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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

[2002-2003 SESSION]

SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND
REPORT ON THE POLICE SERVICE REFORM BILLS, to wit:**

- “(i) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2002;**
- (ii) The Police Service Bill, 2002; and**
- (iii) The Police Complaints Authority Bill, 2002”.**

Ordered by the House of Representatives to be printed

REPORT

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. At a sitting held on Friday November 15, 2002, the House of Representatives agreed to the following Resolution ¹:

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House appoint the following five members:

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis

Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds

Mr. Anthony Roberts

Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar

Ms. Gillian Lucky

to sit with an equal number from the Senate as a Joint Select Committee to consider and report on the undermentioned Bills:

The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2002;

The Police Service Bill, 2002; and

The Police Complaints Authority Bill, 2002.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee be mandated to publish these Bills for public comment, receive public comments on the Bills over the next six weeks, to consider such public comments and report back to the Parliament no later than February 21, 2003 ² and be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, sit in public if it so desires and receive expert advice and assistance”.

2. On Tuesday November 19, 2002, the Senate agreed to a similar resolution and appointed the following five members to serve on the Joint Select Committee ³:

Mrs. Glenda Morean Phillip

Ms. Christine Kangaloo

Mr. Rennie Dumas

Mr. Wade Mark

Prof. Ramesh Deosaran

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1. Hansard (House of Representatives Meeting of Friday November 15, 2002);
 2. The Committee time limit expires on Friday February 21, 2003;
 3. Hansard (Senate Meeting of Tuesday November 19, 2002).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

3. Your Committee held its First Meeting (2002-2003 Session) on Wednesday November 27, 2002 and at that Meeting, Mrs. Glenda Morean Phillip was nominated and unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

Your Committee also agreed that six (6) members would constitute a quorum, with at least two (2) members from each House, including the Chairman.

SECRETARIAL AND EXPERT ASSISTANCE

4. Mr. Neil Jaggassar, Parliamentary Clerk II was appointed to serve as Secretary to your Committee.

5. In keeping with its Terms of Reference and having regard to the genesis of the Bills before it, your Committee decided to co-opt the assistance of Legal and Technical expertise and obtained the services of Mr. Samraj Harripaul, Senior Parliamentary Counsel, Law Commission, Ministry of the Attorney General who assisted in the drafting of the Bills. Further, the Secretary was empowered to forward all written comments to the technical team which had previously worked on the Bills for their analysis of the comments received in relation to the clauses of the Bills.

MEETINGS

6. To date, your Committee has held a total of eight (8) meetings as follows:

- **Wednesday November 27, 2003 – Committee Room No. 4, Parliament, Red House, Port of Spain;**
- **Friday January 17, 2003 – Committee Room No. 4, Parliament, Red House, Port of Spain;**
- **Friday January 24, 2003 – Committee Room No. 4, Parliament Red House, Port of Spain;**
- **Monday February 03, 2003 – Council Chamber, City Hall, Harris Promenade, San Fernando;**
- **Wednesday February 05, 2003 – Borough Hall, Chaguanas Borough Corporation, Chaguanas;**
- **Monday February 10, 2003 – Works Lecture Room, Works Division, Scarborough, Tobago;**
- **Wednesday February 12, 2003 – Parliament Chamber, Red House, Port of Spain; and**
- **Thursday February 20, 2003 – Committee Room No. 4, Parliament, Red House, Port of Spain.**

DELIBERATIONS

7. Your Committee has received a total of fifty-one (51) written submissions from various organisations and individuals. Many of these submissions are lengthy and several highly complex legal issues have surfaced which require the consideration of your Committee. In addition, the technical team to whom all written submissions were forwarded has not yet completed their analysis of these submissions. Accordingly, your Committee is regrettably unable to complete consideration of the Bills and report to the Parliament within the timeframe given to it.

EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

8. In submitting this Special Report to the Parliament, your Committee seeks an extension of eight (8) weeks in order to fully complete the consideration of the Bills before it.

Mrs. Glenda Morean
Chairman

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis
Member

Mr. Rennie Dumas
Member

Mr. Anthony Roberts
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