



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FORTY-SEVENTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2004/2005), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT  
FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2005 AT 1.30 P.M.**

- (a) PRAYERS
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    - 1. Report on the Freedom of Information Act, 1999 for the period February 20, 2001 to December 31, 2003.  
*(By the Minister of Public Administration and Information)*
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- QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN APPENDIX I**
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  - (n) PUBLIC BUSINESS

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Motions:

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Monday June 06, 2005 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** under section 71 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter referred to as “the Constitution”) there is established an Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”):

**AND WHEREAS** under subsection (1) of section 72 of the Constitution the Commission is charged, *inter alia*, with the review of the number and boundaries of the constituencies into which Trinidad and Tobago is divided:

**AND WHEREAS** in accordance with paragraph (a) of the said subsection (1) of section 72 of the Constitution, the Commission on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004 submitted to the Honourable Prime Minister and the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives, a report in which it recommended that Trinidad should be divided into thirty-nine constituencies the boundaries whereof are delineated in Appendix “D” to the said report and Tobago should remain divided into two constituencies:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (3) of section 72 of the Constitution that as soon as may be after the Commission has submitted a report under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of the said section 72, the Minister, designated by the Prime Minister for this purpose shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the Draft Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report:

***Be it resolved:***

That the Draft Order entitled “The Elections and Boundaries Commission Order “2005” be affirmed.

***(By the Prime Minister)***

2. **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)***

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Home Mortgage Bank Bill, 2004 listed in Appendix III, be now considered.

***(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)***

### Bills Second Reading:

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

***(By the Attorney General)***

2. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap. 12:01”.  
*(By the Attorney General)*
3. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01”.  
*(By the Attorney General)*
4. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Bail Act, 1994”.  
*(By the Attorney General)*
5. 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)*
6. 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)*
7. A Bill entitled “An Act to establish an independent body to investigate criminal offences involving police officers, police corruption and serious misconduct and for other related matters”.  
*(By the Prime Minister)*
8. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Monday June 06, 2005 will be resumed:**  
  
A Bill entitled “An Act to establish the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation and for related matters”.  
*(By the Minister of Housing)*
9. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Venture Capital Act, 1994.”  
*(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)*
10. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Family Proceedings Act, 2004”.  
*(By the Attorney General)*
11. 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)*

12. **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)*
13. **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)*
14. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago”.  
*(By the Attorney General)*
15. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50”.  
*(By the Minister of National Security)*
16. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Tobago House of Assembly Act, 1996”.  
*(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)*
17. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Education Act, Chap. 39:01”.  
*(By the Minister of Education)*
18. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1994”.  
*(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)*

### 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 Third 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)*
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fourth 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)*

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday May 27, 2005 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the Occupational Safety and Health Act, No. 1 of 2004, was passed in the House of Representatives on December 05, 2003 and in the Senate on January 13, 2004; and

**WHEREAS** the said Act was assented to by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on January 30, 2004; and

**WHEREAS** the said Act has not been proclaimed and therefore cannot be implemented; and

**WHEREAS** there has been a high incidence of industrial accidents resulting in the death of several workers in the workplace;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government take all necessary steps to have the Occupational Safety and Health Act proclaimed and implemented without further delay.

*(By the Member for Nariva)*

2. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday April 29, 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)*

**3. The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday June 03, 2005 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** by virtue of Section 5(1) (c) of the Freedom of Information Act No. 26 of 1999, the President may by Order subject to negative resolution of Parliament determine such public authority or function of a public authority to which the Act shall not apply; and

**WHEREAS** the Freedom of Information (Exemption) Order, 2005 which was laid in the House of Representatives on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005 exempts “information held by a public authority relating to a matter subject to an investigation by the authority from the application of the Freedom of Information Act;”, and

**WHEREAS** the said Exemption Order, 2005 is contrary to transparency, accountability, good governance and for diverse other good cause and reasons:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the said Freedom of Information Exemption Order 2005, be annulled.

*(By the Member for Caroni East)*

*Neil Jaggassar*  
*Clerk of the House (Ag.)*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat*  
*The Red House*  
*PORT OF SPAIN*

*June 14, 2005*

**ORDER PAPER/JUNE 17, 2005**

**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.

**Answer due by 08.04.2005**

**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.

**Answer due by 13.04.2005**

**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.

**Answer due by 13.04.2005**

**Question No. 32 to the Honourable Minister of Housing**

*(By the Member for Princes Town)*

- a) Could the Minister provide this House with a list of the names and addresses of all the contractors engaged in the construction of houses by the National Housing Authority and/or the Ministry of Housing from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 to May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005?
- b) Could the Minister also state:
  - (i) the nature and extent of each contract awarded to the contractors named?
  - (ii) the exact location where each contract is being executed or will be executed?

**Answer due by 25.06.2005**

**Question No. 34 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**

*(By the Member for Chaguanas)*

With respect to the celebration of the following National Holidays Divali, Eid, Indian Arrival Day, Emancipation Day and Shouter's Baptist Liberation Day, could the Minister provide this House with a list of:

- (i) the name of each organization and/or individual that received grants from the Government for the period May 1, 2004 to May 30, 2005; and
- (ii) the amount that each organization/individual received?

**Answer due by 29.06.2005**

June 14, 2005



**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

Renumber 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**

**THE HOME MORTGAGE BANK BILL, 2004**

List of Amendments made in the Senate on  
Tuesday June 07, 2005

**First Column  
Clause**

**Second Column  
Extent of Amendments**

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By deleting paragraph (a) and substituting:

“(a) may borrow and advance money and mortgage or charge its undertaking or property or any part thereof and issue bonds, debentures, debenture stock and other securities whether as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the bank or of any third party or otherwise;

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Delete clause 14 and substitute the following:

Section 20 “Section 20 of the Act is repealed”.  
repealed

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At sub-clause (a) delete the words “and the Money Lenders Act” and the reference to that Act in the Marginal Note “Chap. 84:04”

June 08, 2000