

**THE  
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IN THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF THE  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Wednesday, October 02, 2019*



**1.30 P.M.**

The House of Representatives having assembled, and it being the first meeting of the Fifth Session of the Eleventh Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Clerk of the House read the following Proclamation:

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No. 12 of 2019.

By Her Excellency PAULA-MAE WEEKES,  
O.R.T.T., President of the Republic of  
Trinidad and Tobago and Commander-in-  
Chief of the Armed Forces

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PAULA-MAE WEEKES

President

**A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (1) of section 67 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, that each session of Parliament

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shall be held at such place within Trinidad and Tobago and shall commence at such time as the President may by Proclamation appoint:

Now, therefore, I, PAULA-MAE WEEKES, President as aforesaid, do hereby appoint Tower D, International Waterfront Centre, 1A, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, as the place at which the Fifth Session of the Eleventh Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago shall be held at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday the 2nd day of October, 2019, as the time at which the said Session shall commence.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the  
President of the Republic of Trinidad and  
Tobago at the Office of the President, St.  
Ann's, this 26th day of September, 2019.

### **PRAYERS**

[MADAM SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Madam Speaker:** Hon. Members, I have received from Ms. Marlene Mc Donald, MP, Member for Port of Spain South and from Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP, Member for Couva South, both of whom have requested leave of absence from today's sitting of the House. The leave which the Members seek is granted.

### **PETITION**

#### **Request for Hansard for Use in Court Proceedings**

**The Attorney General (Hon. Faris Al-Rawi):** Madam Speaker, I beg to present a petition on behalf of the Chief State Solicitor of Trinidad and Tobago of Nos. 23-27 St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain.

I move that the Clerk be allowed to read the petition.

*Question put and agreed.*

*Petition read.*

*Question put and agreed to:* That the petitioner be granted leave to proceed.

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES  
(Standing Order 79(3))**

**Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2019  
(Appointment of)**

**The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis):**

Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker. Having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2019, be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established;

*Be it resolved* that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Fourth Session and report by December 31, 2019; and

*Be it further resolved* that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2019, that this House appoint the following six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee:

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP

Mr. Anthony Garcia, MP

Mr. Esmond Forde, MP

Ms. Marlene Mc Donald, MP

Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan, MP

Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP

Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Private Security Industry Bill, 2019**  
**(Appointment of)**

**The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis):**

Madam Speaker, having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Private Security Industry Bill, 2019, be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established;

*Be it resolved* that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Fourth Session and report by December 31, 2019; and

*Be it further resolved* that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Private Security Industry Bill, 2019, that this House appoint the following six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee:

Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP

Mr. Stuart Young, MP

Mrs. Glenda Jennings-Smith, MP

Brig. Gen. Ancil Antoine, MP

Mr. David Lee, MP

Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Cybercrime Bill, 2017**  
**(Appointment of)**

**The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis):**

Madam Speaker, having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Cybercrime Bill, 2017, be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established;

*Be it resolved* that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Fourth Session and report by December 31, 2019; and

*Be it further resolved* that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Cybercrime Bill, 2017, that this House appoint the following six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee:

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Maj. Gen. Edmund Dillon, MP

Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP

Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP

Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP

Mr. Barry Padarath, MP.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016  
(Appointment of)**

**The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis):**

Madam Speaker, having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016, be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established;

*Be it resolved* that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Fourth Session and report by December 31, 2019; and

*Be it further resolved* that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016, that this House appoint the following six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee:

Mr. Colm Imbert, MP

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Mr. Stuart Young, MP

Ms. Nicole Olivierre, MP

Mr. Ganga Singh, MP

Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP.

Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker.

*[Device goes off]*

**Madam Speaker:** Could the Person with the offending device please go outside. They can return when they get it under control—I have not seen anybody leave.

*[Member exits seat]*

Thank you.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Bill, 2018,  
Tax Information Exchange Agreements Bill, 2018 and the  
Income Tax (Amdt.) Bill, 2019  
(Appointment of)**

**The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis):**

Madam Speaker, having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Bill, 2018, the Tax Information Exchange Agreements Bill, 2018, and the Income Tax (Amdt.) Bill, 2019, be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby

established;

*Be it resolved* that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Fourth Session and report by December 31, 2019; and

*Be it further resolved* that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Bill, 2018, the Tax Information Exchange Agreements Bill, 2018, and the Income Tax (Amdt.) Bill, 2019, that this House appoint the following six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee:

Mr. Colm Imbert, MP

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Dr. Lovell Francis, MP

Ms. Marlene Mc Donald, MP

Mr. Fazal Karim, MP

Mr. Rodney Charles, MP.

Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Constitution (Amdt.) (Tobago Self-Government) Bill, 2018  
(Appointment of)**

**The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis):**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Constitution (Amdt.) (Tobago Self-Government) Bill, 2018, be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established;

*Be it resolved* that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Fourth Session and report by December 31,

2019;and

*Be it further resolved* that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Constitution (Amdt.) (Tobago Self-Government) Bill, 2018, that this House appoint the following six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee:

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP

Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP

Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP

Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP

Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP

Ms. Ramona Ramdial, MP

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**National Statistical Institute of Trinidad and Tobago Bill, 2018  
(Appointment of)**

**The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis):**

Madam Speaker, having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the National Statistical Institute of Trinidad and Tobago Bill, 2018, be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established;

*Be it resolved* that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Fourth Session and report by December 31, 2019; and

*Be it further resolved* that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the National Statistical Institute of Trinidad and Tobago Bill, 2018, that this House



appoint the following six members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee:

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP

Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP

Mr. Randall Mitchell, MP

Mrs. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn, MP

Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, MP

Dr. Tim Gopeesingh, MP

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*Question put and agreed to.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis):**

Madam Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn to Monday, October 07, 2019 at 1.30 p.m.

Madam Speaker, on that date we will be having the budget speech by the Minister of Finance.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*House adjourned accordingly.*

*Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.*