



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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THRITY-FIRST SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2020/2021)

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

MONDAY JULY 05, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

1. PRAYERS
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3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT
4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5. PETITIONS
6. PAPERS
 - (i) The Annual Report of First Citizens Bank Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (ii) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Investment Fund Holding Company Limited as at December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (iii) The Audited Financial Statements of First Citizens Holding Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (iv) The Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statement of Accounts and Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (v) The Report on the withdrawals from the Trinidad and Tobago Heritage and Stabilisation Fund under Section 15A (3) of the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund Act, Chapter 70:09 for the period October 2020 to April 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (vi) The Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules, 2021.
(By the Attorney General)
 - (vii) The Waste Management Rules, 2021.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament, on a Continuation inquiry into the Measures for ensuring Water Security in Trinidad and Tobago with reference to the Eleventh Report of the Committee in the Fifth Session (2019/2020) of the Eleventh Parliament.
(By Senator Deeroop Teemal)
- (ii) The Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Shipping Bill, 2020, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By Senator the Hon. Randall Mitchell)
- (iii) The First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA) on an Inquiry into the Health and Safety practices and arrangements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (AATT) in light of COVID- 19 restrictions, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By Senator Dr. Varma Deyalsingh)
- (iv) The Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Fisheries Management (No. 2) Bill, 2020, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By Senator the Hon. Clarence Rambharat)
- (v) The Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Representation of the People (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2020, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By Senator the Hon. Clarence Rambharat)
- (vi) The Report of the Committee of Privileges in the First Session (2020/2021) of the Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Vice-President)
- (vii) The First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on an inquiry into the Ease of Doing Business in Trinidad and Tobago, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By Senator Hazel Thompson-Ahye)
- (viii) The First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the effects of the hybrid learning system on student performance in Government and Government-assisted schools during the revised COVID-19 restrictions, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By Senator Paul Richards)
- (ix) The Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By Senator the Hon. Clarence Rambharat)

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

***Question No. 110 to the Minister of Education**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

As regard the levy in the sum of one million dollars on the Education Facilities Company Limited (EFCL) by a contractor, can the Minister indicate the following:

- (i) how many contractors are still owed monies by the EFCL for works completed prior to December 31, 2020; and
- (ii) what is the sum of said monies owed?

***Question No. 119 to the Prime Minister**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the disappointment expressed by residents of East Port-of-Spain over the failure of the Community Recovery Committee to provide meaningful and concrete proposals, can the Prime Minister advise as to when will the Committee's final report be submitted to the Cabinet?

Question No. 129 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the March 21, 2021 drowning of a man in an area without signage, at a sand pit pond in Windsor Park, Couva, can the Minister indicate what immediate measures will be taken to prevent recurrence of this incident?

Question No. 130 to the Minister of Health

(By Senator Wade Mark)

As regard the proposed supply of up to 3 million doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines to this country by Hewasky Quest Global Ltd/SkyQuest Technology Group of Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, can the Minister advise as to the following:

- (i) whether said company has authorized Vary Medical & Scientific Company Limited of 122-124 Frederick Street, Port-of-Spain to submit a bid for the supply of the abovementioned 3 million doses; and
- (ii) whether said company or its agent have received the Ministry's approval to provide the supply?

Question No. 131 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister indicate whether a firm known as BrickHouse Security, which provides 24-hour security at the Licensing Office in Caroni, has won a bid to introduce the Q-management system at Licensing Offices throughout Trinidad and Tobago?

10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
11. STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES
12. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS
13. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
14. MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

* Question No. 110 was deferred for two weeks on 18.06.2021

* Question No. 119 was deferred for two weeks on 21.06.2021

15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

WHEREAS it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order declare that land is required for a public purpose;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may by resolution approve an Order made under section 5(1);

AND WHEREAS the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2020 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 399 dated the 15th day of December, 2020;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Order;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2020 be approved.

(By the Attorney General)

Bills Second Reading:

(i) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, Chap. 11:24’.
(By the Attorney General)

(ii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Special Reserve Police Act, Chap. 15:03 and the Police Complaints Authority Act, Chap. 15:05’.
(By the Attorney General)

(iii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to repeal the Livestock and Livestock Products Board Act, Chap. 67:05’.
(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

(iv) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to repeal the Foreign Labour Contracts Act, Chap. 88:11’.
(By the Minister of Labour)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

(i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 123(2) of the Constitution that the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police be selected by criteria and procedure prescribed by Order of the President subject to negative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police (Selection Process) Order, 2021 was published on June 17, 2021 by Legal Notice No. 183;

AND WHEREAS the Order, among other things, significantly diminishes the role of the Police Service Commission;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police (Selection Process) Order, 2021 be annulled.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (ii) **WHEREAS** the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 provides for the establishment of commissions to manage the conduct of enquiries into public officers, departments and matters of public welfare;

AND WHEREAS Commissions of Enquiry are recognized as an important tool for social investigation in contemporary society, an effective mechanism for delivering truth, justice and social or organizational reform, and a device for inquiring into and ameliorating matters of public concern;

AND WHEREAS successive Government administrations have failed to adequately address public concerns which have arisen from time to time on whether the Commissions of Enquiry in Trinidad and Tobago have been effectively and efficiently carrying out their mandate;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Government to review the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 and the public inquiry process in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Anthony Vieira)

- (iii) **WHEREAS** availability of foreign exchange is important for investment and competitiveness in the private sector and a shortage of foreign exchange can hamper prospects for diversification and economic recovery aspired to in the fiscal strategy outlined in Budget 2020/2021;

AND WHEREAS the revenue received from foreign energy companies has been on the decline since 2015 and is now exacerbated by the negative socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS it is recognised that micro, small and medium-sized businesses and the wider population continue to experience the negative effects of decreasing levels of foreign exchange in Trinidad and Tobago;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Government to table, within three (3) months, a comprehensive strategy to address the negative socio-economic impacts being experienced by micro, small and medium sized businesses and the wider public owing to ongoing shortages in foreign exchange in this country.

(By Senator Amrita Deonarine)

- (iv) **WHEREAS** the Senate, as a House of Parliament, ought to afford Members such freedom of debate so as to allow full, frank and meaningful discussion within the constraints of the Standing Orders and well established parliamentary practice;

AND WHEREAS the position and authority of the President of the Senate ought not to be used in a partisan manner to prevent and or stymie criticism of the Government;

AND WHEREAS the Senate President is the servant of the Senate and not of the Government and as such ought to be impartial and unbiased at all times;

AND WHEREAS the President of the Senate by her rulings has demonstrated her bias in favor of the PNM Government and her lack of understanding of the nature and role of the Office of President of the Senate;

AND WHEREAS by her actions the Senate President has stifled the freedom of debate guaranteed by the Constitution and thus brought this Senate into disrepute;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate declare that it has lost confidence in the President of the Senate, Senator the Honourable Christine Kangaloo.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

(v) **WHEREAS** on April 24, 2018 the Senate unanimously passed a resolution calling on the Government *“to introduce legislation on parliamentary autonomy during the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament and have same referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament for consideration and report before the end of the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament”*;

AND WHEREAS on February 12, 2019, in the Senate, the Attorney General committed to making best efforts to have legislation on Parliamentary Autonomy introduced in the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament;

AND WHEREAS to date the Government has not presented to Parliament a legislative framework on Parliamentary Autonomy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to re-establish its commitment to introduce a legislative framework on Parliamentary Autonomy;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to table, within three (3) months, an implementation road map geared towards introducing legislation on Parliamentary Autonomy and have same referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament for consideration and report.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

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