



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY MARCH 11, 2011: 1:30 P.M.

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(By the Minister of Food Production, Land and Marine Affairs)
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(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)
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(By the Attorney General)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 9 of the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organisations) Act, Chap. 17:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order declare that any international or regional organization or agency named or described in such Order shall, to such extent as specified in the Order, be accorded certain privileges and immunities;

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 9 of the Act that every Order made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 15th day of February, 2011 made the Privileges and Immunities [CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)] Order, 2011;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the Order now be affirmed:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Privileges and Immunities [CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)] Order, 2011 be approved.

**(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Statutory Authorities Act, Chap. 24:01”.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

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

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

3. 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)**

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Exchequer and Audit Act, Chap. 69:01 to provide for payments into and issues out of the Exchequer and Account and for payments of other public moneys howsoever held, by means of electronic funds transfer and for related matters”.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to re-enact certain provisions of the Valuation of Land Act, Chap. 58:03”.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the property Tax Act, 2009 (Act No. 18 of 2009), to re-enact the Lands and Buildings Taxes Act (Chap. 76:04) and Part V of the Municipal Corporations Act (Chap. 25:04) which were repealed by the Property Tax Act, 2009 and to reverse some of the amendments made by the Valuation of Land (Amendment) Act, 2009 (Act No. 17 of 2009)”.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

7. A Bill entitled, “An Act relating to exemptions from land and house taxes”.

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

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday February 25, 2011 will be resumed:**

**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 Honourable 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 Honourable House condemn the procrastination of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago on the matter:

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Honourable 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)**

5. **WHEREAS** in accordance with Standing Order 27(4), on Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, there was referred to the Committee of Privileges a matter of privilege involving the member for San Fernando East;

**AND WHEREAS** the Committee is empowered by the Standing Orders to consider the matter so referred to it and report thereon to the House and such report may contain the opinions and observations of the Committee;

**AND WHEREAS** in the course of the proceedings before the Committee, the Committee has in accordance with settled practice permitted the Member to have legal representation before the Committee, such legal representative(s) being permitted to be present at the sittings of the Committee and to advise the Member;

**AND WHEREAS** the Member has requested the Committee to permit his legal representatives to address the Committee and make representations on his behalf before the Committee:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House do authorise the Committee to allow the Member's legal representative to address the Committee and examine any witnesses before the Committee on his behalf.

**(By the Member of Point Fortin)**

### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the First Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report to Parliament on essential guiding policies related to Member and staff accommodation during the Restoration of the Red House Project.

**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**

*Jacqui Sampson Meiguel  
Clerk of the House*

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**March 02, 2011**