



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

THIRTY-FIFTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2007/2008), NINTH PARLIAMENT
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 08, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

- (i) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday October 07, 2008 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled “An Act to provide for the Service of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending 30th September, 2009”.

(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)

- (ii) A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Pensions Act, Chap. 23:52”.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

- (iii) A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Teachers’ Pensions Act Chap. 39:02”

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

- (iv) A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Assisted Secondary School Teachers’ Pensions Act, Chap. 39:03”.

(By the Minister of Public Administration)

- (v) A Bill entitled “An Act to establish the Trinidad and Tobago National Steel Symphony Orchestra Corporation and for matters incidental thereto.”

(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs)

- (vi) A Bill entitled “An Act to regulate emergency ambulance services, to provide for the registration of emergency medical personnel in Trinidad and Tobago, for the establishment of a National Emergency Ambulance Authority and for matters connected therein.”

(By the Minister of Health)

- (vii) A Bill entitled “An Act to prevent tobacco use by young people; enhance public awareness of the hazards of tobacco use and ensure that consumers are provided with information to make more fully informed decisions about using tobacco; protect individuals from exposure to tobacco smoke; prohibit or restrict promotional practices; prevent illegal conduct, including but not limited to smuggling; provide for regulation of tobacco products to mitigate against the harmful effects of tobacco; provide for sufficient regulatory flexibility to respond to new technological and scientific innovations and findings and to changes in consumer behaviours; create a national co-ordinating institution for tobacco control and provide for other related matters and purposes.”

(By the Minister of Health)

- (viii) A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Prison Service Act, Chap. 13:02

(By the Minister of National Security)

- (ix) A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, Chap. 75:01

(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday July 22, 2008 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago provides for all citizens the right to equality of treatment from any public authority in the exercise of any function and the right to equality before the law and the protection of the law;

AND WHEREAS both Houses of Parliament have already passed into law the Equal Opportunities Act;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government takes immediate steps to have the Equal Opportunity Legislation proclaimed and fully effected in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (ii) **WHEREAS** there are allegations of widespread corruption and mismanagement of the money spent by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS there are allegations of a lack of transparency;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to account for the manner in which it has conducted the financial affairs of the State and for its failure to take corrective action.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (iii) **WHEREAS** financial support for election campaigns is necessary for a healthy multi-party democracy;

AND WHEREAS the electorate needs to be satisfied that all viable political parties contest elections under conditions which are fair and transparent;

AND WHEREAS the issue of election financing has been the subject of widespread public concern during the last thirty years in this country;

BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament appoint a Joint Select Committee to consider establishing a legislative framework to govern the financing of election campaigns and to submit its report with recommendations to both Houses of Parliament within six months of its appointment.

(By Senator Prof. Ramesh Deosaran)

- (iv) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate condemn the Government for supporting Caribbean Airlines in its proposed acquisition of a private jet;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate demand of the Government the immediate cancellation of its decision and/or support to acquire a private jet.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

**Neil Jaggassar
Clerk of the Senate**

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 97 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By Senator Dr. Jennifer Kernahan)

- A. Could the Minister provide the Senate with a detailed list (including of book values) of the assets owned by Caroni (1975) Ltd. at the beginning of 2003?
- B. Could the Minister also provide a detailed list (including of book values) of all the assets owned by the company at present?
- C. With respect to disposal of assets by the Company, could the Minister state:
 - (i) the name(s) of the person(s) or company to which the asset has been disposed/vested;
 - (ii) the disposal procedure used;
 - (iii) the price at which the asset was sold and the profit realized, where appropriate.

(Answer due by 06.08.08)

Question No. 98 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources

(By Senator Dr. Jennifer Kernahan)

- A. With respect to Fishery Landing Sites in Trinidad, could the Minister inform the Senate of:
 - (i) the location of all Landing Sites; and
 - (ii) the status regarding Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) inspection certification for each site?
- B. With regard to fishermen, companies or cooperatives at landing sites, could the Minister state:
 - (i) the value of equipment provided by the Ministry, used by each category at each site;
 - (ii) the average tonnage, by space of catch landed by each site for the period 2002-2007;
 - (iii) the value of the yearly total catch by each category at each site for 2002 - 2007;
 - (iv) the average tonnage and value of catch exported per site per annum for the years 2002 to 2007;
 - (v) the average tonnage and value of catch sold on the local market per annum for the period 2002 to 2007.

(Answer due by 06.08.08)

Question No. 102 to the Honourable Minister of Social Development

(By Senator Cindy Devika Sharma)

With respect to the National Plan of Action for Children aimed at establishing nutrition drop-in centres in cities and main towns for homeless and street children, would the Minister indicate to the Senate:

- (i) the total number of centres established as at July 2008?
- (ii) the locations of these centres; and
- (iii) the number of persons who have benefited from the operation of these centres as at July 2008.?

(Answer due by 16.08.08)

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