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HONOURABLE JAMAICA HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS
WITHOUT LEAVE OF THE HOUSE FIRST OBTAINED**

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

- 1.** The Minister of Transport and Mining to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Validate and confirm the imposition and collection of fees by the Transport Authority, in good faith, and inadvertent as to their being unlawful during the period commencing on the 1st day of December, 1989, and ending on the 8th day of December, 2015, to indemnify the Government and the Transport Authority and every person acting on behalf of the Government or the Transport Authority from liability in relation thereto; and for connected matters*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 12.07.2016.

- 2.** The House to continue debate on the motion that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to repeal and Replace the Road Traffic Act; to establish the Island Traffic Authority for the regulation and control of traffic on roads; to improve road safety and transport efficiency and reduce the cost of administering road transport; to create new categories of driver's licences; and for connected matters*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 13.09.2016.

- 3.** The Minister of Local Government and Community Development to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Local Governance Act and to provide for connected matters*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 09.11.2016.

- 4.** The House to continue debate on the motion that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Repeal the Kingston and St. Andrew Building Act and the Parish Councils Building Act and make new provisions for the regulation of the building industry; to facilitate the adoption and efficient application of national building standards to be called the National Building Code of Jamaica for ensuring safety in the built environment, enhancing amenities and promoting sustainable development; and for connected matters*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 10.01.2017.

- 5.** The Minister of Finance and the Public Service to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Tax Collection Act*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 24.01.2017.

- 6.** The Minister of Finance and the Public Service to move that a Bill entitled "*AN Act to Amend the Property Tax Act*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 31.01.2017.

- 7.** The Minister of Finance and the Public Service to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Land Valuation Act*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 31.01.2017.

- 8.** The Prime Minister to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Provide for the establishment of an Agency of Government to be known as the Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency to investigate and prosecute serious crime and matters related thereto*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 22.03.2017.

Notice
given on
28.03.2017.

9. The Minister of Finance and the Public Service – To move –

THE PROPERTY TAX ACT

**The Property Tax (Amendment of First Schedule)
Resolution, 2017**

WHEREAS, under subsection (2) of section 2 of the *Property Tax Act*, the Minister of Finance made the Property Tax (Amendment of First Schedule) Order, 2017, on the 7th day of March, 2017;

AND WHEREAS the said Order was published in the *Gazette* on the 7th day of March, 2017;

AND WHEREAS it is provided in subsection (3) of section 2 of the *Property Tax Act* that any order made by the Minister under that section shall, after four days and within twenty-one days from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*, be submitted to the House of Representatives, and the House of Representatives may, by resolution, revoke such order or confirm it, with or without amendment;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Property Tax (Amendment of First Schedule) Order, 2017, be confirmed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives as follows:

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Property Tax (Amendment of First Schedule) Resolution, 2017;
- (ii) The Property Tax (Amendment of First Schedule) Order, 2017, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 28th day of March, 2017, is hereby confirmed.

Notice of
second
reading
given on
05.04.2017.

10. The Minister of Labour and Social Security to move that a Bill entitled “AN ACT to Provide for a balanced framework to secure the safety and health of workers; and for connected matters” be now read a second time.

Notice
given on
30.05.2017.

11. The Minister of Finance and the Public Service – To move –

THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT

**The Public Procurement (Reconsideration and Review)
Regulations, 2017, Resolution**

WHEREAS, by virtue of section 60(1) of the *Public Procurement Act* (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), the Minister may make such regulations as he thinks fit to give full effect to the provisions of the Act, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, regulations may prescribe provisions in relation to –

- (a) procedures, standards and criteria for the various methods and subject matter of procurement;

- (b) the establishment, management and operation of an electronic procurement system for the public sector;
- (c) the bidding process and procedures;
- (d) the provision of bid security, performance security and any other security required in connection with procurement proceedings and the execution of procurement contracts;
- (e) offsets;
- (f) the procedure for the reconsideration of the actions and decisions of procuring entities;
- (g) the procedure for the review of the actions and decisions by the Review Board, including its powers to make interim or ancillary orders;
- (h) provisions in relation to fees;
- (i) forms, including the standard forms of contracts, bidding documents, pre-qualification documents and any other public procurement related documents developed by the Office for use by procuring entities; and
- (j) any other thing required to be prescribed under the Act;

AND WHEREAS on the 30th day of May, 2017, the Minister made the Public Procurement (Reconsideration and Review) Regulations, 2017, pursuant to paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) of section 60(1) of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 60(2) of the Act that regulations made under paragraphs (a), (c), (e), (f) and (g) of section 60(1) of the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution:

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

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Public Procurement (Reconsideration and Review) Regulations, 2017, Resolution;
- (ii) The Public Procurement (Reconsideration and Review) Regulations, 2017, which were laid on the Table of the House on the 30th day of May, 2017, are affirmed.

12. The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (Hon. Fayval Williams) – To move –**THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT****The Public Procurement (Techniques, Procedures and Offsets)
Regulations, 2017, Resolution**

WHEREAS, by virtue of section 60(1) of the Public Procurement Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the Minister may make such regulations as he thinks fit, to give full effect to the provisions of the Act, and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, regulations may prescribe provisions in relation to—

- (a) procedures, standards and criteria for the various methods and subject matter of procurement;
- (b) the establishment, management and operation of an electronic procurement system for the public sector;
- (c) the bidding process and procedures;
- (d) the provision of bid security, performance security and any other security required in connection with procurement proceedings and the execution of procurement contracts;
- (e) offsets;
- (f) the procedure for the reconsideration of the actions and decisions of procuring entities;
- (g) the procedure for the review of the actions and decisions by the Review Board, including its powers to make interim or ancillary orders;
- (h) provisions in relation to fees;
- (i) forms, including the standard forms of contracts, bidding documents, pre-qualification documents and any other public procurement related documents developed by the Office for use by procuring entities; and
- (j) any other thing required to be prescribed under the Act;

AND WHEREAS on the 31st day of May, 2017, the Minister made the Public Procurement (Techniques, Procedures and Offsets) Regulations, 2017, pursuant to paragraphs (a), (c), (d), (e) and (j) of section 60(1) of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 60(2) of the Act that regulations made under paragraphs (a), (c), (e), (f) and (g) of section 60(1) of the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution:

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

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Public Procurement (Techniques, Procedures and Offsets) Regulations, 2017, Resolution;

- (ii) The Public Procurement (Techniques, Procedures and Offsets) Regulations, 2017, which were laid on the Table of the House on the 6th day of June, 2017, are hereby affirmed.

- 13.** The House to continue debate on the motion that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Criminal Justice (Administration) Act and to provide for consequential matters*" be now read a second time. Notice of second reading given on 06.06.2017.
- 14.** The House to continue debate on the motion that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Indictments Act and to provide for consequential matters*" be now read a second time. Notice of second reading given on 06.06.2017.
- 15.** The House to continue debate on the motion that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Establish a body to be called the National Identification and Registration Authority for the promotion, establishment and regulation of a National Identification System for the enrolment and registration of all citizens and individuals who are ordinarily resident in Jamaica and the verification, and the authentication of their identity; to provide for the establishment, maintenance and operation of a databank to be called the National Civil and Identification Database; the assignment of a National Identification Number and the issue of a National Identification Card to such individuals; and for connected matters*" be now read a second time. Notice of second reading given on 06.06.2017.
- 16. The Minister of Justice – To move –** Notice given on 13.06.2017.

THE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

The Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity) (Casino Operators) Order, 2017, Resolution

WHEREAS section 15 of the *Terrorism Prevention Act* (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") imposes reporting duties on certain specified entities;

AND WHEREAS section 15(2) of the Act provides that the Minister may designate any entity as an entity to which the provisions of section 15 of the Act shall apply;

AND WHEREAS section 15(2) of the Act provides for the aforementioned designation to be made by order subject to affirmative resolution;

AND WHEREAS on the 9th day of June, 2017, the Minister made the Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)(Casino Operators) Order, 2017:

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

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting entity)(Casino Operators) Order, 2017, Resolution;
- (ii) The Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting entity)(Casino Operators) Order, 2017, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 13th day of June, 2017, is hereby affirmed.

Notice
given on
13.06.2017

17. The Minister of Justice – To move –

THE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

**The Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)
(Real Estate Dealers) Order, 2017, Resolution**

WHEREAS section 15 of the *Terrorism Prevention Act* (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") imposes reporting duties on certain specified entities;

AND WHEREAS section 15(2) of the Act provides that the Minister may designate any entity as an entity to which the provisions of section 15 of the Act shall apply;

AND WHEREAS section 15(2) of the Act provides for the aforementioned designation to be made by order subject to affirmative resolution;

AND WHEREAS on the 9th day of June, 2017, the Minister made the Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)(Real Estate Dealers) Order, 2017:

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

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)(Real Estate Dealers Order, 2017, Resolution;
- (ii) The Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)(Real Estate Dealers) Order, 2017, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 13th day of June, 2017, is hereby affirmed.

Notice
given on
13.06.2017.

18. The Minister of Justice – To move –

THE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

**The Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)
(Public Accountants) Order, 2017, Resolution**

WHEREAS section 15 of the *Terrorism Prevention Act* (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") imposes reporting duties on certain specified entities;

AND WHEREAS section 15(2) of the Act provides that the Minister may designate any entity as an entity to which the provisions of section 15 of the Act shall apply;

AND WHEREAS section 15(2) of the Act provides for the aforementioned designation to be made by order subject to affirmative resolution;

AND WHEREAS on the 9th day of June, 2017, the Minister made the Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)(Public Accountants) Order, 2017:

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

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)(Public Accountants) Order, 2017, Resolution;
- (ii) The Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)(Public Accountants) Order, 2017, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 13th day of June, 2017, is hereby affirmed.

19. The Minister of Justice – To move –

Notice
given on
13.06.2017.

THE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

**The Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)
(Gaming Machine Operators) Order, 2017, Resolution**

WHEREAS section 15 of the *Terrorism Prevention Act* (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) imposes reporting duties on certain specified entities;

AND WHEREAS section 15(2) of the Act provides that the Minister may designate any entity as an entity to which the provisions of section 15 of the Act shall apply;

AND WHEREAS section 15(2) of the Act provides for the aforementioned designation to be made by order subject to affirmative resolution;

AND WHEREAS on the 9th day of June, 2017, the Minister made the Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)(Gaming Machine Operators) Order, 2017:

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

- (i) This Resolution may be cited as the Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)(Gaming Machine Operators) Order, 2017, Resolution;
- (ii) The Terrorism Prevention (Designated Reporting Entity)(Gaming Machine Operators) Order, 2017, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 13th day of June, 2017, is hereby affirmed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 14TH JUNE, 2016

1. Mr. Witter – To move – [No. 1]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the deliberations of the Regulations Committee of the House of Representatives on the General Consumption Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2015, under the *General Consumption Tax Act*, which was laid on the Table of the House of the 14th day of June, 2016, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

2. The House to continue debate on the motion – [No. 2]

Whereas many Jamaicans are under-qualified in mathematics and science;

Whereas mathematical and scientific competence are essential to job creation and national growth; and

Whereas the Nation's best hope for development and global competitiveness is to become a people renowned for educational excellence and 21st century skills;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House debate the measures required to improve the standard of performance in mathematics and science.

3. Reverend Thwaites – To move – [No. 3]

Whereas more than eighty percent (80%) of the ingredients of the School Feeding Programme have to be imported; and

Whereas some thirty percent (30%) of all students come to school hungry and many only have access to a diet with excess sugar and sodium; and

Whereas children and young people develop lasting dietary habits during their school years; and

Whereas traditional Jamaican Agricultural products are nutritious and if used, increase returns for local farmers:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House debate and determine a policy for increased use of local produce in the School Feeding Programme.

4. Reverend Thwaites – To move – [No. 5]

WHEREAS the development of the agricultural sector is hampered by constraining restrictions, limited availability and high price of capital;

AND WHEREAS agriculture is the most optimistic growth sector of the Jamaican economy at present;

AND WHEREAS there are insufficient opportunities for acculturation and training towards a profitable agricultural sector:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House debate and determine policies which;

- (a) Will enhance training and expertise in agricultural agro-processing skills; and
- (b) Increase the access of credit of agriculture in Jamaica.

NOTICE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 2016

5. Reverend Thwaites – To move –

[No. 6]

WHEREAS appropriate education and training are prerequisite for economic growth;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives review and determine the nature, scope, financing and implementation of programmes capable of equipping every Jamaican with the competencies suitable for highly productive employment in the 21st century economy .

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 2016

6. Dr. Campbell – To move –

[No. 7]

WHEREAS Jamaica has agreed to pursue a national development plan – Vision 2030 – which, among other things, seeks to “foster equity in all areas of the society”;

AND WHEREAS Jamaica signed the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, with reference in particular to SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth – which seeks to “promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all”;

AND WHEREAS 37.85%, or 425,400, of the country’s labour force is in the informal sector, including persons earning minimum wage or in law-paying jobs, such as domestic workers and others working in private household; and do not have the full protection of the law and, therefore, cannot readily access mechanisms to seek redress where their rights have been infringed by their employers;

AND WHEREAS the labour laws, including the *Minimum Wage Act*, do not adequately protect the rights of the working poor in Jamaica, creating a gap in the law which contributes to the sexual harassment, exploitation, discrimination and underpayment of those employed persons who do not fall within the rubric of these laws;

AND WHEREAS Jamaica has ratified the International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 1975, which requires the Government to recognise the right to just and favourable work conditions;

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent on Jamaica to fully protect the rights of all those persons, including those employed in spaces that have not been traditionally considered “places of work”, such as domestic workers:

BE IT RESOLVED that Jamaica take steps to expeditiously incorporate the provisions of the recently ratified ILO Convention 189 into national legislation by September 2017;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we take steps to improve the gaps in legislation to protect and safeguard the rights and well-being of workers, particularly minimum wage earners and others who are in low-paying jobs, by December 2018;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government conduct a comprehensive review of the current minimum wage with a view to explore practical ways of increasing it to a more liveable wage over the next four years, to better enable persons to meet their basic expenses;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government improve mechanisms to promote gender equity and protect the livelihood of women by enforcing and amending, where necessary, the *Employment (Equal Pay for Men and Women) Act, 1975*, to close the pay gap between men and women;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government move to facilitate the tabling of the *Occupational Safety and Health Act* for passage this legislative year.

7. Reverend Thwaites – To move –

[No. 8]

WHEREAS the residents of Central Kingston and elsewhere are experiencing acute hardship as a result of the reduction of the spending power of their Jamaican dollars;

AND WHEREAS growth in the Jamaican economy is impeded by high levels of United States dollar holdings by financial institutions and individuals, thus putting pressure on the Jamaican dollar;

AND WHEREAS the International Monetary Fund has made de-dollarisation a structural benchmark in Jamaica's arrangement with the Fund:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House discuss and determine:

- (a) Strategies to reduce hard currency holdings;
- (b) Address structural mechanism in our current system, which encourage devaluation; and
- (c) Seek broad consensus as to policies and practices designed to restore value to local money.

NOTICE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 2016

8. Dr. McNeill – To move –

[No. 9]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives on the Review of the Fiscal Policy Paper – Interim Report for the Financial Year 2016/2017, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 26th day of October, 2016, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 2016

9. Dr. McNeill – To move –

[No. 10]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives on its deliberations on the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 1st day of November, 2016, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2016

10. Dr. McNeill – To move –

[No. 11]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives for the period June to July, 2016, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 2nd day of November, 2016, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2017

11. Mr. Witter – To move –

[No. 13]

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)(Balaclava Housing Development) Order, 2016, which was laid on the Table of the House of the 17th day of January, 2017, be approved.

12. Mr. Witter – To move –

[No. 14]

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)(Longville Housing Development) Order, 2016, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 17th day of January, 2017, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 2017

13. Mr. Hylton – To move –

[No. 15]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Economy and Production Committee of the House of Representatives on its deliberations on the energy sector, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 31st day of January, 2017, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 2017

14. Ms. Hanna – To move –

[No. 16]

WHEREAS the head of the Centre for Investigation of Sexual Offences and Child Abuse declared that the agency received 1,094 reports of alleged sexual intercourse involving under-aged persons in 2016, with the majority of high profile perpetrators of these offences being pastors and policemen; and surveys have shown that the first sexual encounter for a boy and a girl in Jamaica is at age 13 and 14 years, respectively;

AND WHEREAS the latest UNICEF State of the World's Children report finds that over 85% of Jamaican children, between the ages of 2 and 14, experience violent discipline in their lives; and child neglect in Jamaica ranks number one in reports of abuse received by the Office of the Children's Registry;

AND WHEREAS research concludes that early adversity, toxic and post-traumatic stress harm the developing brains and bodies of children and, if not addressed, can likely result in the children becoming violent adults, and adversely affect their health; and too many Jamaican children already suffer from low self-esteem and live in constant "fight or flight" mode without guidance, time and patience from parents, caregivers or schools;

AND WHEREAS current realities in Jamaica have rendered violent, vulgar and abusive lyrics commonplace in some of our music, and search phrases such as "*Jamaican School Girl*", on **Google**, lead to pornographic websites:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Houses of Parliament debate the need for a restructuring of current educational methods and/or development of new methods to ensure a reinforcement of basic values and attitudes, and the building of healthy family relationships, as a foundation for making decency, high self-esteem, civility, and patriotism every Jamaican's guiding philosophy.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 2017

15. Mr. Witter – To move –

[No. 17]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Regulations Committee of the House of Representatives on its deliberations on the Insurance (Amendment of Schedules) Regulations, 2015, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 11th day of April, 2017, be approved.

16. Mr. Witter – To move –

[No. 18]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Regulations Committee of the House of Representatives on its deliberations on the Real Estate (Dealers and Developers)(Amendment) Regulations, 2016, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 11th day of April, 2017, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 11TH JULY, 2017

17. Mr. Witter – To move –

[No. 19]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Regulations Committee of the House of Representatives on its deliberation on the Radio and Telegraph (Amateur Radio Service)(Amendment) Regulations, 2017, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 28th day of June, 2017, be approved.

18. Mr. Witter – To move –

[No. 20]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Regulations Committee of the House of Representatives on its deliberations on the Radio and Telegraph Control (Radio Operators and Technicians)(Amendment) Regulations, 2017, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 28th day of June, 2017, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 18TH JULY, 2017**19. Dr. McNeill – To move –****[No. 21]**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on its deliberations on the Ministry of National Security, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 18th day of July, 2017, be approved.

20. Dr. McNeill – To move –**[No. 22]**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on its deliberations on the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 18th day of July, 2017, be approved.

21. Dr. McNeill – To move –**[No. 23]**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on its deliberations on the University of the West Indies (UWI), which was laid on the Table of the House on the 18th day of July, 2017, be approved.

22. Dr. McNeill – To move –**[No. 24]**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on its deliberations on the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 18th day of July, 2017, be approved.

23. Dr. McNeill – To move –**[No. 25]**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on its deliberations on the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 18th day of July, 2017, be approved.

24. Dr. McNeill – To move –**[No. 26]**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on its deliberations on the fiscal outlook for the Financial Year 2017/2018 and the impact of the tax measures on consumption expenditure, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 18th day of July, 2017, be approved.

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 25TH JULY, 2017**25. Dr. McNeill – To move –****[No. 27]**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on its deliberations on the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 25th day of July, 2017, be approved.

26. Mrs. Dalrymple-Philibert – To move –**[No. 28]**

WHEREAS Judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal offer dedicated, essential and lengthy years of service to Jamaica, possessing vast and invaluable legal knowledge and experience;

AND WHEREAS, notwithstanding increased life expectancy, most of these Judges are required to retire at a relatively young age, despite being able to continue to offer valuable service to Jamaica and their chosen profession;

AND WHEREAS these Judges may only continue legal practice in constrained circumstances after they retire, and there are few opportunities for employment post retirement;

AND WHEREAS, apart from the Chief Justice and the President of the Court of Appeal, pension entitlements for retired Judges are calculated at the rate of two-thirds of their salaries at the date of retirement;

AND WHEREAS the value of these pensions continuously decreases as economic realities change, rendering them woefully inadequate to allow retired Judges to live in a dignified manner;

AND WHEREAS these Judges lose their health insurance benefits upon retirement, at a time when increasing age often increases the necessity for such health insurance coverage;

AND WHEREAS an unfair and prejudicial disparity exists between the pensions of Judges previously retired and those who will retire in the future;

AND WHEREAS this inequitable state of affairs ought not to be allowed to continue:

BE IT RESOLVED by this Honourable House that:

- (a) The pension of retired Judges be indexed to the current rate of salaries for sitting Judges at the applicable commensurate level, such that pension shall change over time in line with current economic realities;
- (b) The rate of pensionable salary for retired Judges be such as is used to compute taxable income thus incorporating, *inter alia*, emoluments and housing;
- (c) This new regime, including the requisite legislative changes, be implemented at the same time as the implementation of the new salary scales for sitting Judges;
- (d) This new regime be implemented retrospectively such that it be applicable from the date of retirement of living Judges who retired prior to its implementation;
- (e) All pension benefits accorded to widows of deceased retired male Judges be equally accorded to widowers of deceased retired female Judges;
- (f) Health insurance benefits accorded to sitting Judges be extended to retired Judges and that this extension be applied retrospectively to living Judges who retired prior to the extension.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

06.12.2016

1. Special Select Committee appointed to sit jointly with a similar committee to be appointed by the Senate to:

- (a) Complete the required statutory review of the *Sexual Offences Act*;
- (b) Consider and review existing legislation, which purport to, among other things, protect women, children, the disabled and the elderly from violence and abuse, being the *Sexual Offences Act*, the *Offences Against the Person Act*, the *Domestic Violence Act* and the *Child Care and Protection Act*, with particular emphasis on the offences and punishment under these legislations with regard to:
 - (i) The murder of pregnant women;
 - (ii) The assault of women, children and the elderly;
 - (iii) Such other violent crimes against women, children, the disabled and the elderly, as may be deemed to be necessary for the review.
- (c) To make recommendations for legislative amendment, not restricted to the stated legislation under review, for the better administration of justice and the effective protection of these special groups, as the Committee deems necessary.

21.03.2017

2. Exemption Motion on behalf of the Member of Parliament for St. Mary, Western, referred to the Ethics Committee of the House of Representatives for consideration and report.

20.06.2017

3. The Judiciary (Salaries) Order, 2017, under the *Judiciary Act*, referred to the Regulations Committee of the House of Representatives for consideration and report.

18.07.2017

4. Private Members' Motion No. 12, brought by Reverend Ronald Thwaites and approved by the House on the 18th day of July, 2017, referred to the Human Resources and Social Development Committee of the House of Representatives for consideration and report.