

**HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT REPORT ON CURRENT BILLS TABLED IN PARLIAMENT
FOR THE LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2011/2012**

Reporting Period: April 14, 2011 – November 24, 2011

NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	STATUS
1	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Corruption Prevention (Special Prosecutor) Act, 2008</i>	To repeal the <i>Corruption (Prevention) Act</i> and the <i>Parliament (Integrity of Members) Act</i> ; and to provide for the establishment of the Office of the Special Prosecutor for Corruption as a commission of Parliament.	<i>(Carried Over to the 2011/2012 Legislative Year)</i> Tabled in the Senate on 2008/06/27. Passed in the Senate on 2011/01/14 with forty-nine (49) amendments . Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/01/25.
2	Ministry of Justice	<i>Constitution (Amendment)(No.2) Act, 2010</i>	To limit the period of time for which a person may hold office as Prime Minister to a period not exceeding nine (9) years in total; provided that an incumbent Prime Minister shall not be required to vacate his seat by reason only of the fact that after appointment he exceeds the nine (9) year limit.	<i>(Carried Over to the 2011/2012 Legislative Year)</i> Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2010/10/12.
3	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Committal Proceedings Act, 2011</i>	To introduce a new proceeding to be known as "Committal Proceedings" which will obviate the need for the holding of a preliminary enquiry and allow a Resident Magistrate to commit an accused person to stand trial if on the basis of a person's written statement the Magistrate is satisfied that the accused ought to stand trial for an indictable offence.	Tabled in the Senate on 2011/06/10. Bill withdrawn from the Senate on 2011/07/01. Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/07/12.

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4	Ministry of Finance	<i>The Public Debt Management Act, 2011</i>	To amend, consolidate and modernize the law relating to the management of the public debt and to provide a single statutory source for the Minister's authority to borrow money for and on behalf of the Government of Jamaica.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/07/12.
5	Office of the Prime Minister	<i>The Building Act, 2011</i>	To establish a building control framework comprising a new National Building Code to replace provisions currently existing in the Kingston and St. Andrew Act and the Parish Councils Act; and to confirm the Bureau of Standards as the Standards Authority with the power to specify the versions of International Building Codes which will become a part of the National Building Code.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/09/27.
6	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	<i>The Protection of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Act, 2011</i>	To comply with obligations under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; to conserve and sustain the use of plant genetic resources and to ensure the equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their use.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/10/19.
7	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	<i>The Standards (Amendment) Act, 2011</i>	To amend the Standards Act by imposing more appropriate and realistic penalties for offences under the Act, including regulations made thereunder. To empower the Minister to amend fines under the Act, by order, subject to affirmative resolution.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/11/22.
8	Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce	<i>The Processed Food (Amendment) Act, 2011</i>	To amend the Processed Food Act by imposing more appropriate and realistic penalties for offences under the Act, including regulations made thereunder. To empower the Minister to amend fines under the Act, by order, subject to affirmative resolution.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/11/22.

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9	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Constitution (Amendment) (Impeachment) Act, 2011</i>	To amend the Constitution of Jamaica to include provisions including - the list of persons being amenable to the impeachment process being the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and other Members of Parliament; to define impeachable offences; to include a list of persons who may make requests for a person amenable to impeachment to be investigated; to establish an Impeachment Committee and an Impeachment Tribunal.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/11/22.
10	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Defamation Act, 2011</i>	To amend the defamation law of Jamaica to address the inadequacies of the present libel law by implementing, with changes where considered appropriate, recommendations made in the Report of the Joint Select Committee of the Houses of Parliament.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/11/22.
12	Office of the Prime Minister	<i>The Telecommunications (Amendment) Act, 2011</i>	To amend the Telecommunications Act in order to, <i>inter alia</i> , address – the sharing of telecommunications facilities and infrastructure where feasible; the allowing of the OUR to take into account, when determining rates, all relevant factors, including cost orientation and local and international bench marks.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/11/22.
13	Ministry of National Security	<i>The Road Traffic (Temporary Ticket Amnesty) Act, 2011</i>	To enhance revenue administration and collection by granting an amnesty on all unpaid or unadjudicated traffic tickets issued on or before September 20, 2010, for a period of three months or such further period as each House of Parliament may determine by resolution in accordance with the Act.	Tabled and passed in the Senate on 2011/11/24.

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14	Private Bill	<i>The Church of Haile Selassie I (Incorporating and Vesting) Act, 2010</i>	To constitute the holders of certain offices in the Church known as The Church of Haile Selassie I perpetual succession, with power to hold and deal with property, and to sue and be sued in its corporate name.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2009/10/06. Referred to the Private Bills Committee on 2009/10/20. (Deliberations of the Joint Select Committee Carried Over to the 2011/2012 Legislative Year).
15	Private Bill	<i>The Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (Incorporation and Vesting) (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To allow the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World of Jamaica to function autonomously, but nonetheless in affiliation with the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World Incorporated of the United States of America, in particular with respect to holding and dealing with real and personal property.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2010/01/26. Referred to Committee on 2010/02/16. (Deliberations of the Joint Select Committee Carried Over to the 2011/2012 Legislative Year).
16	Private Bill	<i>The Lord's Chapel of Jamaica (Incorporation and Vesting) Act, 2010</i>	To incorporate the Lord's Chapel of Jamaica as a corporate body with perpetual succession in which all real and personal property will be vested and with power to acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of property for the purposes of the Churches constituting the Lord's Chapel of Jamaica.	Tabled in the House of Representatives 2010/11/30 and referred to Committee on 2010/12/07.
17	Private Bill	<i>The Mustard Seed Missionaries (Incorporation and Vesting) Act, 2011</i>	To incorporate the Mustard Seed Missionaries as a corporate body and to allow the Corporation to hold certain property in perpetual succession through its officers together with the power to deal with such property.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/01/18 and referred to Committee on 2011/01/25.

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18	Private Bill	<i>The Baptist Mid-Missions in Jamaica (Incorporated) (Change of Name) Act, 201</i>	To facilitate the transfer of ownership of property from the Baptist Mid-Missions in Jamaica to the Fairview Baptist Ministries and to further incorporate as the Fairview Baptist Ministries as a body corporate with perpetual succession.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/10/19.