



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SESSION
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 18
2021/2022

ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.

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1. The Noise Pollution Control (Amendment) Rules, 2022.
(By the Attorney General)
2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended 31 December, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Shipping Bill, 2020, Second Session (2021/2022), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Member for Lopinot/ Bon Air West)

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Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20 to remove the requirement of consent for joinder of complaints in summary judicial matters.”
(By the Attorney General)
2. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 04, 2022 will be resumed:**
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)
3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04 to establish the Borough of Diego Martin and the Borough of Siparia and to make consequential amendments to the Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01, the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations, Chap. 48:50, the Central Tenders Board Act, Chap. 71:91 and other written laws.”
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Foreign Labour Contracts Act, Chap. 88:11.”
(By the Minister of Labour)
5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28 and for other related matters.”
(By the Attorney General)
6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, the Offences Against the Person Act, Chap. 11:08, the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02 and for other related matters.”
(By the Attorney General)

7. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Proceeds of Crime Act, Chap. 11:27, the Anti-terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07, the Securities Act, Chap. 83:02, the Insurance Act, Chap. 84:01 and the Miscellaneous Provisions (FATF Compliance) Act, No. 25 of 2020.”
(By the Attorney General)
8. 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 Attorney General)
9. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the establishment of the National Academy for the Performing Arts and for the management and control thereof and for related matters.”
(By the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts)
10. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the establishment of the Southern Academy for the Performing Arts and for the management and control thereof 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 Planning and Development)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020.
(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Cannabis Control Bill, 2020.
(By the Member for San Fernando West)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday December 10, 2021 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Government has consistently presented Budgets which are unrelated to the demonstrated needs of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to present a sustainable and viable plan to address job creation, investment or foreign exchange generation;

AND WHEREAS the cost of living continues to escalate, lowering the standard of living and quality of life of a significant segment of the population;

AND WHEREAS the Government continues to fund its wastage and corruption by engaging in increased domestic and foreign debt while depleting state resources:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemns the Government for its neglect of the economy and failure to generate sustainable economic growth and development.

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

2. **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 judgment to perform her role free from bias and thereby unequivocally brought the Office of Speaker into disrepute;

AND 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)

3. **WHEREAS** section 76(2) of the Constitution provides that the Attorney General is responsible for the administration of legal affairs in Trinidad and Tobago and civil proceedings for and against the State;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General has shown his lack of knowledge, bias, incompetence and legal ineptitude to manage the administration of legal affairs in Trinidad and Tobago and civil proceedings for and against the State;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General having failed to properly execute his constitutional duties;

AND WHEREAS the conduct of the Attorney General has brought his office into odium and disrepute:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its loss of confidence in the Attorney General.
(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)

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 provide safe learning spaces following its sudden decision to institute in-person classes for some students;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to meet the varied requirements of teachers leaving many ill-equipped to execute quality online instruction;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to effectively manage resources to facilitate adequate funding to the GATE program, government sponsored scholarships and bursaries, school feeding programme, special education access 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 the failure of the Ministry of Education to deliver on its essential mandate;

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. **WHEREAS** the Government has been unable to effectively prevent a surge in criminal activity resulting in rapid increases in murders, robberies and home invasions;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to set and operationalise a forceful and functional crime reduction plan with SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time bound) goals to curb the growing murder rate;

AND WHEREAS the Government has consistently ignored and, through their incompetence, added to the fundamental causes of crime, while focusing on punitive measures instead of preventative measures;

AND WHEREAS the failure to effectively address crime has created social, political, economic and cultural crises of immeasurable proportions:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House reprimands this Government for its failure to effectively prevent the surge in criminal activity in our country.
(By the Member for Naparima)

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ORDER PAPER FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2022QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**Question No. 46 to the Minister of Health**
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

As regard medical equipment that has gone missing from each of the health facilities under the Regional Health Authorities within the period 2015-2021, can the Minister provide:

- (i) the quantity that has gone missing from each facility over the period;
- (ii) the function of each item/piece of medical equipment;
- (iii) the value of each item/piece of medical equipment;
- (iv) the approximate date or time period in which each item/piece of medical equipment went missing;
- (v) the status of the investigation of the missing medical equipment; and
- (vi) whether any person(s) have been held accountable?

(Answer due by 05.02.2022)



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1. Will the Prime Minister indicate how soon the Government intends to restart services at the cardiac catheterisation laboratory at the Scarborough General Hospital?
(By the Member for Couva South)
2. Given the proposed restructuring plans of TSTT, will the Prime Minister inform this House how many workers will become unemployed as a result of the said restructuring exercise?
(By the Member for Couva South)
3. Will the Prime Minister explain to the House why Major General Edmund Dillon has not presented his credentials thus far to the Government of Venezuela, six months after being appointed?
(By the Member for Naparima)
4. Will the Prime Minister state what diplomatic steps will be undertaken to contain the fallout from international reports suggesting that this country is not treating its Venezuelan refugee/migrants humanely?
(By the Member for Naparima)
5. Will the Prime Minister provide the House with a status of the Cabinet appointed Sub Committee to review the operations of the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) as well as to determine a strategy for enabling the Authority to achieve its mandate?
(By the Member for Couva South)

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The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Works and Transport**

In light of the disruption posed to the traveling public as a consequence of the industrial action taken by PTSC workers, does the management intend to meet with said workers and their representatives to address their concerns?

(By the Member for Couva South)

2. **To the Minister of Education**

Having regard to the physical reopening of schools, will the Minister inform the House when school transportation services will be resumed?

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

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