



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

FOURTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004) EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
THURSDAY OCTOBER 23, 2003 AT 1:30 P.M.

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motion:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (2) of section 13 of the Excise (General Provisions) Act, Chap. 78:50 that the Minister may by Order impose any new excise duty or increase duty and from the date of publication of the Order in the *Gazette* and until the expiry thereof the duties specified in the Order shall be payable in lieu of the duties payable thereto:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by the said subsection that every Order issued under that subsection shall, after four days and within twenty-one days from the date of its first publication, be submitted to Parliament and Parliament may by Resolution confirm, amend or revoke such Order, and upon publication of the Resolution in the *Gazette* the Resolution shall have effect and the Order shall then expire:

AND WHEREAS the Excise Duty (Petroleum Products) Order, 2003, was made under subsection (2) of section 13 of the Excise Duty (General Provisions) Act, and first published in the *Gazette* on the 6th day of October, 2003:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to confirm the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Excise Duty (Petroleum Products) Order, 2003 be confirmed.

(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)

Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the second reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate was adjourned on Wednesday October 22, 2003 will resume:**

A Bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the Service of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending 30th day of September, 2004".

(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government arrange, with appropriate permission, for full debates and the business of both Houses to be transmitted to the public through the electronic media (television and radio) in an equitable and discreetly edited form on fixed days of the week and with such transmission to begin before the end of the year 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to consider and report on this matter so as to facilitate Government action.

(By Senator Professor Ramesh Deosaran)

2. **WHEREAS** the Government during the period 1995 to 2001 instituted several measures to combat corruption in public office and to empower the population.

AND WHEREAS the object of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill 2001, was to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act No. 11 of 1987 to implement further and more effective measures for the prevention of corruption.

AND WHEREAS this said Bill was introduced in the House of Representatives on July 20, 2001 but lapsed upon the dissolution of Parliament in August 2001.

AND WHEREAS there still is an urgent need to address objectively the issues of corruption, transparency and probity in public affairs.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government take all the required steps to expedite the enactment of legislation similar to (if not identical with) the provisions of the prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2001 in order to implement further and more effective measures for the prevention of corruption.

(By Senator Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan)

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8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Question for Written Answer

Question No. 1 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land And Marine Resources

(By Senator Dr. Eastlyn McKenzie)

Could the Minister provide a printed step-by-step guide to be followed by agencies of the State and by landowners, relating to the acquisition of land?

(Answer by November 28,2003)

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