



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-SEVENTH SITTING, FOURTH SESSION (2013/2014)

TENTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE, 2014 AT 11:30 A.M.

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions

- (i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 14(5) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order amend the Fourth

Schedule of the Act to exempt the University of the West Indies from the payment of Motor Vehicles Tax in respect of motor vehicles (including agricultural tractors) purchased by the University for its own use and the Order shall have effect from the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 14(6), 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 the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Senate and the House of Representatives may by Resolution confirm, amend or revoke such Order, and upon publication of the Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the *Gazette*, the Resolution shall have effect:

AND WHEREAS the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Order, 2014, was made under section 14(5) of the Act, and first published in the *Gazette* on the 13th day of February, 2014:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to confirm the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Order, 2014 be confirmed.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

- (ii) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House Amendments to the Miscellaneous Provisions (Licensing Committee) Bill, 2014 listed at Appendix II be now considered.

(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)

Bills Second Reading

- (i) A Bill entitled, “An Act to establish a Council for Urban and Regional Planners and to provide for the regulation of the urban and regional planning profession and other matters incidental thereto”.

(By the Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development)

Committee Stage

- (i) **The Committee Stage of the following Bill which was adjourned on Tuesday June 10, 2014 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled “An Act to provide for public procurement, and for the retention and disposal of public property, in accordance with the principles of good governance, namely accountability, transparency, integrity and value for money, the establishment of the Office of Procurement Regulation, the repeal of the Central Tenders Board Act, Chap. 71:91 and related matters”.

(By the Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development)

- (ii) **The Committee Stage of the following Bill which was adjourned on Tuesday May 13, 2014 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, Chap. 29:53”

(By the Minister of Health)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions

- (i) **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday May 06, 2014 will be resumed:**

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 importance 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 six months of its appointment.

(By Senator Helen Drayton)

- (ii) **WHEREAS** prior to the introduction of the Regional Health Authorities it was recognized that the centralized approach to the management of the public health sector had resulted in allocative inefficiencies, limited managerial capacity and limited authority at the local level;

AND WHEREAS in 1994, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago introduced a comprehensive health sector reform program to address the institutional constraints that have frustrated many of the previous efforts at improving the delivery of public health care;

AND WHEREAS these reforms resulted in administrative decentralization of the health sector through the establishment of autonomous Regional Health Authorities governed by statutory non-executive boards supported by executive management teams.

AND WHEREAS in spite of significant increases in annual expenditure in the health sector, there still remains numerous problems with the delivery of health care;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to take immediate steps to conduct a comprehensive review of the Regional Health Authority system in the delivery of health care in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate adopt the Report of the Special Select Committee appointed to consider and report on a Bill entitled, “An Act relating to the Planning and Development of Land and to repeal and replace the Town and County Planning Act, Chap. 35:01”.

(By the Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development)

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 54 to the Honourable Minister of Transport

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

- A. Would the Minister indicate whether any tenant was ejected from occupation of any unit in any of the Terminal Malls under the purview of the Public Transport Service Corporation, since May 2010?
- B. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, would the Minister indicate:
- (i) how many such occupants were ejected;
 - (ii) from which mall and which unit(s);
 - (iii) when was/were this/these tenant(s) ejected;
 - (iv) by what legal means this was achieved; and
 - (v) whether any legal proceedings were instituted in the High Court or the Magistrates Courts to achieve this objective and if so, the names of the Attorney(s) used for this purpose and the respective fees(s) paid in each case?

(Answer due by 08.03.14)

Question No. 55 to the Honourable Minister of Transport

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Would the Minister provide this Senate with a list of all contracts entered into, for the provision of goods and/or services to the Public Transport Service Corporation for the period 01st January, 2011 to 31st December, 2013, giving details as to the names of the individual/entity; the scope of works or service; and the contract sum in each case?

(Answer due by 08.03.14)

Question No. 95 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By Senator David Small)

With regard to Petroleum Pricing, could the Minister please inform the Senate as to:

- a) the status of the operations of the Permanent Petroleum Pricing Committee and the number of meetings held in the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013;
- b) what measures are being utilised by the Ministry to establish and confirm the “correctness” of sale prices for petroleum and other petrochemical products; and
- c) the mechanisms which are used to determine whether the true market value of these transactions are adequate?

(Answer due by 14.03.14)

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THE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS (LICENSING COMMITTEE) BILL, 2014

List of amendments made in the House of Representatives on Friday May 16, 2014, at the Committee Stage of the Miscellaneous Provisions (Licensing Committee) Bill, 2014.

First Column <u>Clause</u>	Second Column <u>Extent of Amendments</u>
5(f)	Delete subclause (f) and substitute the following: “ (f) in section 14- (i) in subsections (1) and (2), by deleting the words “Licensing Committee” and substituting the word “Magistrate”; (ii) in subsections (3) and (4), by deleting the word “committee” wherever it occurs and substituting the word “Magistrate”; and (iii) in subsections (5) and (6), by deleting the words “Licensing Committee” wherever they occur and substituting the word “Magistrate”.”
5(g)	Delete subparagraph (i) and substitute the following: “(i) in subsection (1)- (A) by deleting the words “Licensing Committee” and substituting the word “Magistrate”; (B) by deleting the word “it” in the first place where it occurs and substituting the word “he”; and (C) by deleting the word “it” in the second place where it occurs and substituting the word “him”.”
5 (o)	Delete subclause (o) and substitute the following: “(o) by deleting section 28 and substituting the following section: “28. All evidence given before a Magistrate under this Act shall be on oath.””