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PRAYERS

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SITTINGS HELD ON 5TH APRIL 2011.

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PETITIONS

1. The humble petition of the Trustees of the Harvest Bible Chapel.
(Honourable Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance Economic Planning, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs:
 - a. Has the Kuwaiti Fund been paid the arrears of interest and principal on its loan to this country's Government for the expansion of the Cane Hall Power Project; and
 - b. When was the payment made.

2. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs:

- a. Has the Government made the payments on the \$5 million credit from the Jamaican firm for the Tomas Relief supplies; and
- b. when was the payment made.

3. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs:

Could the Honourable Prime Minister please indicate the fiscal overrun for the period January-March 2011 as compared with the same period in the year 2010.

4. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Northern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Airport and Seaport Development, Grenadines and Legal Affairs:

What is the accumulated debt owed by St. Vincent Electricity Services Ltd (VINLEC) for the purchase of fuel under the Petro Caribe Agreement.

5. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Northern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

- a. Why was the work to repair the Friendship main road near Sugar Apple Inn stopped;
- b. when will it re-commence; and
- c. what is the new completion date for the work.

6. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Airport and Seaport Development, Grenadines and Legal Affairs:

As the work on the Argyle International Airport Terminal building has been delayed repeatedly, will the Honourable Prime Minister explain:

- a. Why the delays continue;
- b. whether the funding for the terminal has been secured;
- c. will the Taiwanese be contributing; and
- d. if so, how much.

7. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre (Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Education:

Students from the Southern Grenadines; mainly Canouan and Mayreau, face various problems in the access of quality secondary and post secondary education in particular suitable accommodation, adequate supervision and high cost transportation:

What measures have been put in place to ensure that these children have easy access to quality secondary and post secondary education available in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

8. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Southern Grenadines), to ask the Minister of Education:

Pre-school education is essential to the building of a strong foundation in the quest of academic success. This form of education has been absent on the island of Mayreau for some years now. In view of the fact, that Government has been moving to provide early childhood education in some schools.

Could the Honourable Minister please state:

- a. Whether Mayreau is within this educational plan; and
- b. if in the affirmative, when can such service be introduced to this island.

9. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health and the Environment:

A CT Scan machine was purchased last year with funding from National Insurance Service (NIS) and the former National Commercial Bank (NCB). Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- a. When was the equipment landed in the country;
- b. under what condition is it being stored.
- c. For how long will it be kept in this storage environment; and
- d. where is the equipment to be installed and when.

10. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Social Development:

“Mr. Nathan (Casson) Thomas is eighty-four (84) years old, left leg amputee and lives by himself in Edinboro. He is a self professed supporter of the New Democratic Party.

During the passage of Hurricane Tomas, his house roof was blown off. He has made repeated fruitless visits to NEMO and the Housing Authority, despite the millions of dollars spent by the Government for this purpose.

The Red Cross and other well wishers have recently provided him with materials that allowed him to put the roof back on his house. He is now in the process of continuing the work on his own.”

Would the Government find it in its heart to assist this needy elderly son of the soil to finish the refurbishment of his house by supplying the materials needed for the restoration of the ceiling, electrical, floor finishes and plumbing.

11. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (West Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Minister of Health and the Environment:

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines through the Ministry of Health, last year boasted of its decision to place CT Scan purchased jointly by NIS and NCB in the facility operated by Dr. Roslyn Ambrose. In response to a question raised then, the Honourable Prime Minister boasted of the advantages and ease to fit.

Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- a. If this has been changed and why;
- b. if the answer is in the affirmative, what if any is the indebtedness of the Government to the Caribbean Medical Imaging Company; and
- c. was any study done before the agreement was reached to locate the new equipment at the private lab.

12. The Honourable Roland Matthews (North Leeward) to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing:

In the aftermath of Hurricane Tomas, the Government embarked on a spate of repairing and rebuilding of some of the damaged homes. However, the repairing and the rebuilding process came to a halt in December 2010. Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- a. When will work on these damaged homes be restarted;
- b. when will the Government give assistance to persons who are **YET** to receive assistance; and
- c. in the meanwhile, what is being done to relieve the affected persons.

13. The Honourable Roland Matthews (North Leeward) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works;

A portion of the North Leeward Highway immediately opposite the Cumberland Power Plant is slipping away and is a potential danger to the travelling public.

Will the Honourable Minister please state;

When will work begin to address this matter.

14. The Honourable Roland Matthews (North Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

When will work commence on the following roads;

- a. The Hermitage Mountain Road;
- b. the Jack Hill Mountain Road;
- c. the Palmyra Mountain Road; and
- d. the Richmond Road.

15. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson (South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Youth and Sports:

- a. When will work commence on the rehabilitation of the Campden Park Playing Field; and
- b. when will the Penniston Playing Field be completed and handed over to the people of the Buccament Valley.

16. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson (South Leeward) to ask the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Youth and Sports:

- a. Is there any intention to restore the roof of the Campden Park Community Centre; and
- b. if so, when can residents expect work to begin.

17. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson (South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Youth and Sports;

In the last quarter of 2010 work began on two (2) additional playing fields in North Leeward (Troumaca, Golden Grove and Chateaubelair) while work was in progress on the Cumberland Playing Field. It is now fast approaching five (5) months and no additional work has been done on these playing fields and they are now in a deplorable condition due to the recent rains.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- a. When will work re-commence on the Troumaca and Golden Grove Playing Field; and
- b. when will work re-commence on the Cumberland Playing Field

18. The Honourable Vynnette Frederick (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Culture:

- a. Ahead of this year's carnival celebrations have all winners and cultural practitioners who participated in the 2010 carnival have been paid; and
- b. if not, please indicate those to which payments remain due and outstanding.

19. The Honourable Vynnette Frederick (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Social Development:

Following the newspaper reports of underage children giving birth at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital and public concern for the protection of children from abuse, statutory rape and other offenses.

What legislative or other actions does the Government propose as a response to tackling these issues.

20. The Honourable Anesia Baptiste (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Family and Gender Affairs:

- a. Has the Operation Manuals for the Crisis Centre been completed and the stakeholder's protocols established; and
- b. when will the Crisis Centre with the main objective to "provide short-term assistance to victims of domestic violence and their children become operational.

21. The Honourable Anesia Baptiste (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs:

Have the three (3) Result Indicators under the subheading Ecclesiastical Affairs, as outlined on page 106 of the 2011 Estimates, which the Honourable Minister during the Budgetary Debate indicated would be achieved by the end of the first quarter 2011 been achieved, that is:

- a. "Consult with the Attorney General's Office to produce a draft amendment to facilitate the Marriage Act by January 2011;
- b. consult with the Attorney General's Office to produce draft regulations to the Marriage Act by January 2011; and
- c. establish an Appeals Committee for the review of rejected applications for Marriage Officer's Licenses at the Ministerial Level January 2011."

22. The Honourable Anesia Baptiste (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs:

Would the Honourable Prime Minister please:

- a. Inform the public of the cost, if any, to taxpayers for the St. Vincent and the Grenadines' delegation to attend the recent Royal Wedding; and
- b. explain why, at a time when the country had just suffered, to quote the Honourable Prime Minister "tens of millions of dollars" in damage from the recent rains that produced flooding in the North, is it prudent and justified to spend taxpayers money in that way.

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

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| 1*. | Revised treaty of Basseterre establishing the organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Economic Union Bill, 2011.
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) | 2 nd Reading |
| 2*. | Architects Bill, 2011.
(Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government) | Select Committee Report |
| 3*. | Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Electoral Affairs) | Select Committee |
| 4. | Christian Pilgrim Faith Incorporation Bill, 2011
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 5. | Gospel Halls of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Incorporation Bill, 2011
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 6. | Faith Pentecostal New Covenant Ministries Incorporation Bill, 2011
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 7. | Our Lady of Guadeloupe Home Incorporation Bill, 2011
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 8. | Green Hill Pentecostal Church Incorporation Bill, 2011
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 9. | St. Peters Spiritual Baptist Church Incorporation Bill, 2011
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 10. | Good News Bible Church St. Vincent and the Grenadines Incorporation Bill, 2011
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |

RESOLUTION

REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS (EXCLUSIONS) ORDER 2011

- 1*. To be moved by the Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister and Minister of Legal Affairs:

WHEREAS, by section 4 (4) (a) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act it is provided that the Minister may by Order make provisions as appears to him to be appropriate for excluding or modifying the

application of any or all of the provisions of subsection (2) of section 4 of the Act in relation to questions put in the circumstances as may be specified in the Order;

AND WHEREAS, by section 4 (4) (b) of the said Act it is also provided that the Minister may by Order provide for the exceptions from the provisions of subsection (3) of section 4 of the Act as appears to him to be appropriate, in the cases or class of cases, and in relation to convictions of such a description, as may be specified in the Order;

AND WHEREAS, section 4 (4) provides further that such Order shall be subject to negative resolution of the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, an Order was made and published in the *Gazette* on the 26th day of April 2011;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honourable House of Assembly do pass the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exclusions) Order 2011 by resolution.

ADJOURNMENT