HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ORDER PAPER

MONDAY MARCH 18, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Property Tax (Deferral of Assessed Tax Application Form) Regulations, 2024.  
   (By the Minister of Finance)

2. The Notification of the Minister of Finance, in respect of the appointment of Mrs. Patsy Latchman-Atterbury, to the office of Director General of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority.  
   (By the Minister of Finance)

3. The Notification of the Minister of Finance, in respect of the appointment of Mrs. Helen Thomas-Brown, to the office of Deputy Director General – Domestic Tax of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority.  
   (By the Minister of Finance)

4. The Notification of the Minister of Finance, in respect of the appointment of Mr. Riad Juman, to the office of Deputy Director General – Customs and Excise of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority.  
   (By the Minister of Finance)

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11. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA) on an Inquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Inspectorate.
    (By the Minister of Health)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER’S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 39 to the Minister of Public Utilities:
   (By the Member for Caroni East)
Will the Minister indicate the initiatives that the Water and Sewage Authority will implement, to alleviate the irregular water supply provided to the residents of Ravine Sable Road, Longdenville?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 9 of the Beekeeping and Bee Products Act, Chap. 67:53 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister may make Regulations, *inter alia*, restricting and regulating the importation or exportation of bees, bee products and bee supplies into or out of Trinidad and Tobago;

   **AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 9 of the Act that Regulations made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

   **AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries has on the 24th day of November, 2023 made the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023;

   **AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 now be affirmed:

   **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 be approved.

   (By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

2. **WHEREAS** section 123(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Constitution”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall have the power to appoint persons to hold or act in the office of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police;

   **AND WHEREAS** section 123(3) of the Constitution provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

   **AND WHEREAS** section 123(4) of the Constitution provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

   **AND WHEREAS** the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name **Ms. Suzette Martin** for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

   **AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 12th day of March, 2024 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

   **AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

   **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of **Ms. Suzette Martin** to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

   (By the Prime Minister)
3. BE IT RESOLVED that this House consider the findings and recommendations of the Forty-Fifth Annual Report of the Ombudsman.
   (By the Leader of the House)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Property Tax Act, Chap. 76:04”.
   (By the Minister of Finance)

2. The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 16, 2024 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)

3. 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)

4. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01 and the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02 in relation to the place and time for sittings of a court and to provide for related matters”.
   (By the Attorney General)

5. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago”.
   (By the Attorney General)

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 March 01, 2024 will be resumed:
WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act Chap. 39:01, the Government has the responsibility for managing the education system;

AND WHEREAS the Government has overseen the deterioration of the educational sector and has failed to:
   a. maintain our school infrastructure;
   b. implement data driven measures to make the delivery of special education more equitable and accessible to the citizenry;
   c. optimize curriculum development to reflect our labour needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government has limited access to technical vocational training and qualifications:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn the Government for its failures and mismanagement of the education system;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House call on the Government to immediately implement data driven measures to guarantee the successful future development of Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Member for Tabaquite)

2. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday January 26, 2024 will be resumed:

WHEREAS it is the duty of the Government to provide safe, reliable, and compassionate healthcare services for all citizens;

AND WHEREAS the provision of human resources has not adequately met the demands for public healthcare resulting in patients being subjected to long waiting times and the postponement of clinic visits and surgeries;

AND WHEREAS healthcare professionals do not have access to modern information technology systems, lack access to suitable drugs, equipment, and facilities to deliver modern and advanced healthcare;

AND WHEREAS health care workers have endured physical and mental stress in the delivery of public healthcare services:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House call on Government to implement measures to immediately improve the delivery of healthcare services to the people of Trinidad and Tobago and to address mismanagement in the healthcare sector.
(By the Member for Caroni East)

3. WHEREAS the Government has signalled that electricity and water rates are set to be increased;

AND WHEREAS citizens should have access to affordable public utilities given the rate of unemployment, increase in crime and high food prices;

AND WHEREAS the state has a responsibility to ensure citizens of Trinidad and Tobago have a reliable and affordable supply of electricity and water;

AND WHEREAS both the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) and the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) are owed billions of dollars in debt mainly by the State:
BE IT RESOLVED that this House call upon Government to settle its indebtedness to T&TEC and WASA and immediately halt increases to public utility rates.
(By the Member for Princes Town)

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March 15, 2024
MONDAY MARCH 18, 2024 1:30 P.M.
NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **To the Minister of National Security**
   Given that five persons were murdered at Harpe Place, Port of Spain, last Saturday, will the Minister indicate the measures to be implemented to address the increase in gun crimes in the Port of Spain Police Division?
   (By the Member for Oropouche East)

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