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AND TOBAGO WHICH OPENED ON OCTOBER 17, 2002

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SENATE

Friday, September 29, 2006

1.30 P.M.

The Senate having assembled, and it being the first meeting of the Fifth 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 2006.

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 Fifth Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago shall be held and 1.30 p.m. on Friday the 29th day of September, 2006 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

A Proclamation

Tuesday, 29 September, 2006

Office of the President, St. Ann's, this 22nd day
of September, 2006.

PRAYERS

[MADAM PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

VACANT SEAT

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 Professor GEORGE MAXWELL RICHARDS, T.C., C.M.T., PhD, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

/s/ G. Richards
President.

TO: SENATOR KNOWLSON GIFT

WHEREAS by the provisions of paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 43 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the President, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, is empowered to declare the seat of a Senator to be vacant:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE MAXWELL RICHARDS, President as aforesaid, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in me by the said paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 43 of the Constitution, do hereby declare the seat of you, Senator Knowlson Gift to be vacant.

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 29th day of September, 2006.”

Senator's Appointment

Tuesday, 29 September, 2006

SENATOR'S APPOINTMENT

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

Appointment of a Senator

“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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

/s/ G. Richards
President.

TO: MR. ARNOLD PIGGOTT

In exercise of the power vested in me by paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 40 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, I, GEORGE MAXWELL RICHARDS, President as aforesaid, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, do hereby appoint you, ARNOLD PIGGOTT, a Senator.

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 29th day of September, 2006.”

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Sen. Arnold Piggott took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as required by law.

IMMIGRATION (ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION) BILL

Bill to make provision for the transmission of advance passenger information respecting persons travelling to Trinidad and Tobago and for matters related thereto [*The Minister of National Security*]; read the first time.

NALIS (Amdt.) Bill

Tuesday, 29 September, 2006

NATIONAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (AMDT.) BILL

Bill to amend the National Library and Information System Act, 1998 [*The Minister of Public Administration and Information and Minister of Energy and Energy Industries*]; read the first time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Minister of Public Administration and Information and Minister of Energy and Energy Industries (Sen. The Hon. Dr. Lenny Saith): Madam President, I beg to move that the Senate do now adjourn to 1.30 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2006 at which time we will begin the debate on the 2006/2007 budget, and the intention is to have a sitting every day until we complete the debate on the budget.

Madam President: Hon. Senators, before we take the adjournment, let me just remind you that you are all invited to the Rotunda after the sitting where we will be doing the formal launch of the Parliament Channel 11. You are requested to please attend. After the adjournment, if you would just hold your places for about a minute, the Clerk has some parcels that he would like to distribute before you go downstairs.

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 1.40 p.m.