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## ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 09, 2011: 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. Annual Report of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education (MSTTE) for the period October 01, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

**(By the Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education)**

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 42 to the Honourable Minister of Food Production, Land and Marine Affairs**

**(By the Leader of the Opposition)**

- a) Is the Honourable Minister aware that the initial projected completion date of the Carenage Fish Market and Waterfront Improvement Project was mid-year 2010?
- b) Is the Minister also aware that the Carenage Fish Market and Waterfront Improvement Project which is in an advanced stage of construction was halted before the projected completion date?
- c) Could the Minister state:
  - i. When will work resume on this project?
  - ii. What is the projected date of completion of the new Carenage Fish Market and Waterfront Improvement Project?

**Question No. 45 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs****(By the Leader of the Opposition)**

- a) On what date and time was motor vehicle PCN 466 driven and damaged by the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs?
- b) When was the accident reported to the Police by the driver and at what Police Station was the report made?
- c) Who were all the occupants of this vehicle at the time of the accident?
- d) What was the nature of the official assignment that the Minister was engaged in which involved the use of the vehicle on this occasion?
- e) Has the vehicle been repaired as at January 12, 2011 and what was the total/estimated cost of the repairs and all associated expenses resulting from this accident?
- f) From what vote were the expenses paid or are to be paid?

**Question No. 46 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs****(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) How many employees of the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago were suspended?
- b) What dates were the suspensions effected and for how long?
- c) What were the reasons for the suspensions?
- d) The number of contracts that were terminated as a result of the suspensions?

**Question No. 47 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs****(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) When will the upgrade of the Henry Street, Arouca Recreational Ground, Clayton Ince Ground, Maloney and the Bon Air Gardens Recreational Grounds commence?
- b) What were the original dates for the commencement of these projects?
- c) What are the revised commencement and completion dates?
- d) What is the reason for the delay in the commencement of upgrading these recreational facilities?

**Question No. 48 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government****(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) The number of projects undertaken by the Tunapuna Piarco Regional Corporation during the period, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010?
- b) The total expenditure on these projects?
- c) The names of the contractors employed to undertake these projects?
- d) The list of new projects proposed by this Regional Corporation and their scheduled commencement dates?

**Question No. 52 to the Honourable Prime Minister****(By the Leader of the Opposition)**

With respect to the financing of the Uff Commission of Enquiry could the Honourable Prime Minister state:

- a) The total cost, to the taxpayer, of the Uff Commission of Enquiry?
- b) The total cost incurred by each State Agency, quasi-state agency, including NIPDEC and Central Government entity which participated in the enquiry?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON  
DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to give legal effect to electronic documents, electronic records, electronic signatures and electronic transactions”.

**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**

2. **The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday February 04, 2011 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the protection of personal privacy and information.”

**(By the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister)**

3. 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)**

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

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 to enhance border control by providing for advance passenger and cargo information to be submitted electronically to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise and for related matters”.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday January 28, 2011 will be resumed:

1. **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)**

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** 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)**

4. **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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February 7, 2011