

Leave of Absence

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The House met at 1.45 p.m.

PRAYERS

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. Speaker: The following hon. Members have been excused from today's sitting: Hon. A.N.R. Robinson (*Tobago East*) and Hon. A. Smart (*Diego Martin East*).

PAPERS LAID

1. Fifth Special Report of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago—1990. [*The Minister of Finance (Hon. Selby Wilson)*]
2. Tenth Special Report of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago—1990. [*Hon. S. Wilson*]
3. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Government Employees' Provident Fund for the year ended December 31, 1986. [*Hon. S. Wilson*]
4. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Government Employees' Provident Fund for the year ended December 31, 1987. [*Hon. S. Wilson*]
5. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Agricultural Development Bank for the year ended December 31, 1989. [*Hon. S. Wilson*]

Papers 3, 4 and 5 to be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

6. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Trinidad and Tobago Export Development Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1988. [*Hon. S. Wilson*]

Paper 6 to be referred to the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee.

Mr. Trevor Sudama (*Oropouche*): May I make just one small enquiry? Are the reports of the Ombudsman due to be debated in this House? Is there a requirement to that effect? Because we have not had a debate on the Ombudsman's reports in this House for as long as I can remember in the term of this Government. Is that a requirement or is that at the discretion of the Government?

Mr. Speaker: I suggest you take up the matter with the Leader of Government Business. It is most desirable that these reports should be debated.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following questions stood on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Raymond Palackdharrysingh (Naparima).

Firemen

- 8.** (a) Would the Minister of Justice and National Security kindly state the names of those persons appointed as Recruit/Firemen with effect from December 15, 1990?
- (b) Would the Minister state the criteria by which persons are selected to become Recruit/Firemen?

Auxiliary Firemen

- 9.** (a) Would the Minister of Justice and National Security state the criteria for hiring fire guards and auxiliary firemen?
- (b) Would the Minister indicate whether there are exceptions to the normal procedures of hiring such persons?

Firearms Licences

10. *The following question stood on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Trevor Sudama (Oropouche):*

Could the Minister of Justice and National Security state:

- (a) How many applications have been made to the Commissioner of Police by members of the public for the issue of licences for small firearms in each of the years 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990?
- (b) How many applications have been successful in each of the aforementioned years? and
- (c) What are the criteria employed by the Commissioner of Police in granting such licences?

The Minister of Justice and National Security (Hon. Joseph Toney): Mr. Speaker, on the last occasion I had asked my good friend to allow me a fortnight to provide the answers to these questions and the fortnight comes to an end next

week. I am hoping that he will be kind enough to allow me a further week to provide the answers for both him and the hon. Member for Oropouche.

Mr. Speaker: Is that in respect of questions 8, 9 and 10?

Mr. Toney: Yes Mr. Speaker.

Questions, by leave, deferred.

PAYE Deductions

11. Mr. Trevor Sudama (*Oropouche*) asked the Minister of Finance:

Could the Minister state:

- (a) Whether all the moneys collected by the firm, Universal Contractors Limited of Avocat, Fyzabad, in respect of PAYE deductions from their employees up to and including the year 1988 have been remitted to the Board of Inland Revenue as required by law?
- (b) Whether TD 4 slips have been issued to all the firm's employees in respect of each year of income as required by law?

The Minister of Finance (Hon. Selby Wilson): Mr. Speaker, I have been advised by the honourable Attorney General, that it will be a breach of section 4(2) of the Income Tax Act Chapter 75:01 to reveal the information requested in respect of any taxpayer.

Mr. Sudama: Am I to understand that if the law of this land is breached with respect to the deduction of income tax and its payment over to the Government, that matter cannot be raised in this Parliament and a response be given?

Mr. Richardson: That is not the issue. Two wrongs cannot make a right. You cannot go around breaking the law, prying into someone else's business. How can you reveal people's income tax?

Mr. Sudama: No, you are trying to protect people. You are trying to protect members of the Government. That is what you are trying to do but your protection period will not be long at all.

NIS Deductions

12. Mr. Trevor Sudama (*Oropouche*) asked the Minister of Labour, Employment and Manpower Resources:

Could the Minister state:

- (a) Whether all the moneys collected by the firm, Universal Contractors Limited of Avocat, Fyzabad, in respect of NIS deductions from their employees up to and including the year 1988 have been remitted to the National Insurance Board as required by law?
- (b) Whether the firm permitted the employees to scrutinize their NIS contribution cards?

The Minister of Labour, Employment and Manpower Resources (Dr. The Hon. Albert Richards): A written response has been submitted to the honourable House.

Mr. Sudama: Mr. Speaker, on this written response, I would like to ask the Member for La Brea a supplementary question. In the written response it is said—

"Contributions for the period of 1984 to 1985, to which the said cards relate have not been received by the National Insurance Board. However, National Insurance Board has no evidence to conclude that the Company had actually made deductions from employees in 1985."

My question to the Minister is, whose responsibility is it to verify whether deductions have actually been made from employees salaries?

Dr. Richards: It will probably be the responsibility of the employees themselves.

Mr. Sudama. Does the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Manpower Resources have any monetary role in this matter?

Dr. Richards: No.

Mr. Sudama: This is amazing, clearly amazing, the way they function as a Government.

Vide end of sitting for written answer.

James and Zamore Bill

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JAMES AND ZAMORE (COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF OFFICE AND PAYMENT OF PENSIONS) BILL

Bill to provide for the payment of pension and compensation for loss of office to Richard James and Preston Zamore, former members of the Defence Force [*The Attorney General*]; read the first time.

NATIONAL CARNIVAL COMMISSION BILL

Bill to establish a National Carnival Commission of Trinidad and Tobago [*The Minister of Youth, Sport, Culture and Creative Arts*]; read the first time.

NATIONAL TRUST BILL, 1990

Bill for the establishment and incorporation of the National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago and for matters incidental thereto [*The Minister of Youth, Sport, Culture and Creative Arts*]; read the first time.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The Minister of Industry, Enterprise and Tourism (Dr. The Hon. Bhoendradatt Tewarie): Mr. Speaker, with the permission of this House, could we move to motion No. 2 until the Attorney General arrives?

1.55 p.m.

LAND ACQUISITION

The Minister of Planning and Mobilization (Hon. Winston Dookeran): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

That the House approves the decision of the President to acquire the lands described in the Appendix for the public purposes specified.

You will recollect that just over two weeks ago we had a full discussion on some of the issues pertaining to acquisition so I would not, on this occasion, tend to do that but merely identify the various pieces of land that are being acquired which are listed in the Appendix.

There are eight parcels of land to be acquired and the public purposes have been specified. In the first instance we are trying to acquire land in Boodram Trace, Cedros for a recreation ground; land for the improvement of Grafton Road in Tobago; land which has been used for the construction of the highway which should have already been completed in Scarborough, Tobago; acquisition of land pertaining to the improvement of the dual carriageway on the Uriah Butler Highway, pertaining specifically to the construction of the Endeavour Exchange,

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construction which also has been completed; acquisition of land pertaining to connector road for the Claude Noel Highway of a similar situation; the acquisition of land along the Uriah Butler Highway, once again, pertaining to the connector roads; and finally, improvement of the Grafton/Shirvan Roads on the Golden Grove Road in the parish of St. Patrick in the ward of Tobago.

You will note that all the lands that have been identified pertain to construction already commenced except for the first case. This is in accordance with the existing procedures where section 5 is now being proclaimed by this Parliament and in so doing we will be able to accelerate progress in this particular area. As I indicated to you, in a very recent debate we had a very detailed assessment of what is going on. This motion therefore is simply a continuation of our efforts to accelerate our work in this particular regard.

I beg to move.

Question proposed.

Mr. Trevor Sudama (*Oropouche*): Mr. Speaker, I merely rise to make a comment on this land acquisition motion which is before us today. I, too, am happy that these motions and the various items of land acquisition come to us with greater regularity. I feel happy about that and I trust that when these land acquisition requests come from the constituency of Oropouche, they are dealt with the same degree of expeditiousness.

I merely want to comment that out of the eight requests for acquisition which are here before us this afternoon, five of those pertain to land acquisition in Tobago. It would appear to me that perhaps there are certain procedures in place in Tobago which facilitate the question of land acquisition being brought to this House with a greater degree of regularity than in other cases in Trinidad. If that is the case, I urge the Minister to find out how the system works in Tobago to enable so many land acquisition requests to come before this House with such speed. Perhaps if that system which operates in Tobago at this point in time could be transplanted to Trinidad, we might have the benefit of the experience of the people in Tobago with respect to land acquisition procedures.

I am sure if the Minister recalls and goes through the various motions which he has proposed in this House from the year 1987 to the present day, he will find that there is an overwhelming preponderance of land acquisition items for Tobago in the various motions he has moved in this House. If that is the case, that strikes me as being an outstanding fact. Is it because the Prime Minister comes from Tobago

that you have this pressure being placed to bring these land acquisition motions and have those items settled? Is that one of the reasons? Is it the reason that the procedures which exist in Tobago for the streamlining of land acquisition requests and their approval are more efficient than in Trinidad? Why is this so?

Of course, I must, at this point, also make reference to the whole question of land acquisition from Caroni Limited on which recreation grounds are presently sited and they are transferred to the state. Now I want to make the point that these requests to have these sites transferred to the state and then these recreation grounds coming under the responsibility of the county councils, has been a matter which has been raised in this House since I am here over 10 years.

On the last occasion the Minister gave a progress report as to what is happening, but what I cannot understand is why, after all these years, not a single land acquisition item from Caroni Limited has been brought to this House. If there are 60 recreation grounds which are affected primarily in the counties of Caroni and Victoria, am I to understand that the survey work and all the studies and evaluation and so on, have not been done with respect to a single ground, that they could have been included in one of these motions? Am I to understand this? Or am I to understand that when all the work is done with respect to all of the 60-odd grounds in question, then these matters would be brought to this House?

I would have thought that if the matter was dealt with on a phased basis, then, from time to time we would have had in this House, motions before us with respect to the transfer of these lands from Caroni Limited to the state, and that the position of these recreation grounds would have been regularized, and the county councils would have been in a position to do development work on these recreation grounds.

2.05 p.m.

This is a recurring problem. It is an urgent problem. I get representations on a day-to-day basis. Everytime you want some work done on a recreation ground owned by Caroni Limited, the county council says that it cannot do any development work, and it can only do minimal maintenance work on these grounds, as the matter is in a state of abeyance.

The Minister ought to let this House know why it is not possible to bring just a few of the 60-odd requests for transfer of Caroni lands to the state on which recreation grounds are sited, in the form of a motion for the approval of this House. Why is it not done? Is it something that is going to be timed just

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before the elections in order to make propaganda on their part to intimate that something is being done in the counties of Caroni and Victoria?

The hon. Member for Chaguanas told me just now that there is a process in these matters. I just asked a question. There is a process. A breach of the law is involved, and we are told there is a process which cannot be aired in this House. This is the highest chamber in the land, I am told, under our democratic system. The House of Representatives and the Senate forming the Parliament of this country, these are the highest chambers in the land. Laws are being breached in this country.

The point I am making is, why do they hide behind the question of administrative process, as they are attempting to hide in this particular instance with respect to the acquisition of Caroni lands for recreational purposes?

If the Minister has difficulty, it seems to me that there is an abundance of surveyors in Tobago. This is the only reason I could suggest for this plethora of requests for land acquisition from Tobago and coming to be approved in this House. Maybe they have an over-abundance of surveyors in Tobago. Maybe also the Ministry of Finance, or whoever is involved, and the Cabinet, whoever is involved in these land acquisition procedures, in the provision of money, and so on, become more alert as far as Tobago is concerned than when any other area of Trinidad is involved. They become more alert and therefore they work overtime, it seems, in order to get Tobago's matters onto the business of this House. What is the difference? Tobago seems to get priority treatment; land acquisition matters seem to be treated in a very, very expeditious fashion. I would like to know.

If the Minister could enlighten us this afternoon, I will be very happy to know that Trinidad is not being discriminated against by the way this Government operates. The people of Trinidad are very concerned about the manner in which this Government is operating; about the manner in which priorities are accorded by this Government. The people of Trinidad, Mr. Speaker, will have their say in the not too distant future. They will give their verdict on this Government about its performance and, whether in fact, Trinidad is being side-lined in the priorities that have been determined by this Government. We ought to know. Sooner than later we will be making an evaluation of the amount of moneys, developmental and otherwise, expended in Tobago for road construction, as in this case and for other matters, and whether there has been an active equity in the allocation of the financial resources between Tobago and Trinidad.

Today I am saying that I believe Tobago is entitled to a fair share of the resources of this country. But when the Government seems to be oriented to the welfare of 40,000 citizens in Tobago as against 1,200,000 citizens in Trinidad, then I would like to know, Mr. Speaker, where its priorities lie. What is the focus of this Government? What is its perspective? Why should the people of Trinidad bear the burden of this inequity? The Government will have to answer. Sooner than later, it will have to answer this question and answer it to the satisfaction of the people of Trinidad.

We are not going to let this matter rest. As I said, I myself am doing a little research on the whole question of the inequitable distribution of expenditure when it comes to Tobago as against Trinidad. My own constituency of Oropouche has more people than the whole of Tobago, and if we were to itemize what my constituency has obtained as against Tobago, we will find a great disparity and a great inequity.

So that when you do come to campaign, if you do come to campaign in Oropouche, let me forewarn you of some of the questions you will have to answer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Minister of Planning and Mobilization (Hon. Winston Dookeran): Mr. Speaker, clearly the submission of the Member for Oropouche has not been based on the factual situation. I have a list of the 150-odd compensation matters that were dealt with during the year 1990, and it covers the entire country in terms of the number of acquisition matters that have come here from time to time.

On the last occasion we dealt with 28 such matters, and it was pointed out that this included a number of matters in the constituency of Oropouche. Of the 150-odd matters, there is a total spread throughout the country of dealing with recreation grounds, sites for educational institutions and road construction.

The problem that is before us today pertains to two very large outstanding areas for compensation. One pertains to the Claude Noel Highway and the other pertains to the Uriah Butler Highway. In both cases, there have been many long outstanding claims. In fact, one may even suggest that these claims were not being dealt with expeditiously in the previous period. Because when we look at the date of commencement on the improvement of Grafton Road in Tobago, proceedings started on January 27, 1972. When we go on to the other areas, we will see that proceedings started on the connector road in Scarborough in 1980.

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Then you have the same problem pertaining to the Uriah Butler Highway where proceedings were initiated and land acquisition matters started in 1979. As we go along, we will see that the two main highways, the Claude Noel Highway in Tobago and the Uriah Butler Highway in Trinidad have had many, many outstanding land issues, and it is this Government that has been able to tackle those long, outstanding issues and has brought them to Parliament for solution.

When we look at the total picture, we see overall the issues. I did indicate on the last occasion that I was willing to make available the list of acquisition matters so that we can see the total picture. We do not take any one day, because we had 28 matters the last time we met on this issue. There are eight today.

What is relevant here is that it has been this Government that has been bringing these things forward after being left unattended for many years. It is to the credit of the changes that are taking place to handle these issues. The Member for Oropouche recognizes that, but he certainly does not wish to give credit to the Government for it.

On the last occasion, he was good enough to acknowledge that of the issues that we dealt with, two of them dealt with matters within Oropouche, and he acknowledged it, not giving credit. I assure him that when I come to campaign in Oropouche, I will be speaking about that.

Mr. Sudama: The fact that two matters were dealt with pertaining to the constituency of Oropouche, is that a matter of right, or is that a matter of grace on the part of the Government?

Mr. Dookeran: Mr. Speaker, I am merely indicating that the claim and the allegations that he has made have no foundation whatsoever. If the evidence is put, of the 150-odd cases, we will see that there is no such evidence. In fact, there has been a substantial improvement in dealing with the backlog. The Member really has not been sufficiently committed to what I thought his training is: to analyse the situation before he makes such wide claims on this particular issue.

Mr. Sudama: Would the Member be good enough to give me a breakdown of all the land acquisition proposals brought to this House from the time his Government came into office so that I will be in a position to make an analysis?

Mr. Dookeran: Mr. Speaker, I have absolutely no problem in collating that and letting him have that. It is public information, because it has all been submitted here. We can then look at the situation objectively.

With respect to the Caroni recreation grounds, Mr. Speaker, I did give on the last occasion, an update of the progress. For many, many years, this issue has been outstanding. My recollection is that of the 50-odd cases that were being surveyed, something like 32 were surveyed as of the last time I spoke, which again was an indication of a lot of progress in this particular area. I am advised that the formal transfer of those particular recreation grounds is being proceeded with and very shortly it will be effected. This has been a long, outstanding matter for many years, and this Government has been able to take that and bring it forward.

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What he misses, Mr. Speaker, is that the relationship for the acquisition of land under Caroni Limited is done by private treaty and does not come for acquisition purposes here in Parliament. It also required surveying.

Mr. Sudama: Therefore it should be faster.

Mr. Dookeran: Therefore, when he makes the suggestion, that he does not see them in the list, he is not familiar with all the processes for acquisition matters. On that count, there has been substantial improvement.

Mr. Speaker, the two claims of the hon. Member for Oropouche really have no foundation. On both cases there is cause to acknowledge the substantial strides that has been made in land acquisition matters in general. The payment of people over the years has increased and there has been improvement in surveys. The Member for Oropouche will have to continue to search for issues that have been resolved in order to perpetuate a myth in the society.

I give the assurance that this Government continues to act with equity on the part of all the citizens of this country and in this particular area we are very proud of our achievements in this regard.

I move that the House adopt the appropriate motion. Thank you very much.

Question put and agreed to

Resolved

That this House approve the decision of the President to acquire the lands described in the Appendix for the public purposes specified.

APPENDIX

Description of Land	Public purposes for which to be acquired
<p>1. The following parcel of land containing 2.2 hectares, more or less, situate at Boodram Trace, Cedros, in the ward of Cedros, in the county of St. Patrick, described in the Schedule hereto and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated January 1, 1988, executed under Survey Order No. 51/87 and filed in his office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE SCHEDULE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A parcel of land containing 2.2 hectares, more or less, situate on the eastern side of Boodram Trace approximately seven hundred (700) metres north of Pasea Crown Trace in the ward of Cedros in the county of St. Patrick, and said to belong now or formerly to the heir of Francis Chimmings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This parcel is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed in Book 1140, Folio 49 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House, Port-of-Spain.</p>	A recreation ground
<p>2. The following parcel of land containing 2,373.7 square metres, more or less, situate at Grafton/Black Rock, in the parish of St. Patrick, in the ward of Tobago, described in the Schedule hereto and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated January 18, 1989, executed under Survey Order No. 35/87 and filed in his office.</p>	Road improvement

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<p style="text-align: center;">THE SCHEDULE</p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 2,373.7 square metres situate at Grafton/Black Rock overlooking the village of Black Rock opposite Black Rock Trace in the parish of St. Patrick in the ward of Tobago and said to belong now or formerly to Clanford Boyce and others.</p> <p>This parcel is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed in Book 1140, Folio 66 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House, Port-of-Spain.</p> <p>3. The following parcel of land containing 1526.1 square metres, more or less, situate east of the Northside Connector Road, Scarborough, in the parish of St. Andrew, in the ward of Tobago, described in the Schedule hereto and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated August 30, 1989 executed under Survey Order No. 84/87 and filed in his office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE SCHEDULE</p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 1526.1 square metres, more or less, situate on the southern side of the Claude Noel Highway and east of the Northside Connector Road, Scarborough, in the Parish of St. Andrew, in the ward of Tobago and said to belong now or formerly to Wolsey Dalrymple.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Road construction</p>

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<p>This parcel is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed in Book 1140, Folio 75 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House, Port-of-Spain.</p> <p>4. The following parcel of land containing 23,508.2 square metres, more or less, situate at the intersection of Endeavour Road and Uriah Butler Highway, in the ward of Chaguanas, in the county of Caroni, described in the Schedule hereto and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey filed in the office of the Director of Surveys.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE SCHEDULE</p> <p>A parcel of land containing 23,508.2 square metres, situate on the eastern side of the Uriah Butler Highway at its intersection with Endeavour Road approximately 1 kilometre north of the central business district of Chaguanas, in the ward of Chaguanas, in the county of Caroni and said to belong now or formerly to Group of Ten Limited.</p> <p>This parcel is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed in Book 1140, Folio 16 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House, Port-of-Spain.</p>	<p>Road construction (Improvement to Dual Carriageway along the Uriah Butler Highway)</p>

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<p>5. The following parcels of land containing together 3.5962 hectares, more or less, situate at Lambeau/Signal Hill Road, in the parish of St. Andrew, in the ward of Tobago described in the Schedule hereto and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated July 14, 1987, executed under Survey Order No. 132/82 and filed in his office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE SCHEDULE</p> <p>Several parcels of land containing together 3.5962 hectares situate on both sides of the Lambeau/Signal Hill Road approximately 0.55 kilometre north of Milford Road and approximately 0.9 kilometre south of Signal Hill Road, in the parish of St. Andrew, in the ward of Tobago and described as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 7243.8 square metres, more or less, said to belong now or formerly to N. A. Bishop; 2. 4173.9 square metres, more or less, said to belong now or formerly to N. A. Bishop; 3. 293.0 square metres, more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Cuthbert Knights & others; 4. 219.3 square metres, more or less, said to belong now or formerly to Cuthbert Knights & others; 	<p>Highway construction</p>

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<p>5. 6355.5 square metres, more or less, said to belong now or formerly to N. A. Bishop;</p> <p>6. 3097.1 square metres, more or less, said to belong now or formerly to N. A. Bishop;</p> <p>7. 14080.7 square metres, more or less, said to belong now or formerly to N. A. Bishop;</p> <p>8. 435.9 square metres, more or less, said to belong now or formerly to N. A. Bishop;</p> <p>9. 63.0 square metres, more or less, said to belong now or formerly to N. A. Bishop.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed as R. H. 119 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House, Port-of-Spain.</p> <p>6. The following parcels of land containing 3.8968 hectares, more or less, situate in Scarborough, in the parish of St. Andrew, in the ward of Tobago, described in the Schedule hereto and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated April 3, 1987, executed under Survey Order No. 132/82 and filed in his office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE SCHEDULE</p> <p>Several parcels of land containing together 3.8968 hectares situate at the northern end of Mt. Marie Village Street on the northern extremity of the town of Scarborough in the parish of St. Andrew in the ward of Tobago and described as follows:-</p>	<p>Highway construction</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 0.33831 hectare said to belong now or formerly to Julia Ward; 2. 1.25301 hectares said to belong now or formerly to N. A. Bishop; 3. 0.62966 hectare said to belong now or formerly to the Incorporated Trustees of Church of England; 4. 0.08956 hectare said to belong now or formerly to the St. Nicholas School; 5. 1.58626 hectares said to belong now or formerly to Esther Arnold. <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed as R. H. 96 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House, Port-of-Spain.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The following parcels of land containing together 1393.5 square metres, more or less, situate at John Peter Road in the ward of Chaguanas, in the county of Caroni, described in the schedule hereto and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey executed under Survey Order No. 110/79 and filed in the office of the Director of Surveys. 	Road construction

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<p style="text-align: center;">THE SCHEDULE</p> <p>Two (2) parcels of land containing together 1393.5 square metres situate on the eastern side of the Uriah Butler Highway, at the south-eastern corner of John Peter Road and Jackson Trace, in the ward of Chaguanas, in the county of Caroni and said to belong now or formerly to Feroz Jahan Begum, Shamsun Nisa Bano Khan and Riaz Khan.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed in the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House, Port-of-Spain.</p> <p>8. The following parcel of land containing 2651.8 square metres, more or less, situate on the Golden Grove Road, in the ward of Tobago, in the parish of St. Patrick, described in the schedule hereto and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey by the Director of Surveys and dated July 18, 1986, executed under Survey Order No. 140/84 and filed in his office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE SCHEDULE</p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 2651.8 square metres, situate on the northern side of the Golden Grove Road approximately 40 metres west of the Shirvan Road in the parish of St. Patrick, in the ward of Tobago and said to belong now or formerly to L. M. Robinson.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Re-alignment and road construction</p>

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This parcel is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed as A.N. 28 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House, Port-of-Spain.	

MECHANICAL RECORDING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS BILL

[Senate Amendments]

The Attorney General (Hon. Anthony Smart): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move:

That the Senate amendments to the Mechanical Recording of Court Proceedings Bill listed in the appendix be now considered.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Clause 1.

Senate amendment reads as follows:

Delete the word "Mechanical" appearing between the words "the" and "Recording" in line 1.

Mr. Smart: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House doth agree with the Senate in the said amendment.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

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Clause 3.

Senate amendment reads as follows:

Delete the words "mechanical or" appearing between the words "by" and "any" and the word "other" appearing between the words "any" and "means" in line 3.

Mr. Smart: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House doth agree with the Senate in the said amendment.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Clause 4.

Senate amendment reads as follows:

Delete and substitute the following—

"Transcript to be prepared 4. Where proceedings in a Court are recorded, the Registrar of the Court or the Clerk of the Peace, as the case may be, may, and shall if required by Rules of Court or other law, as soon as practicable cause a transcript of the record of the proceedings to be prepared."

Mr. Smart: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House doth agree with the Senate in the said amendment.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Clause 5.

Senate amendment reads as follows:

Delete and substitute the following—

"Verification of Transcript 5. The transcript of the record of proceedings shall be verified by certificates of those responsible for the accuracy of the recording of the proceedings and of the transcript in accordance with Rules of Court."

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Mr. Smart: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House doth agree with the Senate in the said amendment.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Clause 6.

Senate amendment reads as follows:

Delete and substitute the following—

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and recordings

6. A party to proceedings which are recorded shall, upon application and upon the payment of such fee as the Rules Committee may prescribe, be furnished with a copy of the draft or verified transcript of the record of those proceedings."

Mr. Smart: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House doth agree with the Senate in the said amendment.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Long Title.

Senate amendment reads as follows:

Delete the word "mechanical" appearing between the words "the" and "recording" in line 1.

Mr. Smart: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House doth agree with the Senate in the said amendment.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

The Minister of Industry, Enterprise and Tourism (Dr. The Hon. Bhoendradatt Tewarie): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn to Friday, February 8, 1991 at 1.30 p.m.

Adjournment

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Mr. Speaker: There is a motion on the adjournment filed by the Member for Naparima. Unfortunately, my office did not communicate with the Minister and the Member for Naparima has kindly consented to have the matter deferred to the next sitting.

Question put and agreed to.

House adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 2.25 p.m.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PAYE Deductions

The Minister of Labour, Employment and Manpower Resources (Dr. The Hon. Albert Richards): Mr. Speaker, investigations by the National Insurance Board have revealed the following with respect to the firm of Universal Contractors Limited of Avocat, Fyzabad.

The National Insurance Board was informed by letter of December 18, 1985 from the Managing Director of Universal Contractors Limited, that the company had ceased to operate, with effect from November 30, 1985. The records of the National Insurance Board reveal that up to December, 1984, the company had satisfied its obligations in law to pay National Insurance contributions in respect of its several employees.

Between July, 1984 and December, 1984, the company surrendered 18 expired Employees' Contribution cards, in respect of which the National Insurance Board issued replacement cards to the company, which to date have not been surrendered by the company.

Contributions for the period of 1984 to 1985 to which the said cards relate have not been received by the National Insurance Board. However National Insurance Board has no evidence to conclude that the company had actually made deductions from employees in 1985.

Employees have a right to be shown their contribution cards if they desire. The National Insurance Board has no record to indicate that there was any complaint by a worker in this regard.