



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

THIRD SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2017/2018)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.

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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Bills Second Reading:**

- (i) **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday October 24, 2017 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled 'An Act to provide for the service of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending on the 30th day of September, 2018.'

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

- (ii) A Bill entitled ‘An Act to abolish preliminary enquiries and to provide for the pre-trial procedure in respect of indictable offences and for ancillary matters.’  
**(By the Attorney General)**

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

- (i) **WHEREAS** financial and administrative autonomy of Parliament is an undisputed benchmark of a true democracy;  
**AND WHEREAS** a Joint Select Committee established during the Tenth Parliament to consider proposals for the autonomy of Parliament reported to both Houses that parliamentary autonomy should be viewed as a recalibration of the existing relationship between the Executive and the Legislature;  
**AND WHEREAS** the Government, in adopting the 2015 Manifesto of the People’s National Movement as its official policy framework, confirmed its commitment to the principles of parliamentary autonomy;  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament be established to consider and report within three (3) months on a legislative formula for parliamentary autonomy in Trinidad and Tobago.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (ii) **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the escalating levels of job losses in the country since September 2015 and condemn the Government for its failure to present a clear and cogent economic policy to guide Trinidad and Tobago through these challenging economic circumstances.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (iii) **WHEREAS** the state owned company PETROTRIN is responsible for petroleum operations including the exploration for, development of and production of hydrocarbons, and the manufacturing and marketing of petroleum products;  
**AND WHEREAS** over the last ten years there has been a steady decline in the revenue generated from the energy sector due to the decline in the price of oil and gas and also a reduction in oil production;  
**AND WHEREAS** it was reported in the media that one of PETROTRIN’s operators, A&V Oil and Gas Limited overstated its level of production during the period of January 2017 to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 resulting in PETROTRIN having paid royalties for crude oil that was not received;  
**AND WHEREAS** recommendations were made by PETROTRIN’s Audit Committee that payments to A&V Oil and Gas Limited be withheld and the contract terminated due to the alleged misrepresentation of the operator;  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that immediate action be taken by the Ministry of Finance, as Corporation Sole, to suspend this operator’s contract while investigations into the Audit Committee’s Report are ongoing;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the matter of the overstating of oil production be referred to the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises for inquiry and report.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

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