



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

THIRTY-FOURTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2004/2005), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY APRIL 15, 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 Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 1994.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
 - 2. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 1995.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
 - 3. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 1996.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
 - 4. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2004.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

5. The Report of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for the period 2002 to 2003.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
6. The 17th Annual Report of the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago for the year 2004.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
7. Annual Administrative Report of the Betting Levy Board for the period July 01, 2003 to June 30, 2004.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
8. Reply of the Honourable Attorney General to Recommendations of the Joint Select Committee contained in the First Report of the Joint Select Committee of Parliament appointed to inquire into and report on Government Ministries with responsibility areas as listed in PART I and on Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises falling under those Ministries.
(By the Attorney General)
9. The Value Added Tax (Amendment) Order, 2005.
(By the Minister of Finance)
10. The Minimum Wages Order, 2005
(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development and Minister in the Ministry of Housing)

(g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

(h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEARS IN APPENDIX I

Questions for Oral Answer

***Question No. 7 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister state whether there have been any cost overruns so far on the new Scarborough Hospital?

* Question No. 7 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 02.02.2005, for one (1) week on 16.02.2005, and three (3) weeks on 25.02.2005 and for a further one (1) week on 01.04.2005.

***Question No. 14 to the Honourable Prime Minister**

(By the Member for Oropouche)

Would the Prime Minister state what steps are being undertaken and programs implemented or supported by his administration to observe and highlight:

- (i) The United Nations Observance of International Women's Day March 08, 2005;and
- (ii) The United Nations Observance of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination March 21, 2005.

***Question No. 16 to the Honourable Attorney General**

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Could the Honourable Attorney General provide this House with a list of all the cases both criminal and civil, in which Parliamentarians have been retained as counsel, as well as, the amount of monies paid for their services since January 2002 to the present time?

***Question No. 17 to the Honourable Attorney General**

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Could the Attorney General provide this House with a list of all projects and programmes involving State Enterprises, Statutory Authorities and other State Institutions in which Parliamentarians have been engaged by the State, as well as, the amount of monies paid for their services since January 2002 to the present time?

***Question No. 18 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

(By the Member for Nariva)

With respect to the construction of the Swaha Hindu College, Sangre Grande, which has been experiencing repeated delays in completion works, could the Minister state:

- (i) why has construction been suspended since December 2004;
- (ii) when will construction be completed;
- (iii) how much money has been expended on construction of this school to date;
- (iv) how much is construction of the college expected to cost;
- (v) what was the original estimated cost for construction.

* Question No. 14, 16, 17, 18, 23, and 24 were deferred for one (1)week on 01.04.2005.

Question No. 21 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources

(By the Member for Nariva)

- (a) Could the Minister outline to this House how the Ministry intends to spend the twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) allocated to make the Nariva Swamp at Plum Mitan a food basket?
- (b) Could the Minister further state how much of the twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) has already been spent on the Nariva Swamp at Plum Mitan and on what projects?

Question No. 22 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources

(By the Member for Nariva)

Could the Minister state when payments for flood damage sustained in September/October 2004 by farmers in Plum Mita, Kernaham/Cascadoux and other areas in the eastern district would be made available to them.

***Question No. 23 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

With respect to the Vendors Booths built and rented on behalf of the Ministry around the Queen's Park Savannah, could the Minister state:

- (a) how many booths were built for Carnival 2005;
- (b) the cost of construction per booth;
- (c) how many were occupied during the Carnival season?

***Question No. 24 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister indicate whether there are plans to remove the paved area of the Queen's Park Savannah, and replace it with grass?

Question No. 27 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

Could the Minister indicate whether the Government intends to create new state agencies for the procurement of goods and services in Trinidad and Tobago.

- (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. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Tourism Development (Amendment) Bill, 2004 listed in Appendix II, be now considered.

(By the Minister of Tourism)

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)

4. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 86(1) 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 also provided by section 86(2) of the Act that Regulations made with respect to section 23 of the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the Minister has on the 19th day of February, 2005, made the Education (Local School Boards) (Amendment) Regulations, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”):

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

Be it Resolved:

That the Education (Local School Boards) (Amendment) Regulations, 2005 be now affirmed.

(By the Minister of Education)

Bills Second Reading:

1. 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)

2. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20”.

(By the Attorney General)

3. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02”.

(By the Attorney General)

4. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Offences Against the Person Act, Chap. 11:08”.
(HIV)

(By the Attorney General)

5. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Family Proceedings Act, 2004”.

(By the Attorney General)

6. 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)

7. **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)

8. **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)

9. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago”.

(By the Attorney General)

10. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Offences Against the Person Act, Chap. 11:08” (Harassment).
(By the Minister of National Security)
11. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50”.
(By the Minister of National Security)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the second reading of the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday April 01, 2005 will be resumed:**

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 the Second Interim Report of the Special Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Copyright (Amendment) Bill, 2004 be adopted.”
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the First Report of the Committee of Privileges of the House of Representatives 2004/2005 Session) on Allegations of Breach of Privilege arising out of an incident that occurred in the Members’ Lounge on Wednesday September 15, 2004 be adopted.
(By the Member for Arima)

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Clerk of the House (Ag.)*

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 25 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

Could the Minister provide the House with a breakdown of the cost of advertisements and public relation campaigns conducted by the Ministry in the media for the period October 01, 2002 to February 28, 2005.

Answer due by 08.04.2005

Question No. 26 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

Could the Minister provide a breakdown of how much funding was provided by the Ministry for various events to individuals and organizations for the period October 01, 2002 to February 28, 2005.

Question No. 28 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

With respect to the National Commission for Self Help could the Minister inform this House:

- (a) How many projects were approved for the period October 2002 to February, 2005;
- (b) The nature and location of each project; and
- (c) The cost of each project.

Question No. 29 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs

(By the Member for Chaguanas)

With respect to the Community Action for Revival and Empowerment Programme (CARE) could the Minister state how many programmes were approved for the period October, 2004 to February, 2005 and to which community groups were approvals granted.

THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2004

List of Amendments made in the Senate on Tuesday March 08, 2005

FIRST COLUMN

Clause

SECOND COLUMN

Extent of Amendments

New 6

Insert a new Clause 6 immediately after Clause 5 as follows:

“Section 6, sub section (1) of the Act is amended by inserting immediately before the word “Act” the words “*Hotel Development*”.

6 to 24

Re-number Clauses 6 to 24 as 7 to 25 respectively.

18 as renumbered

In sub clause (5) delete the word “.” After the word “*minister*” and insert the word “, but in any event not earlier than the date of Proclamation of this Act.”

March 8, 2005