

**THE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES
OFFICIAL REPORT
IN THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WHICH OPENED ON
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015**

SESSION 2018—2019

VOLUME 1

SENATE

Friday, September 28, 2018

1.30 P.M.



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

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No. 11 of 2018.

By Her Excellency CHRISTINE KANGALOO, Acting
President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed
Forces of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

[L.S.]

CHRISTINE KANGALOO

Acting 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:

UNREVISED

Now, therefore, I, CHRISTINE KANGALOO, Acting President as aforesaid, do hereby appoint Tower D, International Waterfront Centre, 1A, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, as the place at which the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago shall be held and 1.30 p.m. on Friday the 28th day of September, 2018, 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 11th day of September, 2018.

PRAYERS

[MR. VICE-PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. Vice-President: Hon. Senators, I wish to advise that the President of the Senate, Sen. The Hon. Christine Kangaloo, is currently acting as President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Hon. Senators, I have granted leave of absence to Sen. The Hon. Dennis Moses who is out of the country.

VACANT SEATS

Mr. Vice-President: Hon. Senators, I have received the following correspondence from Her Excellency the President Paula-Mae Weekes, O.R.T.T., and Her Excellency the Acting President Christine Kangaloo:

“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO

By Her Excellency PAULA-MAE WEEKES,
O.R.T.T., President of the Republic of

UNREVISED

Vacant Seats (cont'd)

2018.09.28

Trinidad and Tobago and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

/s/ Paula-Mae Weekes

President.

TO: DR. DHANAYSHAR MAHABIR

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, in exercise of the power vested in Her, is empowered to declare the seat of a Senator to be vacant:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAULA-MAE WEEKES, President as aforesaid, in exercise of the power vested in me by the said paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 43 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby declare the seat of you, DHANAYSHAR MAHABIR, to be vacant, with effect from 27th September, 2018.

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 18th day of September, 2018.”

**“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO**

By Her Excellency CHRISTINE KANGALOO,
Acting President of the Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago and Commander-in-Chief of the
Armed Forces.

/s/ Christine Kangaloo

Acting President.

UNREVISED

TO: MR. RONALD HUGGINS

WHEREAS by the provisions of paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 43 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the acting President, in exercise of the power vested in Her, is empowered to declare the seat of a Senator to be vacant:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE KANGALOO, Acting President as aforesaid, acting on 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 of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby declare the seat of you, RONALD HUGGINS, to be vacant, with effect from 27th September, 2018.

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 28th day of September, 2018."

SENATORS' APPOINTMENT

Mr. Vice-President:

“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO

Appointment of a Senator

By Her Excellency Christine Kangaloo, acting
President of the Republic of Trinidad and
Tobago and Commander-in-Chief of the
Armed Forces.

/s/ Christine Kangaloo
Acting President.

UNREVISED

TO: MR. GARVIN SIMONETTE

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, CHRISTINE KANGALOO, acting President as aforesaid, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister, do hereby appoint you, MR. GARVIN SIMONETTE, a Senator with effect from 28th September, 2018.

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 28th day of September, 2018.”

“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By Her Excellency CHRISTINE KANGALOO
Acting President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

/s/Christine Kangaloo
Acting President.

TO: MR. AUGUSTUS THOMAS

WHEREAS Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses is incapable of performing his duties as a Senator by reason of his absence from Trinidad and Tobago:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE KANGALOO, acting President as aforesaid, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in me by section 44(1)(a) and section 44(4)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby

appoint you, AUGUSTUS THOMAS, to be temporarily a member of the Senate, with effect from 28th September, 2018 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of the said Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses.

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 28th day of September, 2018.”

“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO

By Her Excellency CHRISTINE KANGALOO
Acting President of the Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago and Commander-in-Chief of the
Armed Forces.

/s/Christine Kangaloo

Acting President.

TO: MR. NDALE YOUNG

WHEREAS the President of the Senate has temporarily vacated her Office to act as President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE KANGALOO, acting President as aforesaid, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in me by section 44 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, do hereby appoint you, NDALE YOUNG, to be temporarily a member of the Senate, with effect from 28th September, 2018 and continuing during the acting appointment of Senator the

Honourable Christine Kangaloo as President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

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 28th day of September, 2018.”

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Senators Garvin Simonette and Augustus Thomas took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as required by law.

AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE

Senator Ndale Young took and subscribed the Affirmation of Allegiance as required by law.

PAPER LAID

One Hundred and Eighth Report of the Salaries Review Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. [*The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan)*]

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT

(Presentation)

Land and Physical Infrastructure

Trinidad and Tobago Inter-island Ferry Service

Sen. Stephen Creese: Mr. Vice-President, I have the honour to present the following report:

Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on an Inquiry into the Trinidad and Tobago Inter-island Ferry Service with specific focus on the Procurement and Maintenance of Ferries.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and question proposed: That the Senate do now adjourn to a date to be fixed. [Sen. The Hon. F. Khan]

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 1.46 p.m.