

**THE
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OFFICIAL REPORT

IN THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO WHICH OPENED ON OCTOBER 17, 2002

SESSION 2005-2006

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SENATE

Monday, September 26, 2005

10.00 A.M.

The Senate having assembled, and it being the first meeting of the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Clerk of the Senate read the following Proclamation:

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No. 6 of 2005.

By His Excellency Professor George Maxwell
Richards, T.C., C.M.T., Ph.D., President and
Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of
Trinidad and Tobago.

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GEORGE M. RICHARDS

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 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, GEORGE MAXWELL RICHARDS, President as aforesaid, do hereby appoint the Red House, Port of Spain, Trinidad, as the place at which the Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago shall be held and 10.00 a.m. on Monday, the 26th day of September, 2005 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

Senator's Appointment

Monday, September 26, 2005

Tobago, at the Office of the President, St.
Ann's, this 13th day of September, 2005.

PRAYERS

[MADAM PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Madam President: Hon. Senators, I have granted leave of absence to Sen. Angela Cropper from today's sitting of the Senate.

SENATOR'S APPOINTMENT

Madam President: Hon. Senators, I have received the following correspondence from His Excellency the President, Prof. George Maxwell Richards:

“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By His Excellency Prof. GEORGE MAXWELL RICHARDS, T.C., C.M.T., Ph.D., President and Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

/s/ G. Richards

President.

TO: DR. ROLPH BALGOBIN

WHEREAS Senator Angela Cropper is incapable of performing her duties as a Senator by reason of her absence from Trinidad and Tobago:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE MAXWELL RICHARDS, President as aforesaid, in exercise of the power vested in me by section 40(2)(c) and section 44 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby appoint you, ROLPH BALGOBIN, to be temporarily a member of the Senate, with effect from 26th September, 2005 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of the said Senator Angela Cropper.

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 19th day of September, 2005.”

Senator's Appointment

Monday, September 26, 2005

Sen. Rolph Balgobin took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as required by law.

Madam President: Hon. Senators, His Excellency the President desires to address both Houses of Parliament assembled together. This sitting is now suspended.

10.05 p.m.: *Sitting suspended.*

11.45 p.m.: *Sitting resumed.*

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 11.49 p.m.