

# **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

SECOND SESSION NO. 8
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT 2021/2022

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# Question No. 9 to the Minister of Trade and Industry:

(By the Member for Mayaro)

Given the severe negative impact that the ongoing pandemic has had on women entrepreneurs, could the Minister indicate what support has been provided for this group during the COVID-19 pandemic?

# Question No. 10 to the Minister of Finance:

(By the Member for Mayaro)

Will the Minister inform the House whether it is the intention of the Government to extend indemnification to Directors of State Enterprises?

## Question No. 11 to the Minister of Finance:

(By the Member for Mayaro)

Will the Minister inform the House what are or will the specific measures to be taken by the commercial banking sector to support mitigation requests made by Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises (SMMEs) during the Covid-19 pandemic?

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# **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **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** it is enacted by section 10(3) of the Constitution that the Proclamation may be revoked at any time by a resolution supported by a simple majority vote of the House of Representatives;

**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** the House of Representatives, by resolution on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, extended the said Proclamation for a further period of three months;

**AND WHEREAS** it is necessary and expedient that the said Proclamation should be revoked:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Proclamation made by the President on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 declaring that a state of public emergency exists in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago be revoked with effect from midnight on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

(By the Prime Minister)

# **Bills Second Reading:**

1. Debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday November 12, 2021 will be resumed:

A Bill entitled, "An Act to establish the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority and for related matters".

(By the Minister of Finance)

2. 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 or Rural Development and Local Government)

3. 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)

# **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:**

 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)

2. **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)

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# WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2021 1:30 P.M. NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

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

# 1. To the Minister of Health:

In view of the information released by Health Officials that of a total of 1437 persons who died from complications associated with Covid-19, 56 were fully vaccinated, will the Minister indicate when the Government intends to expand the category of persons who are eligible to receive a third primary Covid-19 vaccination, regardless of the brand?

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

# 2. To Minister of Health:

In light of today's newspaper headline "Quarantine Loophole", will the Minister explain the collapse of the monitoring and supervisory system of the Ministry of Health in relation to the critical quarantine process and procedure?

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel Clerk of the House

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