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PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Police Complaints Authority for the year ended September 30, 2004.

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

1. The Report of the Special Select Committee of the House of Representatives appointed to consider and report on a Private Bill entitled, “An Act for the incorporation of the National Ramleela Council of Trinidad and Tobago and for matters incidental thereto”

(By the Deputy Speaker)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Questions for Oral Answer

¹Question No. 96 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

Could the Minister state what were the percentage increases in basic salary for workers at Petrotrin, TSTT and T&TEC for each year over the period January 2006 to March 2012?

¹ Question No. 96 was deferred to the next sitting of the House on Friday May 11, 2012.

2Question No. 97 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

Could the Minister state, without naming the office holders, the total compensation package, inclusive of salary and all allowances, as of April 12, 2012, paid to the Chief Executive Officer or equivalent office in the following State Enterprises/State Companies/Statutory Authorities:

- i) First Citizens Bank Limited;
- ii) Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited;
- iii) Tourism Development Company Limited;
- iv) Government Information Services Limited;
- v) Evolving TecKnologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited
- vi) Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago
- vii) Caribbean Airlines Limited
- viii) Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission
- ix) Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago
- x) Airport Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
- xi) National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago
- xii) Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago
- xiii) National Infrastructure Development Company Limited

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

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 27, 2012 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the crime situation in Trinidad and Tobago has continued to escalate, and;

AND WHEREAS the former PNM administration had initiated a number of systems and strategies to deal with the crime situation in Trinidad and Tobago, and;

AND WHEREAS the current government of Trinidad and Tobago has taken certain actions to weaken the national security systems and structure in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the action of the current government has contributed to the escalation of crime in Trinidad and Tobago:

² Question No. 97 was deferred to the next sitting of the House on Friday May 11, 2012

BE IT RESOLVED that this House take note of the systematic dismantling of the national security systems and structures in Trinidad and Tobago and call on the government to cease this action and to take steps to put in place an effective national security system which would have the effect of securing the borders and by extension the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago to bring about a reduction in crime in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)

2. **The debate on the following motion which was adjourned on Friday November 25, 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)

3. **WHEREAS** the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is at the service of all of the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS this Government has committed to the people of Trinidad and Tobago "Prosperity for all", through socio-economic transformation;

AND WHEREAS this Government has targeted the South Western Peninsula for development, within and by 2014, impacting on investment, construction, infrastructure development, jobs, growth and development in the following sectors: port development, fishing, manufacturing, support services and agriculture among others.

BE IT RESOLVED that this House take note of the limited action taken by the Government to meet the targeted development of the South Western Peninsula.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House mandate the government to issue a clear statement on the steps it intends to take to achieve the commitment to the South Western Peninsula within the timeframe promised.

(By the Member for Point Fortin)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **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)

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (3) of section 4 of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), that as soon as may be after the Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") has submitted a report under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4 of the Act, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report:

AND WHEREAS the Commission has submitted a report to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) of section 4 of the Act:

AND WHEREAS the draft of an Order entitled the "Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) (Tobago) Order, 2012" giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 4th day of May, 2012:

BE IT RESOLVED that the draft of the "Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) (Tobago) Order, 2012" be approved.

(By the Minister of Local Government)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to reform the law providing for the regulation of insurance business and for the other purposes related to or connected with such business and for the regulation of privately administered pension fund plans".

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Equal Opportunity Act, Chap. 22:03".

(By the Attorney General)

3. 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)

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 repeal and replace the Crown Suits Limitation Ordinance”.

(By the Attorney General)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Report of the Special Select Committee of the House of Representatives appointed to consider and report on a Private Bill entitled, “An Act for the incorporation of the National Ramleela Council of Trinidad and Tobago and for matters incidental thereto”

(By the Deputy Speaker)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Report of the Special Select Committee of the House of Representatives appointed to consider and report on a Private Bill entitled, “An Act for the Incorporation of an Association to be known as the Association of Real Estate Agents and for matters incidental thereto”.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Accommodation of the Second Session of the Tenth Parliament (2011/2012).

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House adopt the Report of the Special Select Committee of the House of Representatives appointed to consider and report on a Private Bill entitled, “An Act for the Incorporation of the Way of Trinidad and Tobago and for matters incidental thereto”.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House take note of the Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report to Parliament on the Legislative Proposals to provide for Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property and the Repeal and Replacement of the Central Tenders Board Act for the Second Session [2011/2012] Tenth Parliament.

(By the Minister of Planning and the Economy)

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