.  
*(By the Attorney General)*
4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, Chap. 75:01”.  
*(By the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)*
5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Children’s Authority Act, 2000”.  
*(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)*
6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Adoption of Children Act, 2002”.  
*(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)*
7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to re-enact the Rent Restriction Act, Chap. 59:50 and to validate things done thereunder”.  
*(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)*
8. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Constitution by providing for the establishment of a Police Management Authority, and for other related matters”.  
*(By the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)*

9. A Bill entitled, “An Act to make provision for the efficient management of the Police Service, to consolidate, amend and revise the law relating to the Police Service and for other related matters”.

*(By the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)*

10. A Bill entitled, “An Act to establish an independent body to investigate criminal offences involving police officers, police corruption and serious police misconduct and for other related matters”.

*(By the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)*

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Motion:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday January 24, 2003 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** more that twenty-six years elapsed since the coming into operation of our Republican Constitution (1976); and

**WHEREAS** during the said twenty-six years many circumstances have arisen highlighting deficiencies in the Constitution and calling into question the adequacy and/or relevance of many of the provisions thereof; and

**WHEREAS** there is urgent need to redress the inequity and divisiveness inherent in our first-past-the-post electoral system in a plural society such as ours and which have manifestly militated against the development of a truly cohesive and inclusive society; and

**WHEREAS** to date there have been several previous Constitution Commissions which have already reported on constitutional reform; and

**WHEREAS** there have been widespread public calls for constitutional reform to include *inter alia*, electoral reform, political reform and parliamentary reform;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament be established to make recommendations for urgent reform of the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago and be mandated to receive and consider comments from the public on constitutional reform:

**AND BE IT RESOLVED** that a non-partisan technical team be established by government in consultation with the Opposition to assist the Joint Select Committee;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the said Joint Select Committee report to Parliament within one year of its first sitting.

*(By the Member for Siparia)*

*Jacqui Sampson Jacent  
Clerk of the House*

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