

**THE
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

1.30 P.M.

The House of Representatives having assembled, and it being the first meeting of the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Clerk of the House read the following Proclamation:

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No. 11 of 2018.

By Her Excellency CHRISTINE
KANGALOO, Acting President and
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed
Forces of the Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago

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CHRISTINE KANGALOO

Acting President

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A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (1) of section 67 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place within Trinidad and Tobago and shall commence at such time as the President may by Proclamation appoint:

Now, therefore, I, CHRISTINE KANGALOO, Acting President as aforesaid, do hereby appoint Tower D, International Waterfront Centre, 1A, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, as the place at which the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago shall be held and 1.30 p.m. on Friday the 28th day of September, 2018, as the time at which the said Session shall commence.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of
the President of the Republic of
Trinidad and Tobago at the Office
of the President, St. Ann's, this
11th day of September, 2018.

PRAYERS

[MADAM SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Madam Speaker: Hon. Members, the hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar SC, MP, Member for Siparia, has asked to be excused from today's sitting of the House. The leave which the Member seeks is granted.

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JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES
(Standing Order 79(3))

Constitution (Amdt.) (Tobago Self-Government) Bill, 2018

The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis): Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Constitution (Amdt.) (Tobago Self-Government) Bill, 2018 be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established; and
Be if further resolved that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Third Session and report by December 31, 2018.

Question put and agreed to.

(Appointment of)

The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis): Madam Speaker, be it resolved that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Constitution (Amdt.) (Tobago Self-Government) Bill, 2018 that this House appoint six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee. These Members are:

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP

Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP

Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP

Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP

Ms. Ramona Ramdial, MP

Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Question put and agreed to.

**Cybercrime Bill, 2017
(Appointment of)**

The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis): Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Cybercrime Bill, 2017 be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established; and

Be it further resolved that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Third Session and report by December 31, 2018; and

Subject to the concurrence of the Senate that on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Cybercrime Bill, 2017 that this House appoints six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee:

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Edmund Dillon, MP

Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP

Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP

Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP

Mr. Barry Padarath, MP

Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker.

Question put and agreed to.

**Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Bill, 2018 and
the Tax Information Exchange Agreements Bill, 2018
(Appointment of)**

The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis): Thank you very kindly again, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Bill, 2018 and the Tax Information Exchange Agreements Bill, 2018 be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established;

Be it further resolved that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Third Session and report by December 31, 2018; and

Be it further resolved that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Bill, 2018 and the Tax Information Exchange Agreements Bill, 2018, that this House appoints six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee:

Mr. Colm Imbert, MP

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Ms. Marlene Mc Donald, MP

Dr. Lovell Francis, MP

Mr. Fazal Karim, MP

Mr. Rodney Charles, MP

Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker.

Question put and agreed to.

Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority Bill, 2018
(Appointment of)

The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis): Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority Bill, 2018 be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established;

Be it resolved that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Third Session and report by December 31, 2018; and

Be it further resolved that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority Bill, 2018, that this House appoints six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this committee:

Mr. Colm Imbert, MP

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP

Mr. Adrian Leonce, MP

Mr. Barry Padarath, MP

Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP

Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker.

Question put and agreed to.

**Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016
(Appointment of)**

The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis): Thank you very kindly again, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, having regard to the decision of the House made pursuant to Standing Order 79(3), I beg to move:

That the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016 be referred to a Joint Select Committee hereby established;

Be it resolved that this Committee be mandated to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Third Session and report by December 31, 2018; and

Be it further resolved that subject to the concurrence of the Senate on the establishment of the Joint Select Committee on the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016, that this House appoints six Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on this Committee:

Mr. Colm Imbert, MP

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Mr. Stuart Young, MP

Ms. Nicole Olivierre, MP

Mr. Ganga Singh, MP

Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP

Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker.

Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

The Minister of Planning and Development (Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis): Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn to Monday, the 1st day of October, 2018 at 1.30 p.m. at which time the budget speech of the Minister of Finance will be read.

Thank you very kindly, Madam Speaker.

Question put and agreed to.

House adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 1.47 p.m.