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(By the Minister of National Security)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to make special provisions with respect to capital offences.”

(By the Attorney General)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Evidence Act, Chap. 7:02.”

(By the Minister of National Security)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** on November 26, 2010, the Minister of Works and Transport laid the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, 2010 in the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS there is no specific provision in the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (the Parent Act) that refers to or governs the regulation of mobile devices;

WHEREAS for the said regulations to be effective a general power to regulate mobile devices should be given to the Minister in the Parent Act;

WHEREAS the non-existence of a specific power to regulate mobile devices in the Parent Act could lead to a legal challenge of the said Regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, 2010 be negatived.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

2. **WHEREAS** Pension funds are critical to the long term saving rate of a country and for the safety and security of each individual citizen’s future;

AND WHEREAS the savings of individuals are a critical component in the growth and stability of the economy and the related financial system;

AND WHEREAS a critical part of an individual savings for his later years is his contribution to a long term pension fund;

AND WHEREAS the average length of time spent by any individual in any one organization has shortened considerably;

AND WHEREAS pension plans are currently designed to reward employees who remain with one organization for a considerable period of time;

AND WHEREAS there is no system for pension portability either in the public or private sector in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the lack of pension portability is a constraint on the free movement of labour resources and the ability of the working citizen to pursue alternative employment opportunity without a substantial loss of pension benefits;

BE IT RESOLVED that the government moves expeditiously to enact legislation to effect the portability of vested pension entitlements for both private and public sector employees.

(By the Member for Port of Spain South)

3. **WHEREAS** Parliament was advised that a component of the national security system (SIA) has for years been operating without the requisite legal authorization and may have violated the constitutional rights of citizens as it collected information of an unspecified nature;

AND WHEREAS Parliament has acted swiftly to rectify the situation in the interest of national security and the recognition of citizen's rights to unwarranted intrusion into their private affairs;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to treat responsibly with the body of information accumulated by the SIA;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable House condemn the action of the Government;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government report immediately to Parliament on how it has handled, and is handling the SIA files/data so as to give citizens the assurance that the SIA's actions no longer pose a threat to their interest or that of national security.

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

4. **WHEREAS** Dr. Eric Eustace Williams, renowned academic, scholar, author, intellectual, politician, visionary, regional integrationist, humanitarian and longest serving Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, is widely regarded as the "Father of the Nation";

AND WHEREAS September 2011 will mark 100 years since his birth in Trinidad and Tobago on September 24, 1911;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago in collaboration with the widest national and regional participation take tangible steps to mark the centenary of the birth of Dr. Eric Eustace Williams, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to all the people of Trinidad and Tobago and the region;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honorable House direct the Minister of Education to declare 2011 "Dr. Eric Williams' Year" and take all the necessary steps to ensure that the work and life history of Dr. Eric Eustace Williams feature prominently as part of the National School Curriculum at all levels of the education system during 2011 and beyond.

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

5. **WHEREAS** Trinidad and Tobago being a British colony prior to 1962 made use of and retained the Privy Council as our highest Court of Appeal;

AND WHEREAS upon attainment of Independence in 1962, and Republican status in 1976 the people of Trinidad and Tobago continued to make use of the Privy Council as our final appellate Court;

AND WHEREAS in association with the CARICOM States the UNC Government of Trinidad and Tobago with the support of the PNM Opposition advocated, signed on to and funded the coming into existence of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) as the country's highest and final Court of Appeal for all matters of judicial determination;

AND WHEREAS after successful lobbying by the people of Trinidad and Tobago, the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) is now headquartered in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable House condemn the procrastination of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago on the matter;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honorable House direct the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to ratify the necessary protocols so as to establish the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) as Trinidad and Tobago's final Court of Appeal.

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 15 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

- a) Could the Minister provide the names of all persons employed on contract within Government Ministries, Departments and Statutory Authorities along with the relevant positions occupied as at June 1, 2010.

(Answer due by 08.12.2010)

Question No. 16 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

- a) Could the Minister identify all persons employed on contract in Government Ministries, Departments and Statutory Authorities whose contracts expired between June 1, 2010 and October 31, 2010?
- b) Could the Minister state which contract officers were not renewed, identifying as well the positions held and the reasons for non-renewal?
- c) With respect to office holders whose contracts have not yet expired, could the Minister state whose contracts will be terminated on expiration and the reasons for such action?

(Answer due by 08.12.2010)

Question No. 17 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration

(By the Member for Diego Martin West)

Could the Minister state:-

- a) The names of all persons hired/recruited on contract in Government Ministries, Departments and Statutory Authorities between June 1 and October 31, 2010 and provide the relevant designation of each person so employed?
- b) Could the Minister identify which persons are newly recruited?
- c) Could the Minister identify which persons replaced contract employees who held contracts as at June 1, 2010?
- d) Could the Minister identify which of these are newly created contract positions and which are replacements for positions that existed via contracts as at June 1, 2010?
- e) Could the Minister provide the details of all monthly emoluments, perquisites and all benefits paid to all such persons hired/recruited on contract between June 1 and October 31, 2010?

(Answer due by 08.12.2010)

Question No. 18 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration**(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

For the period June 1 to October 31, 2010 could the Minister provide:

- a) A list of the names of all the persons employed on contract whose contracts have been terminated before the original completion dates and provide the relevant designation in each case?
- b) The reasons for the termination in each instance?
- c) Could the Minister further state, whether any person (s) has/have been hired in the place of any person (s) so terminated?

(Answer due by 08.12.2010)**Question No. 31 to the Honourable Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

With respect to contracts entered into with local contractors for the supply of goods and/or services to Ministries, the Tobago House of Assembly and State Enterprises which are funded by the Treasury, could the Minister identify:-

- (a) the projects and list the local contractors who have been paid any money in sums greater than one million dollars during the period September 1, 2010 to December 1, 2010 including the addresses and sums paid to each?

(Answer due by 07.01.2011)

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