



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is enacted by section 8(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago that the President may from time to time make a Proclamation declaring that a state of public emergency exists;

AND WHEREAS it is enacted by section 9(2) of the Constitution that a Proclamation made by the President for the purposes of and in accordance with section 8 shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for fifteen days;

AND WHEREAS it is enacted by section 10(1) of the Constitution that before its expiration the Proclamation may be extended from time to time by resolution supported by a simple majority vote of the House of Representatives, so however that no extension exceeds three months and the extensions do not in the aggregate exceed six months;

AND WHEREAS the President, by Proclamation made on the 15th day of May, 2021, declared that a state of public emergency exists in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the House of Representatives, by resolution on the 24th day of May, 2021, extended the said Proclamation for a period of three months;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient that the said Proclamation should be extended for a further period of three months:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Proclamation made by the President on the 15th day of May, 2021 declaring that a state of public emergency exists in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago be extended for a further period of three months.

(By the Prime Minister)

2. **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)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday June 25, 2021 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Minister of Health has persistently demonstrated his inability to effectively undertake his duties in the health sector for the welfare of our citizens:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express a lack of confidence in the Minister of Health and call for his immediate resignation.

(By the Member for Caroni East)

- 2. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 26, 2021 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has demonstrated his inability to competently execute his duties to bring certainty, confidence, stability and growth to the national economy:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its loss of confidence in the Minister of Finance.
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

- 3. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 26, 2021 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries has shown his inability to competently execute his duties to bring certainty and stability to the national energy sector:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its loss of confidence in the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries.

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

- 4. 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 effectively manage resources to facilitate adequate funding to the GATE program, government sponsored scholarships, school feeding programme, and other school related services:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House takes note of the increasing and unacceptable levels of disparity in inequitable access to education:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House calls on the Government to take all immediate and necessary steps to provide equitable access to all students.

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

- 5. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 27, 2020 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS it is the Government's responsibility to ensure the public safety and security of the citizenry;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed in its management of the organs responsible for intelligence, under-resourced the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution and cut the budget of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service which led to low detection and conviction rates;

AND WHEREAS thousands of citizens and businesses have been negatively affected by the high level of crime in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown, there has been an increase in the number of cases of domestic violence:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn the Government for its failure to effectively address the unacceptable and serious crime level affecting law-abiding citizens.

(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

- 6. 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 judgments to perform her role free from bias and thereby unequivocally brought the Office of Speaker into disrepute;

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)

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