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PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

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PAPERS

1. The Annual Report of the Teaching Service Commission for the year 2010.
(By the Minister of Education)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 23 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries*

(By the Member for Point Fortin)

Could the Minister state:

- a) The purpose of the Minister's travel undertaken in April 2011 to Ghana;
- b) The current status of Ghana's Gas Infrastructure Development Project and the involvement of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 24 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries*

(By the Member for Point Fortin)

Could the Minister state:

- i) Whether the Government sought to find a joint venture partner for Trinmar;
- ii) If the answer is in the affirmative, could the Minister state what efforts have been made during the past year to find a joint venture partner?

Question No. 25 to the Honourable Minister of Sport*

(By the Member for Point Fortin)

* Postponed at last sitting in accordance with to S.O.19(7).

Could the Minister state:

- a) Whether the Government approved monies for the expansion of the Coronation Park sporting facility;
- b) If the answer is in the affirmative, could the Minister state when will the project begin, and what is the expected completion date?

Question No. 13 to the Honourable Minister of Arts and Multiculturalism

(By the Member for Port of Spain South)

Could the Minister state:

- i) All construction contracts which were undertaken for the Queen's Park Savannah in preparation for Carnival 2011;
- ii) The date of invitation to tender for all construction contracts;
- iii) The date of the Competitive bids review for each construction contract;
- iv) The date of submission for the competitive bids review?

Question No. 14 to the Honourable Minister of Arts and Multiculturalism

(By the Member for Port of Spain South)

Could the Minister state:

- i) The actual expenditure of the construction of the Carnival Centre at the Queen's Park Savannah;
- ii) The date of invitation to tender for the construction contract for the Carnival Centre;
- iii) The date of the competitive bids review for each contract and date of submission of such bids;
- iv) The source of funding for the project;
- v) The structures being erected are permanent;
- vi) If the response to (v) above is in the affirmative, and with the likely effect of these permanent structures on the Grand Stand, is the government committed to construct a Carnival Centre?

Question No. 15 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By the Member for Port of Spain South)

Could the Minister state with regard to immigration into Trinidad and Tobago:

- i) The total number of persons admitted into Trinidad and Tobago between July 2010 and June 2011;
- ii) A breakdown of the total number of persons admitted by country of nationality/origin?

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** Article (8) of the Trinidad and Tobago (Constitution) Order in Council, 1961 provided that “the Governor shall make and cause to be laid before the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, when they first meet such Standing Orders with respect to the matters mentioned in article 26 of the Constitution as appear to him expedient to enable the Senate and House of Representatives to commence the transaction of their business in an orderly manner, but any such Orders may be amended or revoked by the chamber to which they relate”;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives were made by the Governor in 1961 pursuant to the said Article and laid before the House of Representatives on December 29, 1961;

AND WHEREAS there has never been a comprehensive review of these Standing Orders since they were enacted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report within the current session.

(By the Leader of the House)

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 56(1)(a) of the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 that the House of Representatives may, from time to time, by Resolution provide that any class of goods specified in the Resolution shall be exempt from import duties of Customs if the goods are imported or entered for use by any person for any purpose specified in the Resolution during any period to be fixed by the Minister in each particular case, not being a period terminating later than the date prescribed in the Resolution as the last day on which such exemption shall be operative, and subject to such condition as the Minister may impose:

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of section 56 of the Customs Act, exempt from import duties of customs the classes of goods imported or entered for use in Trinidad and Tobago for the respective purposes set out in the List of Conditional Duty Exemptions in the Third Schedule to the Customs Act for –

- (a) Approved Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Fisheries in Part A, subheading II;
- (b) Approved Hotels in Part A, subheading III;
- (c) Approved Mining Purposes in Part A, subheading IV; and
- (d) Other Approved Purposes in Part A, subheading V, from the date of publication to December 31, 2015.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

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 20th day of October, 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 repeal and replace the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap. 12:01 and to provide for a system of pre-trial proceedings relating to indictable offences and other related matters”.

(By the Minister of Justice)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 and the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Enforcement and Administration) Act, Chap. 48:52”.

(By the Minister of Transport)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Regional Health Authorities Act, Chap. 29:05”.

(By the Minister of Health)

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 Equal Opportunity Act, Chap. 22:03”.

(By the Attorney General)

6. 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 adjourned on Friday November 11, 2011 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has given a commitment to provide all students, from Early Childhood, to the Primary and Secondary levels, with all core textbooks and work books at no cost to parents;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has reneged on this commitment in September 2011 by neglecting to provide sufficient and timely replacements for books lost or damaged, thereby placing an unexpected hardship on parents:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Government take all necessary steps to ensure that students are properly equipped with their school books for a quality education from ECCE to Secondary, in accordance with the commitment that has been given since 2004.

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

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act for the Incorporation of The Way of Trinidad and Tobago and matters incidental thereto".

(The Speaker will put the question that the Bill be Read a second time)

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