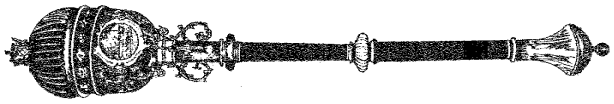

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-THIRD SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2004/2005), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
MONDAY JANUARY 24, 2005 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

1. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Penal-Debe Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 1999.

   (By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

2. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited for year ended December 31, 2003.

   (By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

(g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

(h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEARS IN APPENDIX 1

Questions for Oral Answer

[*]Question No. 5 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister state:

(i) what private hospitals are being utilized to conduct surgical procedures on patients belonging to the Public Health Institutions of Trinidad and Tobago;

(ii) whether these private hospitals were chosen by open tender, and if not, what was the process used;

(iii) with respect to each such private hospital, the specific procedures, the number done and the quantum of money paid for each procedure to date?

(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

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

(n) PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 56(1)(a) of the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 that the House of Representatives may from time to time by resolution provide that any class of goods specified in the resolution shall be exempt from import duties of customs if such goods are imported or entered for use by any person for any purpose specified in the resolution during any period to be fixed by the Minister in each particular case, not being a period terminating later than the date prescribed in the resolution as the last day on which such exemption shall be operative, and subject to such conditions as the Minister may impose:

AND WHEREAS by Legal Notice No. 45 dated 28th March, 2003, the last Resolution in respect of the class of goods specified in the First Column aforesaid expires 1st January, 2005:

- Question No. 5 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 10.01.2005

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said class of goods be exempt from import duties of customs as of 2nd January, 2005:

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 class of goods specified in the First Column of the Schedule hereto, being goods imported or entered for use for the respective purposes specified in the Second Column of the Schedule hereto for the period prescribed in the Third Column of the Schedule hereto but that this resolution shall cease to have effect in respect of any class of goods specified in the First Column that is manufactured in Trinidad and Tobago:

SCHEDULE

FIRST COLUMN	***SECOND COLUMN***	***THIRD COLUMN***
Class of goods	***Purpose(s) for which Goods are to be used***	***Period of Exemption***
Equipment, material and supplies	Imported for use in off-shore petroleum exploration and petroleum operations	From 2nd January, 2005 to 31st December, 2007

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

2. **WHEREAS** section 9(2) of the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic Consular and International Organizations) Act, Chap. 17:01 ("the Act") provides that the President may, from time to time by Order, declare that any international or regional organization or agency named and described in the Order, shall to such extent as may be specified in the Order, be accorded the privileges and immunities set out in Part I of the Act:

AND WHEREAS section 9(6) of the Act provides that on Order made under section 9(2) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the Privileges and Immunities [Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission (RJLSC) and the Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund] Order, 2004 ("the Order") was made under section 9 of the Act:
AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Order:

Be it Resolved:

That the Privileges and Immunities [Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission (RJLSC) and the Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund] Order, 2004, be approved.

(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)

3. **WHEREAS** section 5(1) of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Dominican Republic Free Trade Act, 2001 ("the Act") provides that where any amendment to the Agreement establishing the Free Trade Area between the Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic, executed by the CARICOM Secretariat on behalf of Member States on 22nd August, 1988 and its implementing Protocol, executed by the CARICOM Secretariat on behalf of Member States on 28th April, 2000 ("the Agreement"), is accepted by the Government, the Minister may, by Order, amend the Schedule by including therein the amendment so accepted:
AND WHEREAS section 5(3) of the Act provides that an Order made under section 5 shall be subject to affirmative Resolution of the Parliament:

AND WHEREAS an amendment to the Agreement was accepted by the Government:

AND WHEREAS the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Dominican Republic Free Trade (Amendment to the Schedule) Order, 2004 ("the Order") was made under section 5 of the Act:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Order:

Be It Resolved:

That the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Dominican Republic Free Trade (Amendment to the Schedule) Order, 2004, be approved.

(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)

Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday October 01, 2004 will be resumed:**

   A Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the vesting of the operational undertakings of Caroni (1975) Limited in another company and the vesting of the real estate undertakings of Caroni (1975) Limited and Orange Grove National Company Limited in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and to provide for the management of and for the development of those real estate undertakings".

   (By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)

2. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Evidence Act, Chap. 7:02; the Larceny Act, Chap. 11:12; the Bail Act, 1994; the Negotiable Instruments (Dishonoured Cheques) Act, 1998; the Forgery Act, Chap. 11:13; and the Electronic Transfer of Funds Crime Act, 2000".

   (By the Attorney General)

3. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday January 21, 2005 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Home Mortgage Bank Act. Chap. 79:08".

(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)

4. A Bill entitled "An Act to implement the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice and for other related matters".

(By the Attorney General)

5. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago".

(By the Attorney General)

6. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20".

(By the Attorney General)

7. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02".

(By the Attorney General)

8. A Bill entitled "An Act to criminalize terrorism, to provide for the detection, prevention, prosecution, conviction and punishment of terrorist activities and the confiscation, forfeiture and seizure of terrorists' assets".

(By the Minister of National Security)

9. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Offences Against the Person Act, Chap. 11:08".

(By the Attorney General)

10. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Family Proceedings Act, 2004".

(By the Attorney General)

11. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals".

(By the Minister of Health)

12. A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act, Chap. 30:01".

(By the Minister of Health)

13. A Bill entitled "An Act to provide for powers and jurisdiction in relation to pollution of the seas from ships, intervention on the high seas in cases of oil pollution, dumping of wastes at sea, prevention of pollution from ships, preparedness and response for oil pollution emergencies, liability and compensation for pollution damage and matters incidental thereto".

(By the Minister Works and Transport)

14. A Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the prevention and punishment of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, to give effect to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court done at Rome on the Seventeenth Day of July, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Eight; and for purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto".

(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)

15. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday November 19, 2004 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Old Age Pensions Act, Chap. 32:02 and to validate certain things done thereunder".

(By the Minister of Social Development)

16. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday November 19, 2004 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Public Assistance Act, Chap. 32:03 and to validate certain things done thereunder".

(By the Minister of Social Development)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** under the Constitution, the people of Trinidad and Tobago have asserted their belief in a democratic society and have recognized that men and institutions remain free only when freedom is founded upon respect for the rule of law; and

WHEREAS under the Constitution it is recognized and declared that in Trinidad and Tobago there have existed and shall continue to exist the fundamental human right of the individual to life and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except by due process of law and, the fundamental human right of the individual to the protection of the law; and

WHEREAS the Police Service is an essential pillar in upholding the rule of law and in ensuring the aforesaid fundamental human rights; and

WHEREAS the unprecedented twenty-one killings of persons by members of the Police Service has generated considerable alarm, anxiety and apprehension in the country and eroded public confidence in the Police Service:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House:

(i) reaffirm its commitment to the rule of law and the aforesaid fundamental human rights of the individual;

(ii) call on the relevant authorities to take steps to review by way of a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal all the actions of the Police in the police killings of persons;

(iii) agree that Government provide the necessary financial and other resources to effect the aforesaid review;

(iv) agree that this exercise be completed in the shortest possible time.

(By the Member for Siparia)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Public Broadcast of Debates and Business of Both Houses.

(By the Minister of Housing)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for St. Joseph)

Jacqui Sampson Jacent
Clerk of the House

House of Representatives' Secretariat
The Red House
PORT OF SPAIN

January 24, 2005

APPENDIX I

ORDER PAPER/ JANUARY 24, 2005

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 8 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

(a) Could the Minister indicate what services are free of charge at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex and what are not?

(b) Could the Minister itemize these services and indicate the cost of each?

Answer due by 10.02.2005

JANUARY 24, 2005