

*Leave of Absence**Thursday, June 8, 2000***HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES***Thursday, June 8, 2000*

The House met at 1.30 p.m.

PRAYERS[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, I am to advise that apart from the Members who had already gotten leave of absence in respect of this sitting, I have received communication from the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West who has asked to be excused up to June 30, 2000. The leave of absence which he seeks is granted.

MR. SELWYN CHARLES**(CONDOLENCES)**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to bring to the notice of the House that I have read, with sadness, the passing of a former Member of this Chamber. I refer to Mr. Selwyn Charles who was a Member of this House from 1971—1976. He was a Parliamentary Secretary and I bring this to the notice of Members who may wish to express condolences.

The Minister of Social and Community Development and Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs (Hon. Manohar Ramsaran): Mr. Speaker, permit me to pay my respects to our departed brother and friend, Selwyn Charles.

I had the pleasure and good fortune to come into contact with Mr. Selwyn Charles in the early 1960s when he came to Presentation College, Chaguanas, to perform coaching duties. I am happy for having been among those who benefited from the presence of this man who was huge in structure but humble in spirit. The work done by Mr. Charles at Presentation College resulted in several persons reaching great heights in local and West Indies cricket. The nation is surely richer among those who continue to lead exemplary lives because of his assistance.

My relationship with Mr. Selwyn Charles continued after my departure from Presentation College because of the strength of the bond that we had established. We went beyond coach and athlete; we became brother and friend. The deceased and I remained close throughout the years in spite of the fact that we were charting different courses in our daily lives.

I recall that we communicated constantly when Selwyn served as Parliamentary Secretary for sport. We were always happy, as well, to exchange ideas at the many sporting functions at which we met.

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Selwyn's service to the national community, through government, underscores his concern for the youth of the country and his love for sport. In the period 1971—1976 when he served as a parliamentary representative for Caroni East, the deceased held the portfolio of Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister from 1971—1974. This assignment required that he assisted the Prime Minister on matters of youth affairs and sport.

In the latter part of 1974, he became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Culture, again having the responsibility for youth affairs and sport, as well as community development.

Mr. Speaker, I have noted Mr. Austin Jack Warner's statement that his initial involvement in football administration was due, in main, to Charles' influence and that they remained great friends until the end in spite of his changed fortunes in the last few years.

From our encounters while I was a student through our involvement in cricket and in our social and political life, although it disappeared lately, I attest to the fact that lives have been touched from knowing this man.

I wish, therefore, on behalf of all the sporting people, the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and on behalf of my family and myself, to extend condolences to the family of Mr. Selwyn Charles.

Mr. Edward Hart (*Tunapuna*): Mr. Speaker, we on this side of the House also mourn the loss of Mr. Selwyn Charles who passed away recently.

Mr. Charles served as a Member of Parliament for the Caroni East constituency and also as Parliamentary Secretary for sports during the period 1971—1976, under the late Dr. Eric Williams.

Before he entered politics, Mr. Charles played football and cricket at a very high level, representing the then Maple Sports Club which was, at that time, ironically called "The Government". He eventually gained selection to the national cricket team in the early 60s being a very aggressive fast/medium bowler, his forte in cricket.

He was also a very ardent supporter of the Trinidad All Stars Steel Orchestra because in his early days, he grew up on Nelson Street and I could recall Mr. Charles, whenever they took part in competition, would be the first to call me and ask about the performance of the band. He was always very concerned about the band's performance and the musical director, Mr. Gerry Jemmot, could attest to this fact.

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We remember him as a keen sportsman and community worker. He was also a very active member of the party, having served at both the general council and central executive.

After his tenure in Parliament, Mr. Charles worked for a short time with me and in 1985 he migrated to Canada. Unfortunately, due to illness, he returned to Trinidad in 1998. Mr. Charles leaves to mourn his wife Joyce and three children, two girls and a boy.

Mr. Speaker, we on this side of the House would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved relatives. May his soul rest in peace.

I thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to join Members on both sides of the House in expressing condolences on the passing of Selwyn Charles.

I was a colleague of his, in that I entered these hallowed halls on the same day in 1971 when he entered it and although it may be said that we never worked closely together—he was never a member of the Cabinet when I was—he was one of those who meant well and who, undoubtedly, made some contribution in the field of sport, youth affairs and community development for which he had some responsibility.

It is good that those who have made contributions should be remembered. It is always a pity that they are remembered only in death but I am sure the impact which he made would long be remembered by many who were affected positively by his efforts.

I would ask on your behalf that the Clerk direct a suitable letter of condolence to the surviving spouse of Mr. Charles and ask Members to stand for one minute in silence.

All stood.

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (AMDT.) BILL

Bill to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, brought from the Senate, [*The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*] read the first time.

PETTY CIVIL COURTS (AMDT.) BILL

Bill to amend the Petty Civil Courts Act, Chap. 4:21, brought from the Senate, [*The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*] read the first time.

RENT RESTRICTION (RE-ENACTMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL

Bill to re-enact the Rent Restriction Act, Chap. 59:50 and to validate things done thereunder, brought from the Senate, [*The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*] read the first time.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Hon. Ramesh Lawrence Maharaj): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of National Security should make a statement. Can I respectfully ask that this item be deferred to later in the proceedings?

Question put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: I take it there is no objection to this. By agreement of both sides, "Item (j), Statements by Ministers", is deferred to a later stage. Proceed.

PAPERS LAID

1. Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of Trinidad and Tobago Television Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 1998. [*The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Hon. Ramesh Lawrence Maharaj)*]
2. Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the National Broadcasting Service of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended December 31, 1998. [*Hon. R. L. Maharaj*]
3. Annual audited financial statement of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 1999. [*Hon. R. L. Maharaj*]

Papers 1 to 3 to be referred to the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Hon. Ramesh Lawrence Maharaj): Mr. Speaker, as provided for in Standing Order 64(7), I beg to move that this House now resolve itself into Finance Committee for considering proposals for variations of the 1999/2000 appropriation.

Question put and agreed to.

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Mr. Speaker: I would just like to indicate to the strangers who are in the House that at this particular stage, when the House goes into Finance Committee, it is not permissible for any member of the public to be in the House, so that I would respectfully ask you at this stage to take your leave and you will be able to come back in immediately the Finance Committee ends.

I thank you.

1.45p.m.: *House resolved into Finance Committee.*

2.50 p.m.: *House resumed.*

The Acting Minister of Finance, Planning and Development and the Minister of Tobago Affairs (Dr. The Hon. Morgan Job): Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise that the Finance Committee has met and considered the matters related to the 1999/2000 accounts. The report of the Finance Committee will be prepared for presentation to this honourable House and debated tomorrow, Friday, June 9, 2000.

MISCELLAENEOUS TAXES (AMDT.) BILL

Order for second reading read.

The Acting Minister of Finance, Planning and Development and the Minister of Tobago Affairs (Dr. The Hon. Morgan Job): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move,

That the Bill to amend the Miscellaneous Taxes Act, Chap. 77:01, be now read a second time.

In moving the second reading of this Bill, I seek the leave of the House to debate together the other Bills before this House which relate to this subject of debate: the Stamp Duty (Amdt.) Bill; the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Bill, 2000; the Corporation Tax (Amdt.) Bill; and the Income Tax (Amdt.) Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

Dr. The Hon. M. Job: Mr. Speaker, the aim of this Miscellaneous Taxes (Amdt.) Bill is to provide for the waiver of departure tax with respect to all visitors to Trinidad and Tobago who remain for a period not exceeding 48 hours.

The purpose of the Stamp Duty (Amdt.) Bill is to amend the First Schedule to the Stamp Duty Act in order to exempt from stamp duty, policies of sea insurance in respect of cargo on board any ship or vessel.

There is also the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Bill, 2000, and the objective of this Bill is to provide for the payment of stamp duty and fees in money and to remove the requirement of fixed adhesive stamps to instruments in respect of such stamp duty and fees.

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There is also the Corporation Tax (Amdt.) Bill, 2000, and this Bill seeks to amend the Corporation Tax Act, Chap. 75:02 to grant exemptions and credits to the Export/Import Bank in respect of corporation tax.

There is also the Income Tax (Amdt.) Bill which seeks to amend the Income Tax Act, Chap. 75:01 to provide certain exemptions to the Export/Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move.

Question proposed.

Mr. Speaker: I simply remind hon. Members that it is the wish of the House that several other Bills be debated at the same time. This means that notwithstanding that you may speak on all of them, they will be put separately at the end of the debate.

Mr. Colm Imbert (*Diego Martin East*): Mr. Speaker, I simply seek some clarification from the Government and make some points. Dealing first with this Miscellaneous Taxes (Amdt.) Bill, this provision has been in force in other Caribbean territories, but at least one territory has rescinded this provision.

Grenada is one example. I believe that one year ago Grenada had a provision where if one came in and out of the country for one day, one did not have to pay departure tax. They, however, recognized eventually that it was administratively clumsy, because the person would have to prove to whoever the officer was at the point of departure that they, in fact, entered the country for one day. They would have to show their passport, ticket, or whatever it was. This caused a clogging of the system and they eventually abolished it.

It also deprives the Airport Authority of revenue, and we really have to determine in this day and age—when airports are moving in the direction of becoming self-financing—whether we wish to deprive the Airports Authority of revenue. Once one waives departure tax to any person—whether they are here for 24 hours or 48 hours—that is a loss in revenue for the Airports Authority, so I am not in agreement with this provision. It has been implemented in other countries and, as I said, at least one Caribbean territory has rescinded this provision because it was found to be administratively difficult and it causes a loss of revenue.

I would ask the Government to not succumb to pressures coming from a certain direction regarding matters of this nature. We have to take the “longer-term” view of something like this. I do not think the exemptions to departure tax at this point in time are a good idea, and I think we should seriously consider the points I have just raised.

Regarding the stamp duty matter where the payment of stamp duty or fees can be done using a certain mechanism, I would simply like the Minister to give us more clarification on exactly how this is going to be implemented. How would one implement such a measure? If one is removing the requirement to affix adhesive stamps, what other form of proof would be affixed to the instrument? Would it be a rubber stamp?

What other authentic instrument would be affixed to the document? At present, the stamps are used to give validity to the documents. I am really looking at the legal side of things. They are removing a form of identification from an instrument. Are they replacing it with something else? I heard *sotto voce* that it would be replaced with a receipt, but a receipt may not be attached to the deed. I would like to know whether the Government intends to put some other form of identification on the instrument to provide evidence that stamp duty was, in fact, paid.

I am sorry I did not hear the Minister explain why he wishes to exempt stamp duty from policies of sea insurance. Perhaps he did give an explanation, but perhaps he could go into some more detail as to why he wants to exempt stamp duty from those policies as opposed to other types of general insurance policies. Maybe he explained it very well, but I did not pick that up.

I do not have any other points regarding the other legislation, but there are other Members on our side who will raise issues relating to these pieces of legislation.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Minister of Tourism (Dr. The Hon. Adesh Nanan): Mr. Speaker, I rise to respond to the points raised on the Miscellaneous Taxes (Amdt.) Bill by the hon. Member for Diego Martin East. The proposed amendment represents one of several initiatives of a comprehensive strategy to facilitate the sustainable development of the tourism industry in Trinidad and Tobago.

Government has earmarked tourism for accelerated growth and, in order to lay a foundation to boost the tourism industry, the Government has set out a plan in terms of programmes and projects, and this will include product development, human resource development, institutional strengthening and marketing, all aimed at laying the foundation to boost our tourism industry.

Mr. Speaker, I am responding in this frame to put into context the particular amendments, and I will show the relationship of the amendment—that is the waiver of departure tax for visitors not exceeding 48 hours in Trinidad and Tobago. I will do so in terms of the promotion of tourism in Trinidad and Tobago.

The hon. Member for Diego Martin East spoke about the Grenada situation, that the measure was tried and, because of administrative problems, it was removed. As he said in his contribution also, other countries are utilizing the facility, and I will explain to him the advantage of the facility.

I will do so in terms of the context of tourism and what this Government is doing to improve tourism. The Member is aware of the tourism development legislation which was assented to by the President on June 1, 2000. That particular piece of legislation will give owners and operators—not only of hotels, but other tourism projects—the opportunity to benefit in terms of investment. This will enhance the tourism sector considerably. We are well aware that in terms of upgrading, we have the refurbishment of existing infrastructure, and I would like to point out certain areas such as Manzanilla, Maracas, Caura, Vessigny, Valencia and Caroni. The plan includes the entire country, the twin-island Republic.

Mr. Speaker, in my capacity as the Minister of Tourism, I launched a programme sponsored by Visa in the sum of U.S. \$50,000. This facility will give Trinidad and Tobago the benefit, utilizing training for a wide cross-section of persons who are, in fact, in the tourism industry.

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Mr. Speaker, this would include customs and immigration officers, tour guides and operators, taxi-drivers, operators of hotels, guest houses and host homes; even employees of the Public Transport Service Corporation and the Airports Authority. At the end of this training programme, a total of 740 persons will be trained in customer service management and information technology.

The visa programme also caters to a signage project which is an important aspect in determining the destination's appeal and educating the visitor. The placing of 40 interpretative signs at strategic positions along ten nature trails on the north coast will guide our visitors through various points of interest.

It is noteworthy that on the recommendation of the Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Association, Cabinet has agreed to an annual budgetary allocation in the Ministry to provide for marketing promotion and training. This allocation will be equivalent to 30 per cent of the hotel room tax collected in the previous financial year and is estimated to amount to some \$7.2 million. All this is tied in with the growth in tourism, the attraction to our islands in terms of product development and improvements in infrastructure.

In terms of the training for professionals, a programme is being devised to ensure that professionals are trained to fill the needs of the tourism industry.

Dr. Rowley: Mr. Speaker, a little clarification, please. Could the Member say on which Bill he is talking? I would like to follow him and I am not sure which he is on.

Dr. The Hon. A. Nanan: The Miscellaneous Taxes (Amdt.) Bill. I said in my contribution that I would be showing the relationship of this measure to the growth in the tourism industry to lay the foundation for tourism and that is what I am doing. [*Interruption*] Listen. I am coming to that.

As I said before, in terms of the programme, all with the interest of boosting the tourism industry, we must have the professionals and I am pleased to announce that in September, 2000, a joint bachelor's degree programme between the Trinidad and Tobago Hotel and Tourism Institute and the University of the West Indies will be introduced. A student who attends the Trinidad and Tobago Hotel and Tourism Institute and obtains an associate degree will be accepted—

Mr. Bereaux: You are speaking on the wrong Bill.

Dr. The Hon. A. Nanan: I am speaking on the correct Bill.

Mr. Speaker, the Member spoke about the foregoing of revenue in terms of the airport tax when he spoke about the Airports Authority and I just wanted to clear up that. The revenue foregone will be approximately \$2.5 million but when we look at the attraction of tourists coming in, what this measure is going to do, is attract visitors. The Association of Caricom States is moving towards multi-destinational tourism. We are going to use different islands to market different products and by removing this restraint, we will have people coming into Tobago, for example, as one of the islands in multi-destinational tourism. That is the incentive that we are putting forward here.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all on the Opposition side to support this measure. I thank you.

Mr. Barendra Sinanan (*San Fernando West*): Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill, really, is to exempt from departure tax, visitors who stay for under two days. Now, in my opinion, the visitor who is going to come to stay in Trinidad for two days, more than likely will be a business visitor. I do not think that any visitor coming to visit Trinidad, in particular, is going to stay just two days. They are certainly going to stay more than two days.

You have given a figure of \$2.5 million of taxes foregone. You have not actually indicated in terms of Trinidad or Tobago, the proportion of visitors foregoing that amount in Trinidad and in Tobago.

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I am putting it to you that the visitor you are talking about here who will stay 48 hours, is a business visitor, a person who can afford to pay the tax and here it is, you are giving that business visitor that exemption. A visitor coming to Trinidad or Tobago, or to Trinidad and Tobago, because most visitors to Trinidad and Tobago would come also to Tobago, or he comes to Trinidad first and vice versa. Now, here it is what you are doing is giving a business visitor an exemption.

The Minister spoke also of signs on nature trails in his contribution. In Trinidad and Tobago, there are hardly road signs for the visitors to follow but he spoke about signs on the nature trails and there are hardly any road signs for the visitor when he comes to traverse the roads of Trinidad and Tobago, and, especially at nights, the visitors would not know where they are going because what little signs there are, are not illuminated. I cannot see how the visitors will benefit by putting signs on nature trails, and on the roads of Trinidad and Tobago there are no proper road signs.

I think the priorities are in reverse order. This Government is building a new airport costing over a billion dollars and here it is, by his own admission, they are foregoing \$2.5 million and justifying that by saying they would attract more visitors. I cannot see that at all. That is US \$12 or £10. I am reiterating that what they are doing here is exempting a business visitor, not a tourist coming to spend more than two days in Trinidad and Tobago.

I would ask them to look at that again in the light of recouping some money because \$2.5 million, by the Minister's admission, is a lot of money. We are talking about an airport costing over \$1 billion.

Mr. Panday: \$2 billion.

Mr. B. Sinanan: \$2 billion. Thank you very much, hon. Prime Minister.

Mr. Panday: \$3 billion.

Mr. B. Sinanan: Whatever it costs, it is costly and the point is, you are foregoing \$2.5 million. That is not chicken feed. It is money that can go towards improving whatever needs to be improved at the airport and, certainly, to pay back the debt.

Now, I come to Bill No. 3 on the Order Paper and yes, I can understand the rationale for this Bill. For many years now, whether you are ordering certified copies of deeds, birth or death certificates, affidavits, or filing statements of charge, you have to affix postage stamps on these documents. There are certain

amounts affixed to each document, limited to certain amounts of stamps amounting to a total. This piece of legislation is very good, however, I would like the Minister to explain exactly how it is going to work. I think the Member for St. Joseph mentioned a receipt.

Now, if you come to the registry to file a document, instead of affixing postage stamps to your documents, you now have to pay money at the registry or at the court. Once you are talking about paying money and getting a receipt, you are talking, certainly, about additional staff, a cashier's cage and, in today's environment in Trinidad and Tobago, where crime, contrary to what the hon. Member for Couva North is saying, is certainly on the increase.

Mr. Panday: Figures do not add.

Mr. B. Sinanan: I am putting it to the Minister that in doing that, please provide security. We do not want to have a cashier at the registry downstairs here, the cashier's cage is not properly secured and there is no guard. So, make sure that in implementing this, there is a secured place for the cashier and there is certainly a guard, because you can get killed for a penny in Trinidad and Tobago these days. So make sure there are proper security arrangements.

In closing, I would like the Minister to tell me exactly how this thing would work because on a deed, for example, you have postage stamps affixed or statements of charge. Now, affixing a receipt to the document may not be the right thing to do because that receipt could be separated from the document. So, whether you put a paid stamp or a rubber embossed stamp, in terms of a receipt affixed to the document, that could cause some problems.

In your winding up, Minister of Finance, Planning and Development, perhaps you could tell us how this is going to work.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Minister of Finance Planning and Development and Minister of Tobago Affairs (Dr. The Hon. Morgan Job): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Tourism had explained some of the issues raised with respect to the first Bill to amend the Miscellaneous Taxes Act, Chap. 77:01. Most of the other questions raised by the Member for Diego Martin East and the Member for San Fernando West, focussed on the question of: If you have to identify these documents and you do not have stamps on them, how do you do it?

One of the things that we need to be doing in Trinidad and Tobago is modernizing our ideas in terms of the vertiginous changes that are taking place in the world of commerce and the way business is done. Once upon a time, you used

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to have horse and buggy. In America, for example, people travelled from coast to coast, 4,000 miles. There were huge industries building wagons, wagon covers and wagon wheels and then they invented the railroad, so you do not have any pony express again.

In the same way, we have to move from postage stamp, licking it on your tongue and putting it on a document. We must have innovative ways that have to do with plastic money and to do with all kinds of ideas. Electronic government. This is what we have to do, so I would advise the Members opposite that if we are going to use a stamp to verify payment, to ascertain and to do the things that a stamp used to do; whatever it is, we have to do it, but we have to move on.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

Bill committed to a committee of the whole House.

House in committee.

Clauses 1 and 2 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to, That the Bill be reported to the House.

House resumed.

Bill reported, without amendment; read the third time and passed.

3.20 p.m.

STAMP DUTY (AMDT.) BILL

Order for second reading read.

The Acting Minister of Finance, Planning and Development and Minister of Tobago Affairs (Dr. The Hon. Morgan Job): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move,

That a Bill to amend the Stamp Duty Act, Chap. 76:01, be now read a second time.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

Bill committed to a committee of the whole House.

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House in committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to, That the Bill be reported to the House.

House resumed.

Bill reported, without amendment; read the third time and passed.

STAMP DUTY (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL

Order for second reading read.

The Acting Minister of Finance, Planning and Development and Minister of Tobago Affairs (Dr. The Hon. Morgan Job): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move,

That a Bill to provide for the payment of certain stamp duties and fees by money be now read a second time.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

Bill committed to a committee of the whole House.

House in committee.

Clauses 1 to 5 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to, That the Bill be reported to the House.

House resumed.

Bill reported, without amendment; read the third time and passed.

CORPORATION TAX (AMDT.) BILL

Order for second reading read.

The Acting Minister of Finance, Planning and Development and Minister of Tobago Affairs (Dr. The Hon. Morgan Job): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move,

That a Bill to amend the Corporation Tax Act, Chap. 75:02, be now read a second time.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

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Bill accordingly read a second time.

Bill committed to a committee of the whole House.

House in committee.

Clauses 1 to 4 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to, That the Bill be reported to the House.

House resumed.

Bill reported, without amendment; read the third time and passed.

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INCOME TAX (AMDT.) BILL

Order for second reading read.

The Acting Minister of Finance, Planning and Development and Minister Tobago Affairs (Dr. The Hon. Morgan Job): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that a Bill to amend the Income Tax Act, Chap. 75:01, be now read a second time.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

Bill committed to a committee of the whole House.

House in committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to, That the Bill be reported to the House.

House resumed.

Bill reported, without amendment; read the third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (Hon. Ramesh Lawrence Maharaj): Mr. Speaker, since we have completed what was allotted for us to do today in record time, I beg to move that the House do now stand adjourn to tomorrow, Friday, June 9, 2000, at 1.30 p.m. when we shall do the report of the Finance Committee of today with the Bill to give effect to it. We shall try to do Bill No. 6 on the Order Paper that deals with the judicial review matters, which we were supposed to do the last time. [*Crosstalk*]

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We would not do Bill No. 7 tomorrow, the Representation of the People (Amdt.) Bill. [*Interruption*]

We are hoping that we would be able to do it.

May I mention that I did indicate to you that the Minister of National Security would make a statement, but in the light of that he will make the statement tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: For the sake of the record then, would you just get to “Statement by Ministers” so we could go past it.

Question put and agreed to.

House adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 3.35 p.m.