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(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

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Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3(1) of Development Loans Act that the Government is authorized, for the purpose of :
 - (a) financing general development in Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (b) repayment of borrowings effected for such general development; or
 - (c) repayment of borrowings effected for general development;
 - (i) by a statutory authority within the meaning of the Statutory Authorities Act;
 - (ii) by an enterprise that is controlled by or on behalf of the State; or
 - (iii) by the University of the West Indies,

to borrow from time to time money externally or internally in a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate thirty thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago:

AND WHEREAS it is also provided in the said section 3(1), that thereafter such sum in such currency may from time to time be specified by Resolution passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives:

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Government to borrow further sums of money for the purposes stated in the said section:

BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes stated in the said section, the Government is hereby authorized to borrow money externally or internally in a further sum or in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate fifteen thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3(1) of the External Loans Act, Chap. 71:05 that for the purpose of financing general development in Trinidad and Tobago or of repaying borrowings effected for the general development, the Minister of Finance on behalf of the Government may borrow money externally in such sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate fifty million Trinidad and Tobago dollars or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies and thereafter he may borrow such further sum or sums as may from time to time be specified by Resolution passed in the Senate and the House of Representatives:

AND WHEREAS by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 21st January 1972, and in the Senate on the 25th January 1972, the Minister on behalf of the Government was authorized to borrow externally in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate the equivalent of twenty-five million Trinidad and Tobago dollars in any foreign currency:

AND WHEREAS by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 19th January 1973, and in the Senate on the 23rd January 1973, the Minister on behalf of the Government was authorized to borrow money externally in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate the equivalent of fifty million Trinidad and Tobago dollars in any foreign currency:

AND WHEREAS by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 13th May 1977, and in the Senate on the 17th May 1977, the Minister on behalf of the Government was authorized to borrow money externally in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate the equivalent of eight hundred and seventy-five million Trinidad and Tobago dollars in any foreign currency:

AND WHEREAS by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 20th July 1979, and in the Senate on the 7th August, 1979 the Minister on behalf of the Government was authorized to borrow money externally in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate the equivalent of four billion Trinidad and Tobago dollars in any foreign currency:

AND WHEREAS by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 5th June 1989, and in the Senate on the 6th June 1989, the Minister on behalf of the Government was authorized to borrow money externally in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate the equivalent of one thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars in any foreign currency:

AND WHEREAS by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 12th July 1993, and in the Senate on the 13th July 1993, the Minister on behalf of the Government was authorized to borrow money externally in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate the equivalent of three billion Trinidad and Tobago dollars in any foreign currency:

AND WHEREAS by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 8th September 2011, and in the Senate on the 10th September 2011, the Minister on behalf of the Government was authorized to borrow money externally in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate the equivalent of six thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars in any foreign currency:

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to borrow further sums of money for the purpose of financing general development in Trinidad and Tobago:

BE IT RESOLVED that for the purpose of financing general development in Trinidad and Tobago, the Minister of Finance on behalf of the Government is hereby authorized to borrow money externally in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate the equivalent of fifteen thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars in any foreign currency.

(By the Minister of Finance)

3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (1)(a) of section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Companies) Act, Chap. 71:82 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), that the Government may, in such manner and on such terms and subject to such conditions as may be agreed between it and a Lending Agency, guarantee the discharge by a Company of its obligations under any agreement which may be entered into by the Company with a Lending Agency in respect of any borrowing by that Company that is authorized by the Government:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (1) of section 4 of the Act, that the aggregate amount of all borrowings by Companies that are guaranteed by the Government under the Act, shall not exceed fifty million dollars (without taking into account any amount in respect of interest, commissions and any other expenses secured by the guarantees) or such greater sum as may from time to time be specified by resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives:

AND WHEREAS by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 17th day of January 2003, and in the Senate on the 28th day of January 2003, an aggregate sum of nine thousand million dollars was specified:

AND WHEREAS by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 8th day of September 2011, and in the Senate on the 10th day of September, 2011, an aggregate sum of twenty-five thousand million dollars was specified:

AND WHEREAS it is now necessary to increase the aggregate amount of all borrowings by Companies that are guaranteed by the Government under the Act by a further sum of twenty thousand million dollars:

BE IT RESOLVED that the aggregate amount of all borrowings by Companies that are guaranteed by the Government under the Act shall not exceed forty-five thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Minister of Finance)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday November 27, 2015 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS from 2010 to 2015, the People's Partnership Government (the former government) provided core textbooks and workbooks to all students in early childhood centres, primary schools and secondary schools and learning material to special needs students, at no cost to parents;

AND WHEREAS a commitment was made by the former government to continue this arrangement for the academic year 2015 to 2016;

AND WHEREAS there was a further commitment made by the former government that for the academic year 2015 to 2016 E-books would be introduced on a phased basis in Forms 1 and 2 in selected subject areas;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has not provided new text books, workbooks, learning material or replacements for the academic year 2015 to 2016 which has resulted in financial hardship for families and loss of educational material for both students and teachers;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Government take urgent steps to ensure that all students are provided with textbooks, workbooks and/or other learning material in fulfillment of commitments given for the academic year 2015 to 2016.

(By the Member for Caroni East)

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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 1 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By the Member for Princes Town)

- A. With regard to the graduate programme in the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries could the Minister state:
- i. if the graduate trainee programme at Petrotrin would continue in its existing form?
 - ii. how many persons have been sent home since completing the programme over the past two months?
 - iii. whether the Government will be expanding the programme and if so, which areas will be focused on?
- B. Would the Minister please provide:
- i. a list of persons who have been retained since completing the programme over the last two months and in what positions?
 - ii. a list of all existing graduate trainee programmes under the purview of the Ministry and those persons currently enrolled in the programme?

(Answer due by 27.11.2015)