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1. The Delegation Report on the 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, held in Kampala, Uganda from September 22 to 29, 2019.

(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)

2. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to the Seventeenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the expenditure and internal controls of the East Port of Spain Development Company Limited.

(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

3. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries to the Twentieth Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheets and other Financial Statements of the Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited for the financial years 2012 to 2017.

(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

4. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Twentieth Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheets and other Financial Statements of the Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited for the financial years 2012 to 2017.

(By the Minister of Finance)

5. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on an Inquiry into the Implementation of the new Public Procurement System.

(By the Minister of Finance)

6. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Twenty-Third Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the InvesTT Limited for the years 2014 to 2017.

(By the Minister of Finance)

7. The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Prime Minister to the Eleventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Status of the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity into the Treatment of Child Offenders.

(By the Prime Minister)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Constitution (Amendment) (Tobago Self-Government) Bill, 2018 in the Fifth Session, Eleventh Parliament.

(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Miscellaneous Provisions (Law Enforcement Officers) Bill, 2019 listed in Appendix II be now considered.

(By the Attorney General)

Bills Second Reading:

1. **In accordance with Standing Order 122(1), the Attorney General will move the suspension of Standing Order 64(1)(a) to permit the moving of the Second Reading of the following Bill –**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011 (Act No. 20 of 2011)”.

(By the Attorney General)

2. **The Second Reading stage of the following Bill which was in progress on Wednesday November 27, 2019 will be completed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60”.

(By the Attorney General)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Supplemental Police Act, Chap. 15:02”.

(By the Minister in the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Shipping Act, Chap 50:10, the Harbours Act, Chap 50:06, the Droghers Act, Chap. 50:07, the Motor Launches Act, Chap. 50:08, to amend the Port Authority Act, Chap. 51:01 and the Coroners Act, Chap. 6:04 to provide for the and the certification and registration of vessels and offshore installations, matters relating to crew safety and security of life at sea and matters incidental thereto”.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Insurance Act, 2018”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Constitution (Prescribed Matters) Act, Chap. 1:02, the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01 and the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01”.

(By the Attorney General)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Private Security Industry Bill, 2019 in the Fifth Session, Eleventh Parliament.

(By the Member for Laventille West)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Bill, 2018, the Tax Information Exchange Agreements Bill, 2018 and the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in the Fifth Session, Eleventh Parliament.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016 in the Fifth Session, Eleventh Parliament.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 22, 2019 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS Climate Change is a matter of global concern which threatens all nations;

AND WHEREAS small island states and coastal states are especially susceptible to the impact of climate change;

AND WHEREAS the Caribbean region has, from time to time, experienced cycles of drought, heavy rainfall, hurricanes and floods;

AND WHEREAS earthquakes and other natural disasters must be anticipated and prepared for;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House agree that the Government develop a holistic and sustainable national response to climate change inclusive of solutions to the perennial flooding in Trinidad and Tobago and the effective management of drought conditions and the impact of such disasters on the quality of human life.

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Kabir Association of Trinidad (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1932".

(The Speaker will propose the question that the Bill be read a Second time)

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December 12, 2019

ORDER PAPER MONDAY DECEMBER 16, 2019QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWERQuestion No. 10 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Could the Minister provide the level of oil production in terms of barrels of oil produced per day (BOPD) for each month from October 1, 2018 to October 1, 2019?

(Answer due by 12.12.2019)

Question No. 11 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Could the Minister provide the level of natural gas production in terms of billion standard cubic feet (BSCF) for each month from October 1, 2018 to October 1, 2019?

(Answer due by 12.12.2019)

Question No. 12 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

With regard to Paria Fuel Trading Company, could the Minister state:

- a) the specific quantum of imported fuel from March 1, 2019 to October 1, 2019;
- b) the price paid or value for imported fuel from March 1, 2019 to October 1, 2019;
- c) the supplier(s) of imported fuel for the period December 1, 2018 to October 1, 2019; and
- d) whether a profit or loss was recorded for the period December 1, 2018 to October 1, 2019?

(Answer due by 12.12.2019)

THE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS (LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS) BILL, 2019

List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage
of the Miscellaneous Provisions (Law Enforcement Officers) Bill, 2019
on Wednesday December 4, 2019

First Column Clause	Second Column Extent of Amendments
3	<p>A. In subclause (a), in the proposed definition of “prohibited article”, at paragraph (a), delete the word “paper”.</p> <p>B. In subclause (d), in the proposed new section 8A (1) (e), insert the words “favour or” after the word “any” where it appears the third time.</p> <p>C. In subclause (d), in the proposed new section 8B -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the proposed subsection (1)(a), insert the words “or a video-recording” after the word “sound-recording”. 2. In the proposed subsection (3), <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In paragraph (f)(v), delete the word “and”; (ii) In paragraph (g), delete the word “.” and insert the words “; and”, and (iii) Insert after paragraph (g) the following new paragraph: “(h) “video-recording” means a video-recording with or without sound”. <p>D. In the proposed new section 8C insert the words “, favour” after the word “perquisite”.</p> <p>E. In subclause (f), in the proposed new section 11 -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After the proposed subsection (2), insert the following new subsection: “(2A) A person shall not intentionally take any retaliatory action against – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any person aiding or assisting a prison officer in the execution of his duty; (b) the relatives, friends, associates or property of the person mentioned in paragraph (a), on account of the person aiding or assisting a prison officer in the execution of his duty.” 2. In the proposed subsection (3) –

	<p>(a) In the <i>chapeau</i>, delete the words “subsection (2), “relative” means, in relation to a prison officer” and substitute the words “subsections (2) or 2(A), “relative” means, in relation to a prison officer or a person aiding or assisting that prison officer in the execution of his duty, as the case may be”; and</p> <p>(b) In the proposed paragraph (f), after the words “prison officer” insert the words “or the person who aided or assisted the prison officer in the execution of his duty”.</p>
4	<p>In subclause (i), in the proposed new section 59 -</p> <p>1. After the proposed subsection (2), insert the following new subsection: “(2A) A person shall not intentionally take any retaliatory action against – (a) any person aiding or assisting a police officer in the execution of his duty; (b) the relatives, friends, associates or property of the person mentioned in paragraph (a), on account of the person aiding or assisting a police officer in the execution of his duty.”</p> <p>2. In the proposed subsection (3) –</p> <p>(a) In the <i>chapeau</i>, delete the words “subsection (2), “relative” means, in relation to a police officer” and substitute the words “subsections (2) or 2(A), “relative” means, in relation to a police officer or a person aiding or assisting that police officer in the execution of his duty, as the case may be”; and</p> <p>(b) In the proposed paragraph (f), after the words “police officer” insert the words “or the person who aided or assisted the police officer in the execution of his duty”.</p> <p>3. In the proposed section 61A, after the word “perquisite” insert the words “, favour”.</p>
5	<p>In subclause (b), in the proposed new section 41B -</p> <p>1. After the proposed subsection (2), insert the following new subsection: “(2A) A person shall not intentionally take any retaliatory action against – (a) any person aiding or assisting an immigration officer in the execution of his duty; (b) the relatives, friends, associates or property of the person mentioned in paragraph (a),</p>

	<p>on account of the person aiding or assisting an immigration officer in the execution of his duty.”</p> <p>2. In the proposed subsection (3) –</p> <p>(a) In the <i>chapeau</i>, delete the words “subsection (2), “relative” means, in relation to an immigration officer” and substitute the words “subsections (2) or 2(A), “relative” means, in relation to an immigration officer or a person aiding or assisting that immigration officer in the execution of his duty, as the case may be”; and</p> <p>(b) In the proposed paragraph (f), after the words “immigration officer” insert the words “or the person who aided or assisted the immigration officer in the execution of his duty”.</p>
6	<p>A. In subclause (e), in the proposed new section 51B –</p> <p>1. After the proposed subsection (2), insert the following new subsection: “(2A) A person shall not intentionally take any retaliatory action against – (a) any person aiding or assisting a fire officer in the execution of his duty; (b) the relatives, friends, associates or property of the person mentioned in paragraph (a), on account of the person aiding or assisting a fire officer in the execution of his duty.”</p> <p>2. In the proposed subsection (3) –</p> <p>(a) In the <i>chapeau</i>, delete the words “subsection (2), “relative” means, in relation to a fire officer” and substitute the word “subsections (2) or 2(A), “relative” means, in relation to a fire officer or a person aiding or assisting that fire officer in the execution of his duty, as the case may be”; and</p> <p>(b) In the proposed paragraph (f), after the words “fire officer” insert the words “or the person who aided or assisted the fire officer in the execution of his duty”.</p> <p>B. In subclause (h), in the <i>chapeau</i> of the proposed section 54A, insert the words “, favour” after the word “perquisite”.</p>
7	In subclause (b) -

1. After the proposed section 5A (2), insert the following new subsection:
“(2A) A person shall not intentionally take any retaliatory action against –
(a) any person aiding or assisting an Officer in the execution
of his duty;
(b) the relatives, friends, associates or property of the person
mentioned in paragraph (a),
on account of the person aiding or assisting an Officer in the execution of his
duty.”

2. In the proposed section 5A (3) –

(a) In the *chapeau*, delete the words **“subsection (2), “relative” means, in relation to an Officer”** and substitute the words **“subsections (2) or 2(A), “relative” means, in relation to an Officer or a person aiding or assisting that Officer in the execution of his duty, as the case may be”**; and

(b) In the proposed paragraph (f), after the words **“the Officer”** insert the words **“or the person who aided or assisted the Officer in the execution of his duty”**.

3. In subclause (f), delete the chapeau and substitute the following:
“(f) in section 216, by:

(i) inserting the words **“, favour”** after the word **“perquisite”** wherever it appears; and

(ii) deleting all the words after the words **“or reward,”** in the second place where it occurs and substituting the following words: **“or any officer who accepts any such fee, perquisite, favour or reward”**; and”

4. Delete subclause (g) and substitute the following new subclause:

“(g) in section 217, by:

(i) deleting the word **“recompense”** wherever it appears and substituting the words **“recompense, favour”**; and

(ii) deleting the words **“two hundred thousand dollars”** wherever they occur and substituting in each place the words **“seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars”**.

<p>New clause 8</p>	<p>Insert after clause 7, the following new clause:</p> <p>“Chap. 15:03 amended</p> <p>8. The Special Reserve Police Act is amended –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) in section 14 (2) by deleting the words “three hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months” and substituting the words “one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for five years”;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) in section 15 (2) by deleting the words “one hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for two months” and substituting the words “fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for three years”;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) by inserting after section 18, the following new section:</p> <p>“Assaults and retaliatory action</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">18A. (1) A person who –</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(a) assaults, threatens, obstructs or resists; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(b) aids or incites any other person to assault, threaten, obstruct or resist,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a member of the Special Reserve Police in the execution of his duty, or any person aiding or assisting such a member in the execution of his duty, with intent to impede, intimidate or retaliate against such a member while engaged in the execution of his duty, commits an offence.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) A person shall not intentionally take any retaliatory action against –</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(a) a member of the Special Reserve Police;</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(b) the relatives, friends, associates or property of a member of the Special Reserve Police, on account of that member’s execution of his duties.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(3) A person shall not intentionally take any retaliatory action against –</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(a) any person aiding or assisting a member of the Special Reserve Police in the execution of his duty;</p>
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	<p>(b) the relatives, friends, associates or property of the person mentioned in paragraph (a), on account of the person aiding or assisting a member of the Special Reserve Police in the execution of his duty.</p> <p>(4) For the purpose of subsections (2) and (3), “relative” means, in relation to a member of the Special Reserve Police or a person aiding or assisting that member in the execution of his duty, as the case may be –</p> <p>(a) his parent or step-parent; (b) his spouse, cohabitant or fiancé; (c) his child, step-child or other dependant; (d) his brother, sister, step-brother or step-sister; (e) his grandparent; (f) any other person whose care and support is the responsibility of the member of the Special Reserve Police or the person who aided or assisted the member in the execution of his duty.</p> <p>(5) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable –</p> <p>(a) on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for ten years; or</p> <p>(b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of five hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for fifteen years.”;</p> <p>(d) in section 20 (1) by deleting the words “seven hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for three months” and substituting the words “one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for five years”; and</p> <p>(e) in section 20 (2) by deleting the words “seven hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for three months” and substituting the words “one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for five years”.”.</p>
Long title amended	The long title is amended by inserting after the words “Chap. 15:01,” the words “the Special Reserve Police Act, Chap. 15:03,”



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MONDAY DECEMBER 16, 2019 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Education:**
(By the Member for Couva South)

Given that the Couva West Secondary School remained closed despite the Minister's response to an Urgent Question on November 15, 2019 that classes would resume on November 20, 2019, could the Minister state whether classes will resume on January 06, 2020?

2. **To the Minister of Finance:**
(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister inform this House if he has realised any success as it relates to dialogue with the Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago relating to the waiving of standard fees imposed for the changing of the \$100 note

3. **To the Minister of Social Development and Family Services:**
(By the Member for Oropouche East)

With respect to the devastating floods in several southern communities last week, could the Minister indicate when victims can expect to receive financial compensation for their loss of essential household items and damage to property?

4. **To the Minister of Finance:**
(By the Member for Oropouche East)

Is the Minister aware that the current shortage of currency in denominations of 5, 10, 20 and 50-dollar bills at many Commercial Banks is having a crippling effect on businesses today?

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