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   (By the Minister of National Security)

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   the year 2018. 
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5. The Annual Report on the Operations of the Interception of Communications Act, Chap. 15:08 for 
   the year 2019. 
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   the year 2020. 
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 175 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
Will the Minister inform this House of the proposed commencement date of the Commission of Inquiry into the incident at Paria Fuel Trading Company’s Berth No. 6 offshore platform at Pointe-a-Pierre?

Question No. 176 to the Minister of National Security
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
Will the Minister state whether the Coast Guard crew that was on duty during the incident at Paria Fuel Trading Company’s Berth No. 6 offshore platform has been relieved of seagoing duties?

Question No. 177 to the Minister of National Security
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
Will the Minister state whether any arrests have been made with respect to the discovery of guns at a warehouse in McBean, Couva on April 26, 2021 and March 9, 2022?

Question No. 179 to the Minister of National Security
(By the Member for Caroni East)
Will the Minister state what is being done by the TTPS to stem the increase in gun violence and gang activity in Kelly Village and environs?

Question No. 182 to the Minister of Education:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
Will the Minister indicate when the Early Childhood Care and Education Center at Dabie Avenue, Avocat will be opened?

Question No. 183 to the Minister of Education:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
Will the Minister provide an update on the construction of the Siparia East Secondary School at La Brea Trace, Quarry Village?

Question No. 184 to the Minister of Public Utilities:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)
Will the Minister indicate what measures are being implemented to address the issue of vandalism of TSTT cables in Trinidad and Tobago, and in particular the constituency of Fyzabad?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

PUBLIC BUSINESS
COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday April 08, 2022, will be resumed:


(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. WHEREAS it is provided by section 4(3) of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap.25:50 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that as soon as may be after the Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) has submitted a report under section 4(1)(a) of the Act, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report;

AND WHEREAS the Commission has submitted a report to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of section 4(1)(a) of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the draft of an Order entitled “the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2021” giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 4th day of February, 2022:

BE IT RESOLVED that the draft of the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2021” be approved.

(By the Prime Minister)

Bills Second Reading:

1. The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 18, 2022 will be resumed:

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01, the Prison Service Act, Chap. 13:02, the Defence Act, Chap. 14:01, the Police Service Act, Chap. 15:01, the Civil Service Act, Chap. 23:01, the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50 and the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 72:01 to provide a regulatory framework for polygraph and drug testing and biometric identification for members of the Protective Services and certain offices in the Judicial and Legal Service and the Civil Service and for other related matters.”

(By the Minister of National Security)

2. The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 04, 2022 will be resumed:

A Bill entitled, “An Act to combat corruption and other wrongdoings by encouraging and facilitating disclosures of improper conduct in the public and private sector, to protect persons making those disclosures from detrimental action, to regulate the receiving, investigating or otherwise dealing with disclosures of improper conduct and to provide for other matters connected therewith.”

(By the Prime Minister)
3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04 to establish the Borough of Diego Martin and the Borough of Siparia and to make consequential amendments to the Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01, the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations, Chap. 48:50, the Central Tenders Board Act, Chap. 71:91 and other written laws.”

(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, the Offences Against the Person Act, Chap. 11:08, the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02 and for other related matters.”

(By the Attorney General)


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(By the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs)

Committee Stage:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to accord self-government to Tobago and for related matters”.

(By the Prime Minister)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chap. 25:03, and to provide for the powers and functions of the Tobago Island Government and the Tobago Legislature and for related matters”.

(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

1. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 22, 2022 will be resumed:

WHEREAS the Government’s neglect of the agricultural and fisheries sectors has created a food and nutrition security crisis;

AND WHEREAS the Government continues to ignore the plight of farmers and fisher folk relating to praedial larceny and piracy;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to establish an appropriate strategy to address this food and nutrition security crisis and runaway food prices;

AND WHEREAS the global supply chain challenges pose a serious threat to food and nutrition security;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to reduce barriers and bureaucratic red tape to facilitate greater efficiencies in the agricultural and fisheries sectors;
AND WHEREAS this food and nutrition security crisis will lead to increased poverty, unemployment and widespread starvation;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House call on the Government to acknowledge the food and nutrition security crisis and to take immediate measures to prevent food insufficiency and starvation in the nation, particularly for poor, marginalized and vulnerable groups.
(By the Member for Couva North)

2. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 25, 2022 will be resumed:

WHEREAS the Government has been unable to effectively prevent a surge in criminal activity resulting in rapid increases in murders, robberies and home invasions;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to set and operationalise a forceful and functional crime reduction plan with SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time bound) goals to curb the growing murder rate;

AND WHEREAS the Government has consistently ignored and, through their incompetence, added to the fundamental causes of crime, while focusing on punitive measures instead of preventative measures;

AND WHEREAS the failure to effectively address crime has created social, political, economic and cultural crises of immeasurable proportions:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House reprimand this Government for its failure to effectively prevent the surge in criminal activity in our country.
(By the Member for Naparima)

3. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 25, 2022 will be resumed:

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Government to provide equal and equitable opportunities for all citizens to access quality education;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to address the existing inequities in accessing education exacerbated by the shift to virtual learning;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to provide safe learning spaces following its sudden decision to institute in-person classes for some students;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to meet the varied requirements of teachers leaving many ill-equipped to execute quality online instruction;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to effectively manage resources to facilitate adequate funding to the GATE program, government sponsored scholarships and bursaries, school feeding programme, special education access and other school related services;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House take note of the increasing and unacceptable levels of disparity in equitable access to education and the failure of the Ministry of Education to deliver on its essential mandate;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House call on the Government to take all immediate and necessary steps to provide equitable access to all students.
(By the Member for Tabaquite)

4. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday December 10, 2021 will be resumed:

WHEREAS the Government has consistently presented Budgets which are unrelated to the demonstrated needs of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to present a sustainable and viable plan to address job creation, investment or foreign exchange generation;

AND WHEREAS the cost of living continues to escalate, lowering the standard of living and quality of life of a significant segment of the population;

AND WHEREAS the Government continues to fund its wastage and corruption by engaging in increased domestic and foreign debt while depleting state resources:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn the Government for its neglect of the economy and failure to generate sustainable economic growth and development.
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

5. WHEREAS the House of Representatives, is the elected House of Parliament, where lawfully elected Members are entitled to the Constitutionally entrenched right to freedom of speech;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Orders are not intended to diminish, restrict or violate the rights, privileges and immunities of the House;

AND WHEREAS the Speaker must discharge her functions in an unbiased and impartial manner; free from political influence and in no manner to prevent or protect the Government from criticism;

AND WHEREAS the Speaker’s lack of understanding of and/or disregard for her role as an impartial presiding officer, the application of, and at times, indifference to, the Standing Orders has impeded her judgment to perform her role free from bias and thereby unequivocally brought the Office of Speaker into disrepute;

AND WHEREAS the Speaker has oppressed and continues to oppress the voice and opinions of hundreds of thousands of constituents of the Members of the Opposition:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express a lack of confidence in the Speaker.
(By the Member for Couva South)

6. WHEREAS there has been an overwhelming number of reports of children being abused during the current Government’s administration;

AND WHEREAS children have the right to grow up in a safe, supportive environment devoid of abuse, exploitation, harassment, and neglect;

AND WHEREAS the State has a duty of care to protect all the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago especially the children to which their policies have not been effective on safety, security, health and education;
AND WHEREAS several State agencies have indicated that there is a work overload within the system to particularly address matters affecting children:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House call on the Government to implement effective data driven policies, take all urgent steps to protect the children of this nation immediately and reprimand this Government for its failure to effectively protect and support our nation’s children.
(By the Member for Princes Town)

Bills Second Reading:

   (The Speaker will propose the question that the Bill be read a Second time)

2. A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organisation of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1993 (Act No. 16 of 1993)”
   (The Speaker will propose the question that the Bill be read a Second time)

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May 19, 2022
The under-mentioned Questions which were accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Finance**
   Given the serious concerns expressed by the leadership of several Trade Unions that the Government has unilaterally altered the collective bargaining periods without any discussion or consultation, will the Minister state the reasons for this unilateral change?
   (By the Member for Couva North)

2. **To the Minister of Health**
   Will the Minister state what precautionary measures have been taken by the Government to prevent the rapidly spreading monkeypox, which is already present in some fourteen countries, from entering Trinidad and Tobago?
   (By the Member for Couva North)

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