



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the First Citizens Investments Services Limited and its Subsidiaries for the year ended September 30, 2021
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
2. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure on an inquiry into the management of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) and related Recommendations, Second Session (2021/2022), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)
3. The Annual Report of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister)
4. The Annual Report of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the period 1st October, 2019 to 30th September, 2020.
(By the Minister of National Security)
5. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for 2019.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises on an inquiry into the operations of the Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) with specific focus on the proposed measures to assist in achieving the objectives of the National Environmental Policy and Trinidad and Tobago's progress towards achieving

the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Second Session (2021/2022), Twelfth Parliament.

(By the Member for La Horquetta/Talparo)

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 50 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Mayaro)

With regard to the Tech Promotions and Development Company that was promised in the Minister's 2020 budget presentation, will the Minister advise as to the following:

- a. has the company been established;
- b. if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, when was it established; and
- c. since its establishment, how many tech-based businesses has said company assisted?

Question No. 51 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By the Member for Couva North)

Will the Minister indicate when the necessary upgrades will be made to the water distribution infrastructure at Brickfield, Ojah Maraj and Butler Village within the constituency of Couva North?

Question No. 52 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries

(By the Member for Couva North)

In light of the increased levels of unemployment and escalating price of basic food items, will the Minister state when the NAMDEVCO food box programme will be resumed?

Question No. 53 to the Minister of Finance

(By the Member for Couva North)

In light of concerns raised by the Office of the Procurement Regulator over the failure of State Agencies to provide information, will the Minister indicate whether these agencies will be directed to provide same pending the proclamation of the Procurement Legislation?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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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 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)

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 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)

9. 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)

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 4(3) of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap.25:50 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that as soon as may be after the Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) has submitted a report under section 4(1)(a) of the Act, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report;

AND WHEREAS the Commission has submitted a report to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of section 4(1)(a) of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the draft of an Order entitled “the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2021” giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 4th day of February, 2022:

BE IT RESOLVED that the draft of the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2021” be approved.
(By the Prime Minister)

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)

Brian Caesar
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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 Public Utilities:**

Will the Minister state the reason/s for the recent massive power outage and blackout that occurred throughout Trinidad?

(By the Member for Princes Town)

2. **To the Minister of Public Utilities:**

One of the Guaranteed Electricity Standards set by the Regulated Industries Commission for Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC), is that failure to restore supply within ten (10) hours in an unplanned outage on the distribution system requires T&TEC to pay compensation of \$60.00 to residential and \$600.00 to non-residential customers, will this standard be applied to Wednesday's blackout?

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

3. **To the Minister of Health:**

Due to the nationwide blackout which lasted for over ten (10) hours, will the Minister state whether patient care was compromised in any of the nation's public health institutions?

(By the Member for Caroni East)

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