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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. 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 Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01; the Children Act, Chap. 46:01; the Patents Act, Chap. 82:76 and the Legal Profession Act, Chap. 90:03 with respect to the administration of the Ministry of Legal Affairs and for related matters.”
(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)

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3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the designation of the Steelpan as the National Musical Instrument of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and for related matters”.
(By the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts)

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 June 28, 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 May 24, 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 health care 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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July 01, 2024
The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 26 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Prime Minister.

1. Based on the announcement by the Minister of Finance that Trinidad and Tobago successfully raised US $750 million or over TTD $5 billion dollars on the international capital markets via a virtual roadshow on June 18, 2024, could the Prime Minister specifically state why was it necessary for these funds to be borrowed at this time?
   (Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

2. In relation to the policy pronouncement by the Prime Minister, what specific measures are being put in place to accommodate in Trinidad and Tobago, the children and their relatives devastated by Hurricane Beryl from St Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada?
   (Member for Oropouche East)

3. Can the Prime Minister state what steps have been made by his government to update the fuel rebate program for fisherfolk?
   (Member for Couva North)

4. Can the Prime Minister outline the key features of the recent loan agreement between the US Government and Trinidad and Tobago through the US Exim Bank valued at some US 500 million dollars?
   (Member for Oropouche West)

5. Can the Prime Minister outline the key features of the recent loan agreement between the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and Trinidad and Tobago for some US$ 300 million dollars for the restructuring of WASA?
   (By the Member for Oropouche West)

6. Given that the Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) received one hundred and fifty (150) incident reports at 10 am on Tuesday 2nd July, 2024 as a result of the passage of Hurricane Beryl, could the Prime Minister inform this House if the Central Government has collaborated with officials of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) and TEMA to do an assessment of the damage and needs analysis?
   (By the Member for Couva South)
7. Given that the Cabinet has approved the restructuring of the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) and the Human Resources Advisory Committee of WASA was appointed to make top level changes, could the Prime Minister inform this House if a new Chief Executive Officer and management team has been appointed at WASA?

(By the Member for Couva South)

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