

## HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT REPORT ON CURRENT BILLS TABLED IN PARLIAMENT FOR THE LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2010/2011

**Reporting Period: April 1, 2010 – April 08, 2011**

ACT NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	STATUS
	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.	Tabled in the Senate on 2008/06/27. Passed in the Senate on 2011/01/14 with <b>forty-nine (49) amendments</b> . Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/01/25.
	Office of the Prime Minister	<i>Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms (Constitutional Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To provide for protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals subject to such measures as are required for state governance in periods of public disaster or emergency or as are regarded as demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2010/09/21. Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/03/22. Tabled in the Senate on 2011/03/25. Passed in the Senate on 2011/04/01.
	Ministry of Justice	<i>Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To insert a new section 91 in the Constitution to make provisions for persons sentenced to death to make representations to entities outside of Jamaica prior to a decision being taken under section 90 of the Constitution; to provide that actions taken pursuant to section 90 of the Constitution shall not be inconsistent with the Fundamental Rights and Freedoms provisions provided the requirements of the new section 91 are observed.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2010/09/21. Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/03/22. Tabled in the Senate on 2011/03/25. Passed in the Senate on 2011/04/01.

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	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.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2010/10/12.
	Ministry of Labour and Social Security	<i>The Foreign Nationals and Commonwealth Citizens (Employment)(Amendment) Act, 2011</i>	To ensure compliance with obligations under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas by removing work permit requirements as a condition precedent to the employment of certain CARICOM nationals and to remove the requirement of exemption certificates for named categories of foreign workers in respect of short term visits.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/02/22. Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/03/08 <b>with one (1) amendment</b> . Tabled in the Senate on 2011/03/25. Passed in the Senate on 2011/04/07.
	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Attestation of Instruments (Facilities) (Amendment) Act, 2011</i>	To amend the <i>Attestation of Instruments (Facilities) Act</i> to allow Councillors and Mayors of Municipalities (who are not Councillors) to be given the authority as a Justice of the Peace with respect to the verification and attestation of documents, for the duration of their tenure in office.	Tabled in the Senate on 2011/02/04.
	Ministry of Finance	<i>The Financial Administration and Audit (Amendment) Act, 2011</i>	To further refine provisions relating to fiscal responsibility and to enable the making of regulations which will ensure that fiscal principles determine the formation of fiscal policy and evaluate fiscal performance.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/03/22.

ACT NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	STATUS
	Ministry of Finance	<i>The Public Bodies Management and Accountability (Amendment) Act, 2011</i>	To strengthen existing legislative framework for corporate governance and accountability in public bodies by including government companies formed by guarantee as entities subject to the Act and to strengthen provisions dealing with investment by public bodies.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/03/22.
	Private Members Bill	<i>The Flogging Regulations (Repeal) Act, 2010</i>	To repeal the act of flogging as a means of punishment in keeping with international jurisprudence which decries this form of punishment as cruel, inhumane and contrary to the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of Jamaica.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2010/10/19.
	Private Members Bill	<i>The Crime (Prevention of) (Repeal) Act, 2010</i>	To repeal the act of flogging and whipping as a means of punishment in keeping with international jurisprudence which decries this form of punishment as cruel, inhumane and contrary to the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of Jamaica.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2010/10/19.
	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. <b>Referred to the Private Bills Committee on 2009/10/20. (Deliberations of the Joint Select Committee Carried Over to the 2010/2011 Legislative Year).</b>

ACT NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	STATUS
	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 particularly with respect to holding and dealing with real and personal property.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2010/01/26. <b><i>Referred to Committee on 2010/02/16. (Deliberations of the Joint Select Committee Carried Over to the 2010/2011 Legislative Year).</i></b>
	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 <b><i>referred to Committee on 2010/12/07.</i></b>
	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 <b><i>and referred to Committee on 2011/01/25.</i></b>