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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY MAY 17, 2013: 1:30 P.M.

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OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

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BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

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1. The Audited Financial Statements of Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises 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 Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago 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 Committee)

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STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. An Act for the Incorporation of the Holy Name Convent Past Pupils' Association and for matters incidental thereto.

(The Speaker will put the question that the Bill be read a First time).

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)

2. **WHEREAS** section 3(1) of the Treasury Notes Act, Chap. 71:39 provides that the Minister of Finance and the Economy on the written advice of the Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago may, for the purposes of promoting monetary credit and exchange conditions most favourable to the economy of Trinidad and Tobago, borrow money in Trinidad and Tobago in such sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate, one thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars and such further sum or sums or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies as may be specified by resolution of Parliament, by the issue of Notes:

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Minister of Finance and the Economy to borrow further sums of money for the purposes stated in section 3(1) of the Act:

BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes of promoting monetary credit and exchange conditions most favourable to the economy of Trinidad and Tobago, the Minister of Finance and the Economy is hereby authorized to borrow such further sum or sums in Trinidad and Tobago, not exceeding in the aggregate, fifteen thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies, by the issue of Notes.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

3. **WHEREAS** section 2(1) of the Treasury Bills Act, Chap. 71:40 provides that the Minister of Finance and the Economy may borrow in Trinidad and Tobago such sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate, two thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies and such further sum or sums as may be specified by resolution of Parliament, or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies, by the issue of Treasury Bills:

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Minister of Finance and the Economy to borrow further sums of money for the purpose of facilitating the conduct of open market operations by the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago:

BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes of facilitating the conduct of open market operations by the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, the Minister of Finance and the Economy is hereby authorized to borrow such further sum or sums in Trinidad and Tobago, not exceeding in the aggregate, thirty thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies, by the issue of Treasury Bills.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to validate actions done pursuant to section 4 of the Sugar Industry Control Board (Repeal) Act, 1995".

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

2. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Registration of Titles to Land Act, 2000".

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

3. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Land Adjudication Act, 2000".

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

4. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 19, 2013 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the establishment of the National Health Services Accreditation Authority of Trinidad and Tobago and for matters relating thereto".

(By the Minister of Health)

5. **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)

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 in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 22, 2013 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)

Bills Second Reading:

1. An Act for the Incorporation of the University of Southern Caribbean and matters incidental thereto.

(By the Minister of Arts and Multiculturalism)

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