



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

SECOND SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2011/2012), TENTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 09, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.

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(By the Minister of Housing and the Environment)

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions

(i) **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 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 sixteen 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 twenty-five thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Minister of Finance)

(ii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3(1) of the 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 twenty 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 ten thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Minister of Finance)

(iii) **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 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 the equivalent of three billion 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 six thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars in any foreign currency.

(By the Minister of Finance)

Bills Second Reading

- (i) A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations (Pensions) Act, Chap. 25:05.”

(By the Minister of Finance)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions

- (i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate take note of the strengths and deficiencies of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and its impact and potential in the fight against crime.

(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)

- (ii) **WHEREAS** the year 2012 will mark the 50th Anniversary of this nation’s Independence;
AND WHEREAS since 1962, several Heads of State and Heads of Government have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of this republic;
AND WHEREAS there exists a Memorial Collection of the contributions of the late Dr. Eric Eustace Williams, first Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago whose centennial takes place later in 2011;

AND WHEREAS Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson who served this country both as President and Prime Minister has initiated the Castara Project of his pursuits and achievements;

AND WHEREAS one method of bestowing honour on these office holders is through the establishment and maintenance of memorials in recognition of their contributions to the development of the nation during the course of their tenure;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago in tribute to the first President of Trinidad and Tobago announced the endowment of the Sir Ellis Clarke Chair in Commonwealth Parliamentary and Constitutional Studies at the University of the West Indies;

BE IT RESOLVED that there be established formal tangible memorials of the work and contributions of all the former Heads of State and Heads of Government of this country;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be instituted a State-funded arrangement whereby the contributions of all who served in the offices of President and Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will be recognized.

(By Senator Corinne Baptiste Mc Knight)

(iii) **WHEREAS** the Cabinet of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, appointed a Task Force to review our penal system and to make recommendations;

AND WHEREAS Cabinet accepted the recommendations of the said Task Force as government policy;

AND WHEREAS several of these recommendations are at varying levels of implementation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the government fully implement these recommendations for the modernization, transformation and efficiency of the penal system and the Prison Service.

(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)

(iv) **WHEREAS** we live in a world driven by Science and Technology;

AND WHEREAS there is an established strong correlation between Science and Technology on one hand and economic development on the other;

AND WHEREAS there is need to diversify our economy and look for new directions for sustainable economic development;

AND WHEREAS such new directions can be engendered by the proper application of Science and Technology;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago create with a sense of urgency the necessary policies and enabling environment to promote the full development of Science and Technology and facilitate its contribution to our economic development.

(By Senator Professor Harold Ramkissoon)

(v) **WHEREAS** the Interception of Communications Act, 2010 is now part of the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS there exist provisions for the management of the information gathered by the Security Intelligence Agency (SIA), prior to and after the passage of the abovementioned Act;

AND WHEREAS spokespersons for the Government, before and after the passage of this Act, issued statements at variance with each other and at variance with international best practice in management of information gathered by the state intelligence apparatus;

AND WHEREAS this state of affairs has generated deep concerns on the part of citizens of Trinidad and Tobago in relation to their safety and security;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate examine this state of affairs and record its observations and concerns on these issues, which are at the heart of our national security and good governance in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)

(vi) **WHEREAS** conditions conducive to free, fair and transparent elections are essential to preserving Democracy;

AND WHEREAS various resources are needed to finance and support free, fair and transparent election campaigns;

AND WHEREAS the cost of financing campaigns has increased substantially over decades and sources of campaign finance are not transparent and therefore, a matter of serious concern to citizens;

AND WHEREAS citizens need to be satisfied that there is fairness and full disclosure with respect to transactions involving the use of public resources by elected representatives in the process of governance;

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

(By Senator Helen Drayton)

Neil Jaggassar
Clerk of the Senate

Senate Secretariat
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