

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

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SENATE

Wednesday, October 02, 2019



1.30 P.M.

The Senate 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 Senate read the following Proclamation:

Legal Notice No. 299

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

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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, 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 and 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 PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Madam President: Hon. Senators, I have granted leave of absence to Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan who is out of the country.

SENATOR'S APPOINTMENT

Madam President: Hon. Senators, I have received the following correspondence from Her Excellency the President, Paula-Mae Weekes, O.R.T.T.:

“THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO

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.

/s/ Paula-Mae Weekes

President.

TO: MR. NDALE YOUNG

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAULA-MAE WEEKES, 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, NDALE YOUNG, to be a member of the Senate temporarily, with effect from 2nd October, 2019 and continuing during the absence from Trinidad and Tobago of the said Senator the Honourable Franklin Khan.

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 1st day of October, 2019."

AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PETITION

Request for Hansard for Use in Court Proceedings

The Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (Sen. The Hon. Clarence Rambharat): Madam President, I beg to present a petition on behalf of Svetlana Dass, Attorney-at-Law of the Chief State Solicitor of Trinidad and Tobago, Level 16, Tower C, International Waterfront Centre, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

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

Question put and agreed.

Petition read.

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

SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE (Standing Order 77(3))

Evidence (Amdt.) Bill, 2019

The Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (Sen. The Hon. Clarence Rambharat): Madam President, having regard to the decision of the Senate on September 25, 2019, made pursuant to Standing Order 77(3), I beg to move:

That a Bill entitled an Act to amend the Evidence Act, Chap. 7:02, be referred to a Special Select Committee of the Senate hereby established; and

Be it further resolved that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Special Select Committee appointed in the Fourth Session

2018/2019 and report by November 29, 2019 and that the following five Members be appointed to serve:

Mr. Clarence Rambharat	Chairman
Mr. Nigel De Freitas	Member
Ms. Donna Cox	Member
Mr. Saddam Hosein	Member
Mr. Anthony Vieira	Member

Thank you.

Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and question proposed: That the Senate do now adjourn to a date to be fixed. [*Hon. C. Rambharat*]

Madam President: Hon. Senators, may I just say welcome back to everyone.

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 1.45 p.m.