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HONOURABLE JAMAICA HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS WITHOUT LEAVE OF THE HOUSE FIRST OBTAINED

Notice
given on
20.01.2015.

1. The Minister of Finance and Planning to move to introduce and have read a first time a Bill shortly entitled "*The Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2015*".

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

- 1.** The House to continue, in committee stage, consideration of a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Make provisions for the implementation of the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice, and for connected matters*". Notice given on 20.01.2015.
- 2.** The House to continue, in committee stage, consideration of a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Constitution of Jamaica to provide for the replacement of appeals to Her Majesty in Council with new provisions for appeals to the Caribbean Court of Justice as Jamaica's final appellate court; and for connected matters*". Notice of given on 20.01.2015.
- 3.** The House to continue, in committee stage, consideration of a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Judicature (Appellate Jurisdiction) Act*". Notice of given on 20.01.2015.
- 4. The Minister of Finance and Planning – To move –** Notice given on 04.03.2014.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on Tax Measures on our deliberations on the Fiscal Policy Paper for the Financial Year 2013/2014 – Interim Report, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 4th day of March, 2014, be approved.
- 5.** The House to continue debate on a motion that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Constitution of Jamaica to make provisions for the inclusion of a democratic system of local government for Jamaica in the Constitution; and for connected matters*" be now read a second time. Notice of second reading given on 07.10.2014
- 6.** The Minister of Finance and Planning to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Provide for the establishment of a division of Government to be known as the Revenue Appeals Division for the hearing of appeals involving taxpayers and revenue departments and for connected matters*" be now read a second time. Notice of second reading given on 21.10.2014.
- 7. The Minister of Finance and Planning – To move –** Notice given on 09.12.2014.

THE CASINO GAMING ACT The Casino Gaming (Applications Relating to Licences) Regulations, 2014

WHEREAS, by virtue of section 72 of the *Casino Gaming Act* (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the Casino Gaming Commission may make regulations, with the approval of the Minister, which make provision for the form and content of applications relating to licences.

AND WHEREAS on the 28th day of November, 2014, the Casino Gaming Commission, with the approval of the Minister, made the Casino Gaming (Applications Relating to Licences) Regulations, 2014;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Casino Gaming (Applications Relating to Licences) Regulations, 2014, be affirmed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Honourable House as follows:

- (i) These Regulations may be cited as the Casino Gaming (Applications Relating to Licences) Regulations, 2014;
- (ii) The Casino Gaming (Applications Relating to Licences) Regulations, 2014, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 9th day of December, 2014, are hereby affirmed.

8. The Minister of Finance and Planning – To move –

THE CASINO GAMING ACT

The Casino Gaming (Annual Licence Fees for Gaming Licences and Personal Licences) Regulations, 2014

Notice
given on
09.12.2014.

WHEREAS, by virtue of section 72 of the *Casino Gaming Act* (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the Casino Gaming Commission may make regulations, with the approval of the Minister, which make provision for the payment of fees for the conduct of due diligence exercise in respect of licences, authorisations and approvals;

AND WHEREAS on the 28th day of November, 2014, the Casino Gaming Commission, with the approval of the Minister, made the Casino Gaming (Annual Licence Fees for Gaming Licences and Personal Licences) Regulations, 2014;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Casino Gaming (Annual Licence Fees for Gaming Licences and Personal Licences) Regulations, 2014, be affirmed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Honourable House as follows:

- (i) These Regulations may be cited as the Casino Gaming (Annual Licence Fees for Casino Gaming Licences and Personal Licences) Regulations, 2014;
- (ii) The Casino Gaming (Annual Licence Fees for Casino Gaming Licences and Personal Licences, Regulations, 2014, which were laid on the Table of the House on the 9th day of December, 2014, are hereby affirmed.

Notice
given on
09.12.2014.

9. The Minister of Finance and Planning – To move –

THE CIVIL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT ACT

**The Civil Service Establishment
(General) Order, 2014, Resolution**

WHEREAS section 3(1) of the *Civil Service Establishment Act* (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") provides that the Minister may, by order, constitute or abolish offices in the public service;

AND WHEREAS on the 27th day of November, 2014, the Minister made the Civil Service Establishment (General) Order, 2014, Resolution;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 3(4) of the Act that an order made under the section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Honourable House as follows:

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Civil Service Establishment (General) Order, 2014, Resolution;
- (ii) The Civil Service Establishment (General) Order, 2014, Resolution, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 9th day of December, 2014, is affirmed.

10. The Minister of Finance and Planning to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Pubic Bodies Management and Accountability Act*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 20.01.2015.

11. The Minister of Finance and Planning to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Financial Administration and Audit (Amendment) Act*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 20.01.2015.

12. **The Minister of Finance and Planning – To move –**

Notice given on 20.01.2015.

THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT ACT

The Financial Management (Amendment) Regulations, 2015, Resolution

WHEREAS subsection (1) of section 50 of the *Financial Administration and Audit Act* (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") provides that the Minister may make regulations for the purpose of the Act;

AND WHEREAS subsection (5) of the said section 50 of the Act provides that regulations made under subsection (1) shall be subject to affirmative resolution;

AND WHEREAS the Minister responsible for finance on the 16th day of January, 2015, made the Financial Management (Amendment) Regulations, 2015;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Financial Management (Amendment) Regulations, 2015, be affirmed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Honourable House as follows:

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Financial Management (Amendment) Regulations, 2015, Resolution;

- (ii) The Financial Management (Amendment) Regulations, 2015, which were laid on the Table of the House on the 20th day of January, 2015, are hereby affirmed.

Notice
given on
20.01.2015.

13. The Minister of Finance and Planning – To move –

THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT ACT

**The Financial Administration and Audit (Fiscal Responsibility Framework)
(Amendment) Regulations, 2015, Resolution**

WHEREAS subsection (1) of section 50 of the *Financial Administration and Audit Act* (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") provides that the Minister may make regulations for the purpose of the Act;

AND WHEREAS subsection (5) of the said section 50 of the Act provides that regulations made under subsection (1) shall be subject to affirmative resolution;

AND WHEREAS the Minister responsible for finance on the 16th day of January, 2015, made the Financial Administration and Audit (Fiscal Responsibility Framework)(Amendment) Regulations, 2015;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Financial Administration and Audit (Fiscal Responsibility Framework)(Amendment) Regulations, 2015, be affirmed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Honourable House as follows:

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Financial Administration and Audit (Fiscal Responsibility Framework)(Amendment) Regulations, 2015, Resolution;
- (ii) The Financial Administration and Audit (Fiscal Responsibility Framework)(Amendment) Regulations, 2015, which were laid on the Table of the House on the 20th day of January, 2015, are hereby affirmed.

Notice
given on
20.01.2015.

14. The Minister of Finance and Planning – To move –

THE PUBLIC BODIES MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The Public Bodies Regulations, 2015, Resolution

WHEREAS subsection (1) of section 24 of the *Public Bodies Management and Accountability Act* (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") provides that the Minister may make regulations generally for giving effect to the provisions and purposes of the Act;

AND WHEREAS subsection (2) of the said section 24 of the Act provides that regulations made under subsection (1) shall be subject to affirmative resolution;

AND WHEREAS the Minister responsible for finance on the 16th day of January, 2015, made the Public Bodies Regulations, 2015;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Public Bodies Regulations, 2015, be affirmed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Honourable House as follows:

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Public Bodies Regulations, 2015, Resolution;
- (ii) The Public Bodies Regulations, 2015, which were laid on the Table of the House on the 20th day of January, 2015, are hereby affirmed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 2013

1. Dr. Baugh – To move –

[No. 1]

WHEREAS the issue of hospitals user-fees is topical at this time, having been the subject of debate for decades;

AND WHEREAS user-fees at the point of service, demanding out-of-pocket payments to raise revenue for the health sector, were in place for more than twenty years and appears to be under consideration for re-introduction;

AND WHEREAS it has been proven beyond a doubt that a means test at the point of service, to identify those able to pay, has proven futile and regressive, necessitating various forms of sanctions, including withholding allied services such as birth and death certificates, thereby imposing additional hardships on the people when they are most vulnerable;

AND WHEREAS there was a consequential 14.4% decline in the total utilisation of the public health services, and a 24% decline in the utilisation of primary health services in the period 1994-2002; when user-fees increased as budget cuts were implemented;

AND WHEREAS this burden of costs was imposed on the poorest quintiles that are largely unemployed or under-employed and who are dependent on public health services;

AND WHEREAS liabilities accrued by individuals to public institutions caused embarrassment, resulting in the postponement of clinic and hospital visits, causing a delay in treatment and a resultant higher incidence of costly complications;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House appoint a committee to sit jointly with a similar committee from the Senate to evaluate the extensive reviews that have been done on Jamaica's user-fee policy, as well as to draw upon the experience of other countries and the Jamaican private sector, to achieve comprehensive universal coverage that is affordable to the people of Jamaica, eliminating the barriers to adequate health care.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 2013

2. Mr. Samuda – To move –

[No. 2]

WHEREAS inordinate delays are being experienced across the country in the execution of approved projects under the announced Jamaica Emergency Employment Programme (JEEP) 2 scheme;

AND WHEREAS there appears to be an unnecessary overlapping of activities, leading to a lack of proper coordination between the departments under the portfolio of the Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing, which have responsibility for the management of this important project;

AND WHEREAS this has led to a state of confusion and uncertainty, which, if allowed to continue, may severely compromise the successful completion of important infrastructure projects throughout the country;

AND WHEREAS this situation represents a source of frustration for Members of Parliament and other important stakeholders:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honourable House call on the Minister of Transport, Works and Housing to present to Parliament a comprehensive report as to the progress of the projects under JEEP 2;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minister advise the Honourable House if and when any changes are contemplated to the existing methods of executing this critical programme.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 2013

3. Miss Grange – To move –

[No. 3]

WHEREAS Jamaica's national emblems and symbols are representative of our people, heritage, values and hopes for the future; created as visual triggers from both Jamaicans and foreigners alike;

AND WHEREAS it is unacceptable to have images of Jamaica's national flag or any other of Jamaica's national emblems and symbols being desecrated;

AND WHEREAS the recent burning and trampling on of the Jamaican flag in a television advertisement produced by a foreign company has reinforced the need for the formulation of policy guidelines and legislative framework regarding Jamaica's national emblems and symbols;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, under the former Administration, had established an inter-ministerial committee, comprising representation from the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office, the Office of the Prime Minister, the Institute of Jamaica, the National Library of Jamaica, and the Attorney General's Chambers, among others, to formulate policy guidelines for the management and regulation of the use, display and performance of Jamaica's national emblems and symbols, and the enactment of appropriate legislation to give legal force and effect to the guidelines, as proposed;

AND WHEREAS the use, display or performance of the national emblems and symbols continue to be handled in *an ad hoc* manner, with no specific agency providing definitive guidance with respect to their usage, with the exception of an incomplete draft Handbook of National Symbols (Office of the Prime Minister, 2004) and A Code for National Symbols;

AND WHEREAS others continue to secure significant financial benefits from the usage of Jamaica's national emblems and symbols, while Jamaica receives little to no financial gain;

AND WHEREAS it is important to note that there is no legislative framework at this time which governs the use and management of the national flag even though it is particularly crucial that we regulate and manage the use of the national flag and the name of the country, in order to strengthen international lobbying and increases protection from abuse and misuse;

AND WHEREAS countries such as Canada, Nigeria, Australia and Trinidad and Tobago have all enacted legislation which governs the use of their national flags, coats of arms and other national symbols;

AND WHEREAS the completion of the work of the previous Administration will ensure that Jamaica's national emblems and symbols are better safeguarded from abuse:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call on the Government to continue the work of the inter-ministerial committee, put in place by the previous Administration, regarding the formulation of policy guidelines for the management and regulation of the use, display and performance of Jamaica's national emblems and symbols and the enactment of appropriate legislation to give legal force and effect to the guidelines, as proposed;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House call on the Government to proceed with the expansion and finalisation of the Handbook for National Symbols and Emblems as a reference publication for providing guidance on the management and regulation of the use, display and performance of Jamaica's national symbols and emblems.

NOTICE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH MAY, 2013

4. Miss Grange – To move –

[No. 4]

WHEREAS the treatment of children in the care of the State is a matter of national concern, which has for too long, remained sub-optimal;

AND WHEREAS the incarceration of children deemed "uncontrollable" and the holding of adolescents at adult correctional facilities have been among primary concerns in this regard;

AND WHEREAS, in March 2013, the Office of the Children's Advocate submitted to Parliament recommendations regarding the care of children deemed "uncontrollable", and the holding of adolescent girls at the Fort Augusta Adult Correctional Facility, which recommendations are geared at improving the treatment and rehabilitation of such children:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House urgently debate and adopt the recommendations Tabled by the Office of the Children's Advocate.

NOTICE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 2013

5. Dr. Duncan – To move –

[No. 5]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Report of the Committee appointed to examine and recommend for approval proposed Estimates for Constituency Projects, submitted to the Constituency Development Fund by respective Members of Parliament for the year 2012-2013, which was laid on the Table of the House of Representatives on the 12th day of June, 2013, be adopted.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 23RD JULY, 2013

6. The House to continue debate on the motion –

[No. 6]

WHEREAS the economies and fortunes of Europe, including Great Britain, were largely built upon the slave trade and slave labour;

AND WHEREAS the British Parliament passed the *Slavery Abolition Act, 1833*, which abolished the slavery system under which the British slave owners were guaranteed an endless supply of free labour, which was critical to the productivity of their holdings;

AND WHEREAS, by further political action, the British Parliament paid to the British slave owners a sum of £20M as economic compensation for the loss of the slaves who formed a major component of their production engine;

AND WHEREAS no similar political action was taken by the British Parliament to compensate the former slaves or their descendants for their labour, which built the economies of Europe, including Great Britain, nor were the former slaves allowed to own land;

AND WHEREAS the former slaves and their descendants should have been paid for their labour, which built the economies of Europe, including Great Britain;

AND WHEREAS the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), of which Jamaica is a member, took a decision to form a committee to oversee the work of a CARICOM Reparation Commission on July 6, 2013, to pursue reparation claims against Great Britain and other slave trading countries;

AND WHEREAS the Rastafari have had their case for reparation to Africa approved by this House; and a National Reparation Committee was established by this Honourable House:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House debate the issue, as set out in the prayer, and make the political decision by a vote that the Government of Jamaica is entitled, on behalf of the former slaves and via the basic tenets of labour law and human rights, to receive payment from Great Britain, equivalent to the sum paid to the British slave owners as compensation for the loss of slave labour;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payment be used to clear off all the debt of Jamaica and to improve the education, infrastructural development, and health sectors, and a portion be set aside for the repatriation of African Jamaicans to Africa;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House enjoin other CARICOM countries to make similar political decisions on this matter, and that this Honourable House instructs the Government of Jamaica to take this case of genocide to the International Court of Justice to value the economic cost of chattel slavery to Jamaica and the further compensation that should flow for the abuse of human rights and the attendant denial of culture and history, murder, rape and wanton abuse of power in flogging, branding, and denial of freedom of movement, freedom to worship, freedom to own land, and the right to education, which were the hallmark of slavery.

7. Dr. Baugh – To move –**[No. 7]**

WHEREAS the Minister of Health is empowered under the *Public Health Act* to provide regulations for the maintenance of the health and well-being of the nation;

AND WHEREAS the Minister made regulations to restrict and prohibit the smoking of cigarettes in various public spaces;

AND WHEREAS these regulations have not been fully circulated and presented to Parliament:

BE IT RESOLVED that these regulations be Tabled in the House and referred to the Human Resource and Social Development Committee for immediate review and for its recommendation.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 2013**8. Mr. Vaz – To move –****[No. 13]**

WHEREAS there is a constant lack of potable water from the National Water Commission (NWC) and the Portland Parish Council sources due to severe drought and a dysfunctional water supply system, which has become a source of frustration and inconvenience, and further poses a health hazard with the possibility of an outbreak of disease;

AND WHEREAS this lack of potable water has resulted in the closure of businesses and schools and the disruption of the daily lives of the constituents residing in a number of communities in Western Portland, some of whom have now resorted to public demonstration and the blocking of roads as a means of appealing to the relevant authorities;

AND WHEREAS funds totalling Five Million One Hundred and Sixty-three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$5,163,200) have been spent, since January 2013, from the Member of Parliament's Constituency Development Fund allocation, as well as funds from the Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Local Government and Community Development and the Portland Parish Council; notwithstanding, these funds have proved inadequate to alleviate the water woes of the residents:

BE IT RESOLVED that the NWC, the other above-named public sector entities, and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management treat the water situation in Western Portland as a situation of dire emergency, and release emergency funds to assist in the scheduled delivery of water to the affected areas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Jamaica formulate a long term sustainable plan to make provision for an adequate water supply system, not only in the constituency of Western Portland but throughout the entire Parish of Portland, and other parishes which are similarly affected by drought from time to time.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 2013

9. Mrs. Robinson – To move –

[No. 14]

WHEREAS the country's natural resource endowment such as its beaches, rivers, landscape, flora and fauna are key features of our total offerings as a small island-state;

AND WHEREAS these resources are integral to continued national development, economic expansion and the facilitation of social cohesion;

AND WHEREAS no effort should be spared in ensuring that these resources are preserved and protected for this and generations to come:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, particularly as it relates to "Little Dunn's River" and other similar attractions, carefully consider the plight of locals and ventilate the keenly contested issues associated with the current state and use of said facilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government consider the options available to us as a country, and come up with a clear and decisive policy as it relates to public beaches and places for recreation that are a part of the natural environment, with a view to making them more accessible and amenable to all Jamaicans.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 2014

10. Mr. Bartlett – To move –

[No. 15]

BE IT RESOLVED that the deliberations of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives, for the period July to December, 2013, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 4th day of February, 2014, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2014

11. Mr. Mair – To move –

[No. 16]

WHEREAS the Government of China, through China Harbour Engineering Company, and our Government are currently negotiating the development of elements of a logistics hub in Jamaica, and the Chairman of the Port Authority of Jamaica has recently confirmed that a port will be built in the vicinity of the Goat Islands in the Portland Bight Protected Area as part of the logistics hub;

AND WHEREAS the Portland Bight Protected Area, which includes the Goat Islands, the Hellshire Hills and the adjoining coastline, was created in 1999 under the *Natural Resources Conservation Authority Act* because of its biological diversity and important functions, including three fish sanctuaries declared under the *Fishing Industry Act*, six game sanctuaries declared under the *Wild Life Protection Act*, and two forest reserves declared under the *Forest Act*;

AND WHEREAS there has been no detailed disclosure on the scope of works, the precise location and the consequent environmental impact or economic benefit the operations at the Goat Islands port could have on our country, neither has the Government provided sufficient information to the nation as to the reason why the Goat Islands and its

environs would be the best option for a port, and whether or not other sites were considered and rejected;

AND WHEREAS the Environmental Management Scoping Report, commissioned by the Government with the intention of guiding its decision-making, is believed to contain flaws and inaccuracies and is, therefore, an unsatisfactory basis on which to make a pronouncement that is in the best and long term interests of Jamaica, with the concomitant risk of irreversible and devastating ecological impacts if a trans-shipment port, logistics hub, or any form of massive development were to take place on the Goat Islands and its environs:

BE IT RESOLVED that this matter be referred to the Infrastructure and Physical Development Committee of this Honourable House for it to take the necessary steps to enquire into the benefits and/or losses that our country could incur if any part of the Portland Bight Protected Area were to become part of the logistics hub;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Jamaica put on hold any final agreement with China Harbour Engineering Company for the development of a logistics hub in Jamaica until this Honourable House receive and deliberate on the report from the Infrastructure and Physical Development Committee.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 2014

12. Mr. Chuck – To move –

[No. 17]

WHEREAS it was anticipated that the Electoral Commission would be responsible for the national registration and identification of all citizens;

AND WHEREAS the electoral commissioners, the returning officers and electoral offices are not fully employed outside the election periods, and are presently under-utilised:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government bring the relevant legislation to start and complete the national registration and identification system to Parliament urgently;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Electoral Commission be renamed as The National Registration Commission to register every Jamaican citizen from birth or naturalization;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Electoral Commission (renamed The National Registration Commission) continue its work to oversee and conduct national elections.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2014

13. Dr. Bloomfield – To move –

[No. 18]

WHEREAS non-communicable and lifestyle diseases comprise the leading causes of major diseases and death worldwide;

AND WHEREAS obesity is an important factor in the genesis of the major non-communicable diseases including hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and cancer;

AND WHEREAS obesity constitutes an ever alarming and increasing epidemic worldwide, and specifically in Jamaica, where it engenders an unbearable economic burden and social challenge, as obesity impacts numerous areas of community and social life:

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives debate the concept of obesity and its relevance, in light of its growing importance as a public health concern and its great social and economic implications;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this issue of obesity be referred to the Human Resource and Social Development Committee for its deliberation in terms of:

- (i) The national obesity profile and its implications;
- (ii) The usefulness of creating a national public awareness campaign framework;
- (iii) The inclusion of obesity as a nosological entity within the national health service management structure and subject to the National Health Fund and the Jamaica Drugs for the Elderly Programme, and other programmes; and
- (iv) The institution of regulations by the respective government ministries and agencies as they relate to:
 - (a) Diet and exercise requirements in government facilities such as in health and education;
 - (b) The establishment of guidelines for publication of nutritional value of food offered for public consumption;
 - (c) The establishment of guidelines for the publication of caloric value content for food offered to the public by food outlets; and
 - (d) General therapeutic strategies and related matters to address the problem of obesity.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 2014

14. Mr. Samuda – To move –

[No. 19]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Economy and Production Committee on our deliberations on Private Members' Motion No. 6 of 2013, calling for the repealing and replacing of section 37 of the *Agricultural Produce Act* and the combination and review of the *Praedial Larceny Prevention Act* and the *Agricultural Produce Act*, brought by the Member of Parliament for St. Elizabeth, North Western, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 4th day of March, 2014, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2014

15. Dr. Duncan – To move – [No. 20]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Report of the Committee appointed to examine and recommend for approval proposed Estimates for Constituency Projects, submitted to the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) Project Management Unit (PMU) by respective Members of Parliament for the year 2013-2014, which was laid on the Table of the House of Representatives on the 11th day of June, 2014, be adopted.

NOTICE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH JUNE, 2014

16. Mr. Bartlett – To move – [No. 21]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report on the deliberations of the Sessional Select Committee on Public Administration and Appropriations for the Financial Year 2013 – 2014, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 18th day of June, 2014, be adopted.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 29TH JULY, 2014

17. Mr. Lloyd B. Smith – To move – [No. 25]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Joint Select Committee on Private Bills on its deliberations on the Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Baptist Mid-Missions in Jamaica (Incorporated) Act so as to change the name of the Act; and for connected matters*", which was laid on the Table of the House on the 23rd day of July, 2014, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2014

18. Dr. Duncan – To move – [No. 30]

BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Standing Committee of the House of Representatives, which was appointed to consider the delimitations of constituencies, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 23rd day of September, 2014, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2014

19. Dr. Chang – To move – [No. 31]

WHEREAS the National Housing Trust (NHT) has not been satisfying the housing requirements of its contributors, many of whom are unable to find affordable housing and who have yet to benefit from their contributions;

AND WHEREAS, since January 2012, billions of dollars have been withdrawn from the NHT for budgetary support, reducing funds available to provide housing benefits to contributors of the NHT;

AND WHEREAS the public recently learnt of the purchase of a tourist attraction, called the Outameni Experience, by the NHT and its intention to operate the attraction;

AND WHEREAS the purchase and/or operation of tourist attractions is not within the statutory mandate of the NHT and is, accordingly, not permitted by the *National Housing Trust Act* of 1979;

AND WHEREAS the actions of the Board, in approving the above-mentioned actions, were, therefore, unlawful and in breach of their fiduciary and statutory duties to the NHT:

BE IT RESOLVED that—

- (I) This Honourable House call on the Government to recommit itself to housing development and to providing housing for NHT contributors; and
- (II) This Honourable House call on the Prime Minister, as Minister with responsibility for the NHT, to—
 - (a) Terminate the appointment of the current Board of Directors on the basis of their breach of fiduciary and statutory duties under the *Laws of Jamaica*; and
 - (b) Immediately appoint a new Board and to charge that Board with the sale of the Outameni Experience to the private sector by transparent process and at a price than that expended by the NHT in its recent purchase.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 2014

20. Mr. Bartlett – To move –

[No. 32]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives on the Fiscal Policy Paper for the Financial Year 2014/15 – Interim Report, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 11th day of November, 2014, be adopted.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 2015

21. Mr. Lloyd B. Smith – To move –

[No. 33]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Regulations Committee of the House of Representatives on its deliberations on the National Housing Trust (Housing Benefits)(Special Selection)(Hellshire Housing Development, Phase IV) Order, 2014, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 13th day of January, 2015, be approved.

22. Mr. Charles – To move –

[No. 34]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Report of the Sessional Select Committee of the House of Representatives on Infrastructure and Physical Development on the motion regarding the mandatory evacuation of persons in areas threatened by natural disasters, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 20th day of January, 2015, be approved.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

04.12.2012

1. Special Select Committee to sit jointly with a similar committee appointed by the Senate to consider and report on a Private Bill entitled *"AN ACT to Amend the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World of Jamaica (Incorporation and Vesting) Law."*

2. Special Select Committee to sit jointly with a similar committee appointed by the Senate to consider and report on a Private Bill entitled *"AN ACT for the incorporation of The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field and the vesting of property in the body so incorporated."*

19.03.2013

3. Private Members' Motion No. 3 of 2013, regarding emoluments being paid to members of the Electoral Commission, brought by the Member of Parliament for St. Catherine, South Western, referred to the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives for consideration and report.

4. Private Members' Motion No. 12 of 2013, regarding the termination of payments being made from the public purse to political representatives, that is, nominated members on the Electoral Commission of Jamaica, brought by the Member of Parliament for St. Catherine, South Western, referred to the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives for consideration and report.

01.05.2013

5. Special Select Committee to sit jointly with a similar committee to be appointed by the Senate to consider and report on the operation of the Independent Commission of Investigations Act, relative to the review of the legislation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

23.07.2013

6. Private Members' Motion No. 8 of 2013, mandating the Human Resource and Social Development Committee to urgently examine the adequacy and affordability of funding tertiary education in Jamaica, brought by the Member of Parliament for Saint Ann, North Western, referred to the Human Resource and Social Development Committee of the House of Representatives for consideration and report.

01.10.2013

7. Special Select Committee to sit jointly with a similar committee to be appointed by the Senate to consider and report on Private Members' Motion No. 11 of 2012, as amended, brought by the Member of Parliament for Saint James, North Western, regarding the need for a comprehensive review of climate change projections, and approval by the House of Representatives, on the 10th day of September, 2013.

12.11.2013

8. Economy and Production Committee to consider and report on Private Members' Motion No. 31 of 2013 as amended, brought by the Member of Parliament for St. Catherine, Southern, regarding charges being levied by banks and credit unions.

26.11.2013

9. Internal and External Affairs Committee to consider and report on Private Members' Motion No. 22 of 2013, brought by the Member of Parliament for St. Elizabeth, North Eastern, regarding the need for legislation in Jamaica that will require civil society groups – in keeping with emerging global financial and ethical requirements – to vouchsafe and protect Jamaica's democracy.

10. Infrastructure and Physical Development Committee to consider and report on Private Members' Motion No. 9 of 2012, brought by the Member of Parliament for Kingston, Western, regarding the drafting of necessary legislation for the mandatory evacuation of persons in areas threatened by natural disasters.

25.03.2014

11. Special Select Committee to sit jointly with a similar committee appointed by the Senate to consider and report on a Bill shortly entitled "*The Integrity Commission, Act, 2014*".

10.06.2014

12. Special Select Committee to sit jointly with a similar committee appointed by the Senate to consider and report on the operations of the *Sexual Offences Act*, relative to the review of the legislation in accordance with the provisions of the Act and incorporating the review of existing legislation, being the *Offences against the Person Act*, the *Domestic Violence Act* and the *Child Care and Protection Act*, in relation to issues raised in Private Members' Motion No. 3 of 2013, brought by Senator Kamina Johnson Smith.

18.06.2014

13. Special Select Committee to sit jointly with a similar committee to be appointed by the Senate to consider and report on a Bill shortly entitled "*The Road Traffic Act, 2014*".

17.09.2014

14. The National Housing Trust (Housing Benefits)(Special Selection)(Hellshire Housing Development, Phase IV) Order, 2014, referred to the Regulations Committee of the House of Representatives for consideration and report.

30.09.2014

15. Special Select Committee to sit jointly with a similar committee to be appointed by the Senate to consider and report on a Bill shortly entitled "*The Public Procurement Act, 2014*".

13.01.2015

16. Report of the Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) on the fatal shooting of Robert Hill at Ivy Green Mews, Cross Roads, St. Andrew, on the 8th day of December, 2009, referred to the Special Select Committee, which was set up to sit jointly with a similar committee appointed by the Senate for consideration and report to Parliament on the reports of the Commissions of Parliament and the following entities: The Corruption Prevention Commission, The Integrity Commission and The Director of Public Prosecutions, within one month of them being referred to Committee.

20.01.2015

17. Exemption Motion for the Member for West Portland referred to the Ethics Committee of the House of Representatives for consideration and report.