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TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2013: 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Film Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

2. The Annual Report of the Financial Intelligence Unit for the period ended September 30, 2012.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

3. The Annual Report of the Ministry of Public Administration for the year ended September 30, 2011.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

1. The Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee established to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commission with the exception of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission on the Public Service Commission.

(By the Member for St. Ann's East)

2. The Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee established to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commission with the exception of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission on the Statutory Authorities Service Commission.

(By the Member for St. Ann's East)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Questions for Oral Answer

***Question No. 2 to the Minister of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs**

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

With respect to the occupancy of housing units at Federal Villas, Federation Park, Port of Spain, for the period June 1st 2010 to October 31st 2012, could the Minister identify:

- a) all the Ministers and/or public officials who have been allocated or who have had use to these units and the period during which they occupied these units; and
- b) the details of the terms of occupancy as they relate to each Minister/official who has had use of these premises?

***Question No. 3 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy**

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

With respect to Ministers/officials who have had use of housing units at Federation Villas, have these persons also received any housing allowance in the State offices which they hold?

***Question No. 4 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy**

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

Could the Minister state the amount of housing allowance paid to each Minister/official during the period he/she also occupied housing units at Federation Villas?

Question No. 11 to the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister state:

- a) the number of jobs created, by categories, on the LABIDCO and Union Industrial Estates since June 2010; and
- b) the number of jobs lost, by categories, on the LABIDCO and Union Industrial Estates since June 2010 ?

Question No. 12 to the Minister of Food Production

(By the Member for La Brea)

- A. What measures have been taken to ensure that the use of toxic chemicals on agricultural crops are properly monitored in such a manner that consumer's health and well-being are not compromised?
- B. What is the name of the monitoring agency with direct responsibility for the control of toxic chemical usage on agricultural farms?

* Questions Nos. 2, 3 and 4 were deferred on Monday January 07, 2013 and Wednesday January 16, 2013

Question No. 13 to the Minister of National Security

(By the Member for La Brea)

What measures have been taken by the government to protect our fishermen from criminal activities on the high seas since June 2010?

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

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Monday January 07, 2013 will be resumed:**

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. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Wednesday January 16, 2013 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to enhance the internal self-government of Tobago”.

(By the Prime Minister)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Crown Suits Limitation Ordinance”.

(By the Attorney General)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act, Chap. 44:01”.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Marriage Act, Chap. 45:01”.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Registration of Titles to Land Act, 2000”.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Land Adjudication Act, 2000”.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 30, 2012 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Government Assistance for Tertiary Education Programme (GATE) was established by a People’s National Movement administration and is available to all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago pursuing approved programmes, at local and regional public Tertiary Level Institutions (TLIs) as well as approved local private TLIs;

AND WHEREAS the GATE programme with governing regulation for efficient implementation was established in pursuance of a policy of equity in access to tertiary education for all qualifying citizens, irrespective of social status or means, in order to impact positively the rate of transition from secondary to tertiary level so as to achieve a larger pool of qualified nationals capable of supporting national development goals;

AND WHEREAS there have been reports that the Government proposes to support areas of priority study based on National Imperatives that have not been defined or agreed upon by the citizenry;

AND WHEREAS there have been further reports that the Government proposes that tuition fees for undergraduate programmes at both private and public institutions will be funded at varying rates based on a system of socio-economic priority that has not been defined or agreed by the citizenry:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government immediately stop any proposed amendment to the rules that currently govern the GATE programme that either discriminates against young

nationals on the basis of income or class, or dictates preferred courses of study that will attract funding, contrary to the individual's choice for self-development.

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

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