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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1978.

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

2. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1979.

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

3. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1980.

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

4. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1981.

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

5. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1982.

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

6. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1983.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
7. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1984.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
8. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1985.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
9. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1986.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
10. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1987.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)
11. The Audited Financial Statements of Tourism Development 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)
12. The Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
13. The Response to the Fifteenth Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on the Administration and Operations of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
14. The Response to the Sixteenth Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on the Administration and Operations of the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation.

(By the Minister of Local Government)

15. The Annual Report of the Equal Opportunity Commission for the fiscal year 2010.

(By the Attorney General)

16. The Annual Report of the Equal Opportunity Commission for the fiscal year 2011.

(By the Attorney General)

17. The Annual Report of the Equal Opportunity Commission for the fiscal year 2012.

(By the Attorney General)

18. The Annual Report of the Equal Opportunity Commission for the fiscal year 2013.

(By the Attorney General)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Nineteenth Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report on Government Ministries, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises (Group 2) on the Administration and Operations of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer appear in Appendix II

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 80 to the Minister of the Environment and Water Resources

(By the Member for La Brea)

- A. Could the Minister indicate when water mains will be installed in the following areas:
- i. Parrylands #1 and #2
 - ii. Bushy Park Vessigny
 - iii. Palo Seco Settlement
 - iv. Lot 10 Barracks Parrylands
 - v. Thomas Trace in Arena Village
 - vi. St. Rose Street, Gonzales
 - vii. Caraparl Branch Road, Erin
 - viii. La Union Road Erin
 - ix. Tank Road 1 and 2, Sobo Village
 - x. Larington Street, Salazar Trace
- B. When will proper sewer mains replace the rotten, perforated and leaking sewer mains in Dalley's Village, Santa Flors?

Question No. 81 to the Minister of Community Development

(By the Member for La Brea)

- A. Having noted the Minister's response to question 23 on March 1, 2013 that in 2008 Cabinet granted approval for the construction of the Rancho Quemado Community Centre, when will construction work commence?
- B. When will construction commence for the Salazar Trace Community Centre?
- C. Having noted the Minister's response to question no. 91 on April 11, 2014 in the House of Representatives, could the Minister provide an update on when construction will commence on the following community centres:
 - i. Santa Flora;
 - ii. Aripere;
 - iii. Cochrane; and
 - iv. Parrylands?

Question No. 82 to the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister state:

- a) how many jobs were created and for which category in each of the following areas and periods:
 - i. La Brea for the period 2013 to 2014;
 - ii. Santa Flora for the period 2010 to 2014;
 - iii. Palo Seco for the period 2010 to 2014; and
 - iv. Erin for the period 2010 to 2014?
- b) State how many workers lost their jobs and in what category in each of the following areas and periods:
 - i. La Brea for the period 2013 to 2014;
 - ii. Rousillac for the period 2010 to 2014;
 - iii. Santa Flora for the period 2010 to 2014;
 - iv. Palo Seco for the period 2010 to 2014; and
 - v. Erin for the period 2010 to 2014?

Question No. 97 to the Minister of Education

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

Could the Minister state what measures are being instituted to ensure that retired teachers receive their pensions and gratuities on time?

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2014 listed in Appendix I be now considered.

(By the Prime Minister)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations in the 36th Annual Report of the Ombudsman.

(By the Leader of the House)

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Police Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 be approved.

(By the Minister of National Security)

4. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (3) of section 72 of the Constitution that as soon as may be after the Commission has submitted a report under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of the said section 72, the Minister, designated by the Prime Minister for this purpose, shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the Draft 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 Prime Minister and the Speaker in accordance with the provisions in subsection (1) of section 72:

AND WHEREAS the draft of an Order entitled the "Elections and Boundaries Commission Order, 2015" giving effect to the accommodations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 6th day of March, 2015;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Draft Order entitled "The Elections and Boundaries Commission Order, 2015" be approved.

(By the Prime Minister)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60".

(By the Attorney General)

2. **The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday March 06, 2015 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, "An Act to establish a Motor Vehicles Authority for the registration, licensing and regulation of motor vehicles and drivers, the regulation of road use and for matters connected thereto".

(By the Minister of Transport)

3. **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress on Friday March 06, 2015 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal and replace the Trade Marks Act, Chap. 82:81 and to provide for the law relating to trade marks and related matters".

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

4. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Registration of Deeds Act, Chap. 19:06 and the Real Property Act, Chap. 56:02".

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday November 28, 2014 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the security and well-being of Trinidad and Tobago are threatened by an Ebola epidemic that has affected multiple countries;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of effective measures against Ebola is critical to the future of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to sufficiently prepare this nation to properly prevent and manage Ebola infections:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House direct the Government to initiate a comprehensive National Response to protect the people of Trinidad and Tobago from the Ebola virus.

(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)

2. **WHEREAS** the lack of proper maintenance of sea line operations at Pointe-a-Pierre by PETROTRIN resulted in a major oil spill that severely disrupted the lives of the residents in the coastal zone of La Brea in December 2013;

AND WHEREAS the residents of the La Brea coastal zone continue to suffer deterioration of their health and loss of earnings because of the continued occurrence of large amounts of dead fish on the beaches of La Brea;

AND WHEREAS PETROTRIN is responsible for the indiscriminate dispersal of the very toxic Corexit 9500 in shallow coastal waters and the shore at La Brea, contrary to the guidelines of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan;

AND WHEREAS there is documented evidence that the use of the toxic Corexit 9500 and the lack of proper safety apparatus for those employed in oil spill cleanup has resulted in illness known to cause permanent damage to the liver, kidneys, lungs, stomach and in the long term, cancer;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call on the Government to:

- i. Immediately evacuate and relocate the coastal zone residents of La Brea;
- ii. Design and implement a proper medical programme with monitoring and adequate treatment for a minimum of twenty (20) years at no cost to residents;
- iii. Design and implement a proper compensation package for residents of the La Brea coastal zone; and
- iv. Eradicate the very toxic Corexit 9500 mixed with Bunker C fuel nodules that are present in the coastal waters of La Brea.

(By the Member for La Brea)

3. **WHEREAS** it is an established fact that the best indication of what could happen in the future is to observe what has happened in the past;

AND WHEREAS during his tenure as Chief Executive Officer and/or Managing Director of state-owned First Citizens Bank, Mr. Larry Howai came under serious allegations for insider trading;

AND WHEREAS there is Senior Counsel advice that a strong case could be made for his prosecution in a Court of Law;

AND WHEREAS the said Mr. Howai voluntarily left the bank to become the Minister of Finance of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS issues of insider trading arose within the bank under his stewardship as Minister;

AND WHEREAS the Government through the Ministry of Finance is committed to further disposal of state enterprise shares thereby opening the possibility of further insider trading;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House note with concern these serious allegations and express its lack of confidence in the Minister of Finance.

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

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The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2014

List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage of the
Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2014

First Column	Second Column
Clause	Extent of Amendment
6	<p>A. In the proposed section 49B-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="699 674 1385 741">(a) In subsection (2)(a), delete the words “three years” and substitute the words “two years and six months”;<li data-bbox="699 779 1369 814">(b) Insert after subsection (2), the following subsections:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="724 846 1401 978">“(3) The Elections and Boundaries Commission shall, within two weeks from the date that an application is received under subsection (1), cause notice of the application to be-<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="867 1014 1401 1146">(a) published in the <i>Gazette</i>, at least two newspapers in daily circulation in Trinidad and Tobago and on its website; and<li data-bbox="867 1157 1401 1289">(b) made available for inspection and signature at the place or places designated in the notice and during the times specified in the notice.<li data-bbox="760 1325 1401 1730">(4) A notice published under subsection (3) shall-<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="867 1392 1401 1493">(a) designate the place or places at which the application is available for signature; and<li data-bbox="867 1503 1401 1730">(b) state that the application shall be made available for inspection and signature between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. for a period of twenty-one days from the date of its first publication in a newspaper, including Saturdays and Sundays, but not on public holidays.”;

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- (c) Delete subsections (5) and (6) and renumber subsections (3) and (4) as (5) and (6), respectively;
- (d) In the renumbered subsection (5), in paragraph (a), delete the words “ten per cent” and substitute the words “twenty per cent”;
- (e) In the renumbered subsection (6) –
 - (i) delete the words “three years” and substitute the words “two years and six months”; and
 - (ii) delete the words “signatures in”;
- (f) In subsection (7) –
 - (i) delete from the word “-” to the words “(b)”; and
 - (ii) delete the words “ten per cent” and substitute the words “twenty per cent”;
- (g) In subsection (8)(b), delete the words “Form No. 3” and substitute the words “Form No. 2”; and
- (h) In subsection (11), delete the words “Form No. 4” and substitute the words “Form No. 3”.

B. In section 49C(7), delete the words “Form No. 4” and substitute the words “Form No. 3”.

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A. Insert after the words “is amended”, the following:

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- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words “The election” and substituting the words “Subject to subsections (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7), the election”; and
- (b) ”.

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B. In the proposed subsection (4) –

- (a) delete the word “Where” and substitute the words “Subject to subsections (5), (6) and (7), where”; and
- (b) delete the words “those candidates who earned the highest and” and substitute the words “the candidate who earned the highest and the candidate who earned the”.

C. Insert after the proposed subsection (4), the following subsection:

“ (5) A candidate, other than a candidate referred to in subsection (4) -

- (a) who earns at least twenty-five per cent of the votes cast in a first poll; and
- (b) whose votes fall within a margin of five per cent of the votes earned by-
 - (i) the candidate obtaining the second highest number of votes; or
 - (ii) the two candidates who earned the highest number of votes, in the event of an equality of votes between those two candidates,

may contest the supplementary poll.

(6) Notwithstanding subsection (3), where a supplementary poll is held among three or more candidates, the candidate who obtains the highest number of votes shall be declared the candidate having the highest number of votes to be elected under subsection (1).

(7) For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an equality of votes between two candidates obtaining the highest number of votes and no other candidate earns twenty-five per cent or more of the votes, the supplementary poll shall be held between those candidates.”.

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- 10 In the proposed Fourth Schedule:
- (a) Delete the words “[Sections 49B(1), (6), (8)(b) and (11) and 49C(7)]” and substitute the words “[Sections 49B(1), (8)(b) and (11) and 49C(7)]”;
 - (b) In the proposed Form No. 1, delete the words “ten per cent” and substitute the words “twenty per cent”; and
 - (c) Delete the proposed Form No. 2 and renumber Form No. 3 and Form No. 4 as Form No. 2 and Form No. 3, respectively.
- 11 A. In the Schedule, in paragraph (b)(ii), in the proposed section 33(3)(b)(i)(B), delete the words “of the first poll” and substitute the words “on which the results of the first poll are declared in writing by the Returning Officer”.
- B. In the proposed amendment to rule 101 of the Election Rules-
- (a) Delete subrule (1)(b)(ii) and substitute the following:
 - “ (ii) that a supplementary poll shall be held within fifteen days-
 - (A) between those candidates who earned the highest and second highest number of votes;
 - (B) where there is an equality of votes between two candidates obtaining the highest number of votes, between those two candidates; or
 - (C) among the candidates referred to in sub-subparagraphs (A) or (B) and any other candidate-who earned at least twenty-five per cent of the votes and whose votes fall within a margin of five per cent of the votes earned by the candidate obtaining the second highest number of votes or the candidates referred to in sub-subparagraph (B),”;

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(b) in subrule (17), delete the words “or (c)”; and

(c) delete subrule (18) and insert the following rule:

“(18) Where a recount-

(a) under subrule (16)(b) results in an equality of votes among three or more candidates; or

(b) under subrule (16)(c) does not result in-

(i) one candidate obtaining the most votes and one other candidate obtaining the second most votes; and

(ii) one candidate obtaining more than fifty percent of the votes,

the Chief Election Officer shall so certify to the Returning Officer who shall declare the poll void and a new poll shall, as soon as possible, be held in accordance with these Rules.”.

C. In the proposed amendments to the Election Rules, renumber paragraphs (r) to (t) as paragraphs (s) to (u) and insert after paragraph (q), the following paragraph:

“(r) renumber rule 105 as rule 105(1) and insert thereafter the following subrule:

“(2) Notwithstanding subrule (1), where a supplementary poll is to take place following the first poll of a general election, the Returning Officer (shall maintain custody of the unit registers of electors together with the keys of the binders, the register of special electors and the relevant files of answers to questions after the first poll and shall, within seven days after the supplementary poll, return them to the Registration Officers from whom he received the same; and the Registration Officers shall give to the Returning Officer a receipt for the same.”.

**Senate Secretariat
August 29, 2014**

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 41 to the Attorney General

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

With respect to the payment for legal and other technical/professional services made to persons/entities other than staff of the Ministry of the Attorney General for the period June 2010 to October 31, 2014, would the Minister:

- a) Identify each person/agency or entity so paid indicating the date and amount of each payment, specifically the purpose for such payment and the output received by the Ministry?
- b) With reference to each matter as identified in (a) above, could the Minister state whether there is any outstanding payment owing on the assignment and if so how much is owed or anticipated to be paid as at November 1, 2014?

(Answer due by 11.12.2014)

Questions No. 66 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

Could the Minister provide the following information with respect to employees of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago?

- a) The names, qualifications and experience of all persons employed by the Central Bank between July 13, 2012 and December 23, 2014?
- b) The selection process and criteria utilised by the Central Bank in each case to employ these people?
- c) The positions that each such person was placed in, or appointed to, when first employed by the Bank, and their current position?

(Answer due by 26.02.2015)

Questions No. 77 to the Minister of Food Production

(By the Member for La Brea)

Could the Minister:

- a) state the value of the Food Import Bill for each fiscal year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014;
- b) list the countries and the value of food imported into Trinidad and Tobago for each of the fiscal years 2010 to 2014?

(Answer due by 26.02.2015)

March 09, 2015