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OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

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1. The Administrative Report of the Tobago House of Assembly for the period January to December, 2007.
(By the Honourable Prime Minister)
2. The Administrative Report of the Tobago House of Assembly for the period January to December, 2008.
(By the Honourable Prime Minister)
3. The Administrative Report of the Tobago House of Assembly for the period January to December, 2009.
(By the Honourable Prime Minister)
4. The Industrial Court (Pensions and Gratuities of Members) (Amendment) Regulations, 2011.
(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)
5. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

6. The Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year ended September 30, 2010.

(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 82 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)

Could the Honourable Minister indicate:

- a) The total cost of laptops distributed as at April 01, 2011?
- b) The number of laptops distributed to teachers as at March 01, 2011?
- c) The number of schools technically upgraded to facilitate the use of the laptops for teaching and learning?
- d) The total sum expended on the laptop initiative as at April 01, 2011?

Question No. 83 to the Honourable Minister of Education

(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)

Could the Honourable Minister indicate:

- a) The dates of commencement and completion of construction of Belmont Boys' R.C. School?
- b) The dates of commencement and completion of construction of Rose Hill Girls' R.C. School?
- c) The projected cost of construction of Belmont Boys' R.C. School?
- d) The projected cost of construction of Rose Hill Girls' R.C. School?
- e) The number of pupils expected to be accommodated in each school?

Question No. 84 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

Could the Minister state:

- (a) How many buses provide transportation to the disabled community?
- (b) The communities that receive such a service for disabled residents?
- (c) Whether all these buses are operational?
- (d) If the answer to (c) above is in the negative, how long have they been out of service?
- (e) When will the buses that are out of service resume operation?

Question No. 85 to the Honourable Minister of Education**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) How many steel pan school tutors are currently teaching in the school system?
- (b) The names of the schools to which these steel pan tutors are assigned?
- (c) What are the end dates of the existing contracts for these tutors?
- (d) Upon the end of their contracts, is it proposed to issue new contracts to these tutors?

Question No. 86 to the Honourable Minister of Education**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) How many Form 1 teachers have been trained in computer literacy and internet use as a means of teaching their students who were recipients of laptops?
- (b) How many training courses in computer literacy and internet use were held to date?
- (c) With respect to the ongoing training of Form 1 teachers, what is the expected completion date for training?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2011.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate Amendments to the Anti-Gang Bill, 2010 listed in Appendix I be now considered.

(By the Attorney General)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate Amendments to the Bail (Amendment) Bill, 2010 listed in Appendix II be now considered.

(By the Attorney General)

3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 78 of the Police Service Act, Chap. 15:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may make Regulations, *inter alia*, to give effect to the purpose of the Act and generally for the good order and management of the Police Service:

AND WHEREAS it is also provided by section 78 of the Act that every Order made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives:

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 21st day of March, 2011 made the Police Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2011:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Police Service (Amendment) Regulations now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2011 be approved.

(By the Minister of National Security)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60 and the Kidnapping Act, Chap. 11:26”.

(By the Minister of National Security)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07”.

(By the Minister of National Security)

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

(By the Minister of National Security)

4. 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)

5. 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)
6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to re-enact certain provisions of the Valuation of Land Act, Chap. 58:03”.
(By the Minister of Finance)
7. 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)
8. A Bill entitled, “An Act relating to exemptions from land and house taxes”.
(By the Minister of Finance)
9. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Land Adjudication Act, 2000”.
(By the Minister of Food Production, Land and Marine Affairs)
10. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Registration of Titles to Land Act, 2000”.
(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)
11. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Crown Suits Limitation Ordinance”.
(By the Attorney General)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Wednesday April 20, 2011 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Police Service Commission, as established under the Constitution, is appointed under the hand of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition;

AND WHEREAS the functions of the Police Service Commission are expressly set out in the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the former Chairman of the Police Service Commission has so conducted himself in such a manner that his statements have had the effect of bringing the Police Service Commission into odium and disarray; demoralized the Police Service and created great public controversy and disquiet;

AND WHEREAS there is currently widespread public condemnation of the reckless and divisive statements of the former Chairman of the Police Service Commission;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House condemn the reckless and divisive statements of the former Chairman of the Police Service Commission;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House reaffirm its collective commitment to the principles of fairness and meritocracy in public affairs.

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 25, 2011 will be resumed:**

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 Leader of the Opposition)

3. **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 Leader of the Opposition)

4. **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)

Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel
Clerk of the House

House of Representatives' Secretariat
The Red House
PORT OF SPAIN

May 06, 2011

THE ANTI-GANG BILL, 2010

*List of amendments made in the Senate on Tuesday May 03, 2011**First Column
Clause**Second Column
Extent of Amendments*

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| 5 | <p>A. Insert after sub-clause (3), the following new sub-clause (4):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(4) A gang member who unlawfully and maliciously –</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(a) by any means whatsoever, wounds or causes grievous bodily harm to; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(b) shoots at with intent to do some grievous bodily harm,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a police officer, prison officer, member of the Defence Force, constable appointed under the Supplemental Police Act or the Special Reserve Police Act, member of a protective service agency or a person involved in law enforcement, commits an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for thirty years.”</p> |
| 16 | <p>B. Renumber existing sub-clause (4) as sub-clause (5)</p> |
| First Schedule | <p>In line 2, delete the word “negative” and substitute the word “affirmative”.</p> <p>A. In item 4, delete the words “in the course of gang-related activity”.</p> <p>B. In item 11, delete the words “a child to be a gang member” and substitute the words “gang members”.</p> |

APPENDIX II

THE BAIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2010

List of Amendments made in the Senate on Tuesday May 03, 2011

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In clause 7(c)(l), delete the words “a child to be a gang member” and substitute the words “gang members”.

May 03, 2011