



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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TENTH PARLIAMENT

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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26, 2012: 1:30 P.M.

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1. The Value Added Tax (Amendment to Schedule 2) Order, 2012.
(By the Attorney General)
2. The Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre Management Company Limited – Annual Audited Financial Statements for the period ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
3. The Administrative Report of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the period October, 2010 to September, 2011.
(By the Minister of Local Government)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** Section 76(2) of the Constitution specifies "*that the Attorney General shall, subject to section 79, be responsible for the administration of legal affairs in Trinidad and Tobago and legal proceedings for and against the State*";

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General participated in the presentation to Parliament of the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Bill 2011 which contained a clause that created an amnesty for certain legal proceedings [referred to as Section 34];

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General had knowledge of and supported the Government's solemn undertaking to Parliament that no part of the Bill would be brought into force until such time as all supporting rules, administrative and physical infrastructure were in place and stakeholders consulted;

AND WHEREAS in the absence of the discharge of the said undertakings, the Attorney General had knowledge of and/or involvement in the unexpected proclamation of Section 34, thereby prematurely bringing into force an amnesty with consequences for certain legal proceedings involving certain persons;

AND WHEREAS earlier, the Attorney General made certain decisions in an extradition matter involving those said certain persons;

AND WHEREAS as a consequence of this series of developments there is widespread unease, anger, disappointment and a general sense of loss of confidence in the Attorney General among a large cross-section of the national population;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General has accepted no responsibility for the improper discharge of his constitutional duties:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House express its strongest disapproval of the flagrant breach of Parliamentary trust by the Attorney General's involvement in the premature proclamation of Section 34;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House express its loss of confidence in the Attorney General and call on the Prime Minister to immediately relieve him of the portfolio of Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **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)

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, Industry and Investment)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act, Chap. 44:01".

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

2. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Marriage Act, Chap. 45:01".

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

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