HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2026 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

1. The Bills of Sale (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
   (By the Minister of Land and Legal Affairs who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)

2. The Real Property (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
   (By the Minister of Land and Legal Affairs who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. Statement of the President under Section 11 of the Special Operations Act, 2026 setting out the Specific Grounds on which the decision to declare a Special Operations (Closed Area) Order, 2026, for the Maloney Buildings Housing Development, Maloney Gardens, Maloney, with effect from November 10, 2026 was based.
   (By the Speaker of the House)

2. The Forty-Eighth Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the period January 2025 to December 2025.
   (By the Deputy Speaker)

3. The Unconsolidated Financial Statements of Lake Asphalt of Trinidad and Tobago (1978) Limited for the year ended September 30, 2017.
   (By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 20 to the Minister of Homeland Security:
(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)
In light of the end of the State of Emergency, on September 17, 2026, and the release of persons detained pursuant to Preventive Detention Orders (PDOs) during the State of Emergency which commenced in March 2026, would the Minister inform this House of the following:

a) how many persons were detained pursuant to PDOs;
b) how many persons were released following the revocation of their PDOs;
c) how many persons were released upon the expiration of the State of Emergency, without their PDOs having been revoked; and
d) how many persons detained pursuant to PDOs were subsequently charged with an offence(s)?

Question No. 21 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs:
(By the Member for Laventille West)
In light of the Minister's indication that the Laventille Community Swimming Pool would be reopened in the first quarter of 2026, can the Minister indicate:

a) whether the renovation works at the Laventille Community Swimming Pool have been completed;
b) whether the pool has been reopened to the public;
c) if the answer to part (a) is no, provide the reasons for the delay in completing the renovation works; and
d) if the answer to part (b) is no, when is the pool expected to be reopened?

Question No. 23 to the Minister of Culture and Community Development:
(By the Member for Laventille West)
With respect to fiscal 2025 and 2026 applications for grant funding submitted by the Laventille Steelband Festival Foundation for funding in relation to the Emancipation Steelband Street Parades, can the Minister indicate:

a) the status of the applications;
b) where any application remains outstanding, the reason/s for the delay in its determination; and
c) the reason/s for the delay in the disbursement of the approved funding?

Question No. 24 to the Minister of Housing:
(By the Member for Laventille West)
With regard to the East Port of Spain Development Company Limited (EPOS), can the Minister indicate:

a) when would the Board of Directors be appointed;
b) if the Board has not yet been appointed, the reason/s for the delay in the appointments;
c) how many projects were executed by EPOS between May 2025 and September, 2026 without a Board of Directors in place; and
d) during the period May 2025 to September 2026, how many employees:
    i. were terminated; and
    ii. contracts were not renewed?

Question No. 28 to the Minister of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development:
(By the Member for Arima)
With regard to the appointment of a Board of Directors at the Institute of Marine Affairs, can the Minister state:

a) whether a Board was in place during the period April 29, 2025 to September 15, 2026;
b) if the answer to part (a) is no, can the Minister state when will the board be appointed?

Question No. 29 to the Minister of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development:
(By the Member for Arima)
With regard to Trinidad and Tobago's First Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the UN, can the Minister provide the following:

a) an update on the status of its implementation under the Paris Agreement; and
b) the amount of emissions released in each sector identified in the NDC?

Question No. 30 to the Minister of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development:
(By the Member for Arima)
With regard to the impact of El Niño on Trinidad and Tobago, can the Minister indicate:

a) the plans being implemented by the Government to address the impact of El Niño; and
b) the status of implementation of those plans?

Question No. 66 to the Minister of Homeland Security:
(By the Member for Arouca/ Lopinot)
With regard to the construction of the Goodwood Police post, can the Minister indicate the following:

a) the name of the contractor on the project;
b) the method of procurement used, whether it was open tender, limited tender or sole select;
c) the name of the Consultant/Engineer for this project;
d) the name of the entity responsible for the evaluation of works on behalf of the Government for this project; and
e) whether this project has been abandoned due to structural problems associated with soil erosion?

Question No. 67 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)
Can the Minister advise how much money is owed for fuel subsidies by the State as at October 26, 2026 to:

a) Unipet; and
b) Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company (NP)?

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50".
   (By the Attorney General)

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations of the Forty-Eighth Annual Report of the Ombudsman.
   (By the Leader of the House)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 13, 2026 will be resumed:**

   WHEREAS State Enterprises and State-Controlled Institutions manage substantial public assets and resources on behalf of the people of Trinidad and Tobago;

   AND WHEREAS their effective management requires that Boards of Directors discharge their fiduciary responsibilities in accordance with the law;

   AND WHEREAS executive management should be suitably qualified, experienced and competent to effectively manage these State Enterprises and State Institutions and remain accountable to their respective Boards of Directors;

   AND WHEREAS recent reported developments within the State Enterprise / Institution Sector have raised public concerns regarding Board appointments, the conduct of executive management and inadequate separation of responsibilities among shareholders, Boards of Directors and executive management;

   AND WHEREAS reports of conflicts of interest may undermine public confidence, in State Enterprises and State-Controlled Institutions;

   BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its concern over the governance of State Enterprises and State-Controlled Institutions;

   AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government take appropriate measures to strengthen transparency, accountability, competence, institutional independence, adherence to established principles of corporate governance and to ensure that appointments and decisions concerning these institutions protect the public interest.
   (By the Member for Arouca/Lopinot)

2. **WHEREAS** the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is a democratic country subscribing to free and fair general elections in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;

   AND WHEREAS it is widely perceived that the outcome of general elections has been directly affected by the sums of money spent by political parties on their elections campaigns;

   AND WHEREAS the financing of election campaigns is a matter that is governed by the Representation of the People Act, Chap 2:01 which has proved to be outdated and ineffective in regulating the realities of the modern day elections and election campaigns;

AND WHEREAS in order to ensure transparency, accountability and fair elections in Trinidad and Tobago it is submitted that there needs to be modern legislation and regulations that specifically govern the donation of money to political parties and their campaign expenditure;

AND WHEREAS there have been previous attempts to achieve campaign finance reform which have not come to fruition;

AND WHEREAS if financing of political campaigns and more specifically, donations made to political parties whether directly and/ or indirectly, are not required to be declared and recorded it has the potential to permit third parties to clandestinely influence and compromise Governments' decision making;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House agree to ensure that elections are free from undue and unfair influence in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago there should be a reform of campaign finance legislation and such reform include, inter alia, the declaring and recording of donors to political parties and their campaign expenditure;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House further agrees to forthwith establish a Joint Select Committee of the Parliament to examine all of the previous work done on campaign finance reform and to report to the House within six months with proposed draft legislation.
(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)

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