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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

[2004-2005 SESSION]

SECOND INTERIM REPORT

OF THE

**SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO
CONSIDER AND REPORT ON A BILL ENTITLED
"THE COPYRIGHT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2004."**

Ordered to be printed by the House of Representatives

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

By motion made at a sitting of the House of Representatives held on Friday December 17, 2004, the following Members were appointed to serve on a Special Select Committee to report and consider a Bill entitled “ The Copyright (Amendment) Bill, 2004:

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis

Mr. Hedwige Bereaux

Mr. Roger Boynes

Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar

Ms. Gillian Lucky

2. Your Committee was mandated to report to the House within six (6) weeks of its appointment.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

3. Your Committee elected Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis as Chair of the Committee at its first meeting held on Friday January 07, 2005. At that meeting, your Committee also agreed that in accordance with Standing Order 80(5) of the House of Representatives, a quorum would constitute three (3) members, inclusive of the Chair.

MEETINGS

4. To date, your Committee has held a total of three (3) meetings as follows:

- Friday January 07, 2005
- Friday January 14, 2005
- Friday February 11, 2005

EXPERT ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE

5. Your Committee agreed at its first meeting that the input of the Minister of Legal Affairs and decided to write to the Minister and representatives of the Ministry of Legal Affairs to assist the Committee at subsequent meetings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

6. Your Committee also recognised the need for the input of other special interest groups and invited written comments from these groups on the Copyright (Amendment) Bill, 2004.

7. To date your Committee has received two (2) written submissions from special interest groups.

FINDINGS

8. From an analysis of the topics raised during debate on the Bill and the submissions of interest groups your Committee identified several concerns which were not addressed within the Copyright (Amendment) Bill, 2004.

9. A list of proposed amendments to the Bill was compiled and circulated to interested groups for further comment.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

10. In submitting its First Report to this House on January 28, 2005, your Committee sought an extension of six (6) weeks within which to report. This extension was granted and will expire on March 11, 2005.

11. However, in light of paragraphs 8 and 9, your Committee is of the view that the time granted is not sufficient to complete the necessary public consultation. Your Committee is therefore seeking a further extension of four (4) weeks to complete its deliberations and report back to Parliament.

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis
Chairman

Mr. Hedwige Bereaux
Member

Mr. Roger Boynes
Member

Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar
Member

Ms. Gillian Lucky
Member

March 11, 2005