



# SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

### ORDER PAPER

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**TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

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#### **PRAYERS**

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#### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

(Government Orders are marked thus\*)

#### **MOTIONS**

##### **1. MOTION ON PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT**

**To be moved by the Honourable Senator David Browne and seconded by the Honourable Senator Elvis Charles.**

**WHEREAS** the private sector has played, and continues to play, a most significant role in the development of the economy of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

**AND WHEREAS** the private sector, in harmonious tandem with the cooperative and State sectors, constitutes the hub of any strategic path for economic development in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

**AND WHEREAS** the ULP Government has as its established policy and practice of facilitating further private sector development in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, especially, but not exclusively, for the domestic private sector.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House endorse the ULP government's policy to further enhance private sector development in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and urge the government to engage the private sector fully in this quest on an on-going basis.

#### **BILLS**

1. Financial Services Authority Bill, 2011  
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

2.	Immigration (Restriction) (Amendment) Bill, 2011 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of Finance)	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading
3.*	Architects Bill, 2011. (Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government)	Select Committee Report
4.*	Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2011. (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Electoral Affairs)	Select Committee
5.	Christian Pilgrim Faith Incorporation Bill, 2011 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
6.	Gospel Halls of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Incorporation Bill, 2011 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
7.	Faith Pentecostal New Covenant Ministries Incorporation Bill, 2011 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
8.	Our Lady of Guadeloupe Home Incorporation Bill, 2011 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
9.	Green Hill Pentecostal Church Incorporation Bill, 2011 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
10.	St. Peters Spiritual Baptist Church Incorporation Bill, 2011 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
11.	Good News Bible Church St. Vincent and the Grenadines Incorporation Bill, 2011 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading

## **RESOLUTION**

1. **To be moved by the Honourable Frederick Stephenson and seconded by the Honourable Senator Elvis Charles.**

### **Designating the Year of 2012 as the "International Year of Cooperatives"**

**WHEREAS** in St. Vincent and the Grenadines there are eighteen (18) active cooperatives with 60,000 members; and

**AND WHEREAS** co-operatives in St. Vincent and the Grenadines generate business approximating 60% of the total national employment and make a substantial contribution to the economy of St. Vincent and the Grenadines with assets in excess of EC\$305 million; and

**AND WHEREAS** for the past 200 years co-operatives, credit unions, mutuals and other forms of social business have strengthened and sustained local and national economies; and

**AND WHEREAS** cooperatives are a major economic force in developed countries and a powerful business model in developing countries, protecting 100 million jobs and the livelihoods of a billion members worldwide; and

**AND WHEREAS** the economic activity of the largest 300 cooperatives in the world is equal to that of the 10<sup>th</sup> largest national economy; and

**AND WHEREAS** United Nations Resolution 64/136 adopted by the General Assembly on December 18, 2009, designates the year **2012** as the “**International Year of Cooperatives**”; and

**AND WHEREAS** the theme of the International Year of Cooperatives is “**Cooperatives Enterprises Build a Better World**”; and

**AND WHEREAS** cooperatives are the businesses of the people and for more than a century have been a vital part of the world economy; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines:

1. **DESIGNATE** the year **2012** as the “**International Year of Cooperatives**”;
2. **CONGRATULATE** cooperatives and members of cooperatives in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and around the world on the United Nations’ recognition of 2012 as the “International Year of Cooperatives”;
3. **RECOGNISE** the vital role properly-regulated cooperatives play in the economic and social well being of St. Vincent and the Grenadines;
4. **SUPPORT** the establishment of a National Committee for the 2012 International Year of Cooperatives to be comprised of representatives from each relevant Government agency, all co-operatives sectors, and other major stakeholders;
5. **RECOGNISE** the importance of facilitating a favourable climate for cooperative development, raising the profile of cooperatives and demonstrating the manner by which cooperatives build local wealth, generate employment and provide competition in the marketplace; and
6. **ENCOURAGE** highlighting the positive impact of cooperatives and developing new programme for domestic and international cooperative development.

## **ADJOURNMENT**