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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

- 1.** The Senate to continue debate on the motion that the Bill entitled "*An Act to Repeal the Incest (Punishment) Act and certain provisions of the Offences Against the Person Act; to make new provision for the prosecution of rape and other sexual offences; to provide for the establishment of a Sex Offender Registry; and for connected matters*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 3.4.2009
- 2.** The Minister of Justice, Attorney General and Leader of Government Business to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Trade Act*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 19.6.2009
- 3.** The Minister of Justice, Attorney General and Leader of Government Business to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Factories Act*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 19.6.2009
- 4.** The Minister Without Portfolio in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Amend the Income Tax Act and to validate the collection of interest on unpaid taxes due under notices of return filed under section 67 of the Act*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 19.6.2009
- 5.** The Minister of Justice, Attorney General and Leader of Government Business to move that a Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Prohibit the production, distribution, importation, exportation or possession of child pornography, and the use of children for child pornography, and to provide for connected matters*" be now read a second time.

Notice of second reading given on 19.6.2009

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

NOTICE GIVEN ON FRIDAY, 22ND MAY, 2009

1. Senator Meadows - To move -

[No. 1]

WHEREAS the Government implemented the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) with a budgetary allocation of \$2.4 billion, with equal disbursement to all sixty (60) constituencies;

AND WHEREAS the CDF is aimed at fostering local governance and strengthening the capacity of the Member of Parliament, thereby enhancing their effectiveness as elected representatives;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of the Constituency Development Fund last fiscal year made a significant impact on the quality of life of constituents, with funds spent on a wide range of social and economic projects in all constituencies;

AND WHEREAS the Government gave a commitment to ensure that these funds are expended in a transparent and accountable manner, ensuring full participation in the decision-making on project priorities at the community level;

AND WHEREAS there is an absence of a legal framework and/or regulations to ensure transparency and accountability;

AND WHEREAS there is a lack of public information on the policy framework, guidelines and processes to access the Fund by community-based organizations (CBOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and others:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate commend the Government for its ingenious and bold move in implementing the Constituency Development Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate recommend to the Government the following:

1. That the Government enact the appropriate legislation to establish a legal framework to govern the management of the Constituency Development Fund.
2. That the Government formulate and implement an aggressive public education programme aimed at informing, and educating the public on the policy framework and guidelines, thereby ensuring transparency, accountability, and improving accessibility and participation by communities.

NOTICE GIVEN ON FRIDAY, 19TH JUNE, 2009

2. Senator Bennett - To move -

[No. 2]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate thank His Excellency the Governor-General for his gracious speech delivered to both Houses of Parliament on the 7th day of April, 2009, approve the plans and programmes outlined in his gracious speech, and place on record its appreciation of the performance of the Government during the Financial Year 2008-2009.

NOTICE GIVEN ON FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2009

3. Senator McKenzie - To move -

[No. 3]

WHEREAS Cricket World Cup (CWC) 2007 was staged in the West Indies, March 13 to April 28, 2007, using the One-Day International format;

AND WHEREAS a total of fifty-one (51) matches were played in the West Indies among sixteen (16) competing international teams;

AND WHEREAS eight venues across the West Indies, including Sabina Park in Kingston, hosted the 51 matches, with each country hosting six games, except for Jamaica, Barbados and St. Lucia, which hosted seven each, with Sabina Park hosting a semi-final game on April 24, 2007;

AND WHEREAS a second Jamaican venue, the newly-built Trelawny Multi-purpose Stadium, hosted both the Opening Ceremony on March 11, 2007, featuring a number of Jamaican and international acts, as well as several warm-up games;

AND WHEREAS it has been stated that the Jamaican Government spent US\$81 Million on venues, including approximately US\$46 Million on the reconstruction of Sabina Park and US\$35 Million on construction of the Trelawny stadium;

AND WHEREAS it has been stated that an additional US\$20 Million was budgeted for "off-the-pitch" expenses, putting the total spending at more than US\$100 Million or approximately J\$9 Billion;

AND WHEREAS security restrictions set by the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the over-commercialization of the event have been blamed for the failure to attract large crowds;

AND WHEREAS the ICC has blamed the local organizers for the faults identified;

AND WHEREAS it has been stated that a total of about 440,000 persons attended the 51 matches played in the competition;

AND WHEREAS it has been reported that although the competition did not meet the target of US\$42 Million, the revenue from ticket sales was double that of previous CWCs and recorded the highest ticketing revenue for CWC of US\$32 Million;

AND WHEREAS it has been reported that following the tournament the ICC distributed surplus tournament revenues of US\$239 Million to its members, including Jamaica;

AND WHEREAS it was reported that a Jamaica legacy strategy was developed by the former Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO), now Jamaica Trade and Invest (JTI), to accelerate positive economic growth, directed towards outcomes in 2012;

AND WHEREAS Jamaica Cricket 2007 is now seeking Cabinet approval to write-off some J\$375 Million in loans to that entity for administrative purposes:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate call on the Government to immediately appoint a commission to enquire into all aspects of Jamaica's participation in CWC 2007 to see whether the results to Jamaica of part-hosting the event has been of any benefit, and whether the conditions under which Jamaica part-hosted the event were in the country's best interest.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

1.2.2008

1. Motion approved on February 1, 2008, regarding the review of the Standing Orders of the Senate referred to the Standing Orders Committee of the Senate.

- 2.**
- (i) Annual Report of the Political Ombudsman of Jamaica;
 - (ii) Report of Investigation by the Office of the Contractor General into the Procurement Practices of the Jamaica Tourist Board;
 - (iii) Report of Investigation by the Office of the Contractor General into the Procurement Practices of the University Hospital of the West Indies;
 - (iv) Report of Investigation by the Office of the Contractor General into the Procurement of Fire-fighting Vehicles and Equipment for the Jamaica Fire Brigade;
 - (v) Report of Investigation by the Office of the Contractor General into the Highway 2000 Concession and Administration Agreement,

referred to Joint Select Committee for consideration and report.

3. Recommendations of the Final Report of the Ministry of Health, Jamaica Abortion Policy Review Advisory Group, referred to Joint Select Committee for consideration and report.

29.2.2008

4. Committee appointed to sit jointly with a similar committee from the House of Representatives to consider and report on the operations of the *Access to Information Act, 2002*, relative to the review of the legislation, as provided for in the Act.

4.7.2008

5. Committee appointed to sit jointly with a similar committee from the House of Representatives to consider and report on the Green Paper on National Workplace Policy on HIV/ AIDS.

6. Committee appointed to sit jointly with a similar committee from the House of Representatives to consider and report on the Report on the Review of Jamaica's Defamation Law.

12.9.2008

7. Committee appointed to sit jointly with a similar committee from the House of Representatives to consider and report on the Bill entitled "*AN ACT to Provide for the sharing of credit information between specified bodies, the licensing of credit bureaus and for*

connected matters", and the Draft Reporting Regulations 2008, which were laid on the Table of the Senate on the 26th day of September, 2008.

23.1.2009

8. Committee appointed to sit jointly with a similar committee from the House of Representatives to consider and report on Green Paper #4 of 2001 regarding proposals for the introduction of flexible work arrangements.

19.6.2009

9. Committee appointed to sit jointly with a similar committee from the House of Representatives to consider and report on the Bill entitled "*AN ACT to provide for the establishment of a Department of Government to be known as the Financial Investigations Division for the investigation of financial crimes and for connected matters*".

10. Committee appointed to sit jointly with a similar committee from the House of Representatives to consider and report on the "Special Report of Investigation conducted into the Sale/Divestment of Air Jamaica Limited London Heathrow slots to Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited; Addendum to the Special Report; Letters from the OCG dated April 6, 9 and 16, 2009, in support of the Special Report".