



SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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PRAYERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

MOTIONS

1. Motion on Private Sector Development - Continuation

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 Saint 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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

AND WHEREAS, the ULP Government has as its established policy and practice of facilitating further private sector development in Saint 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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and urge the government to engage in the private sector fully in this quest on an on-going basis.

2. MOTION ON THE CRIME SITUATION IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

To be moved by the Honourable Arnhim Eustace and seconded by Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday.

WHEREAS over the last few months, St. Vincent and the Grenadines has experienced an unprecedented series of heinous and barbarous crimes contributing further to a veritable climate of fear throughout this otherwise blessed land of ours;

AND WHEREAS this trend has affected the lives of all Vincentians resulting in a large number of our potentially productive young people being lost to crime as can be evidenced by the number of youth in our prison population, the spiraling number of "homeless youth" roaming the streets of Kingstown and the creation of neighbourhood watch societies in several communities;

AND WHEREAS there is an insufficient number of rural libraries and like facilities, an absence of a girls' home, to complement the Liberty Lodge Boys' home, an inadequate number of rural counselling centers and an absence of a scientific approach to dealing with these social problems;

AND WHEREAS resources need to be made available to address these concerns which continue to impact society negatively and in particular that such assistance be used for increasing community policing, lending assistance to such organs as crime stoppers anonymous, youth organizations, family life and spiritual development programs and for expanding local and domestic security;

AND WHEREAS this unsatisfactory state of affairs has been acknowledged by the Media, Civil Society and the Human Rights Association as manifested by their editorials, statements of condemnation, calls for marches of peace and a request for a return to more Christian values and the need to be "our brother's/sister's keeper";

AND WHEREAS this prevailing climate now sustains an environment of uncertainty, despair and unlawful conduct which threatens the best of our democratic traditions, constitutional privileges and a reasonable sense of decency;

AND WHEREAS given the impact of foreign cultural penetration on small developing countries like St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the state has an obligation to reintroduce the family unit and specifically the basic role of parents in the upbringing of children by a sustained and relentless education initiative for the development of spiritual, ethical, moral and human values through social, cultural and economic interventions;

AND WHEREAS it is universally accepted that there is an undeniable link between the levels of crime and depressed economic conditions and that the issues of drug trafficking, drug use and drug dependency along with poverty alleviation loom large and require the utmost priority;

AND WHEREAS Government spends over \$13,000.00 per annum to maintain a prisoner in the main correctional institution and only \$5.00 on a Girl Guide or Boy Scout (at an organizational level as evidenced in the estimates) among youth who comprise the standard bearers of discipline for a kinder, gentler St. Vincent and the Grenadines;

AND WHEREAS the potential for development of the criminal instinct is highest in disadvantaged, homeless and orphaned youth, -male and female, -it is imperative that the State complements the existing Liberty Lodge Boys Training School with a counterpart female institution, introduce truancy officers in the several constituencies, towns, villages as appropriate to back up a compulsory education initiative while the Ministry of Gender and Social Affairs is charged with the responsibility for tracking homeless and orphaned children and aiding in their rehabilitation.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House support a Motion to be called: - **THE SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL REDEMPTION CHARTER** (outlined below) giving tangible effect to a national commitment to a just, equitable, confident, fearless, respectful, proud and God-fearing people by providing resources, giving leadership, employing social and economic strategies to reduce the intolerable violence, providing hope for the Vincentian aspiration, tolerance for divergence, love and respect for the dignity of human life and our commitment to the Supremacy of God in all we say and do in building the kinder, gentler society for the 21st Century.

SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL REDEMPTION CHARTER

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| 1. Initiate Household Sustainability | (Household employment and labour plan)
Each Vincentian household must have at
Least one occupant employed over the next
Five (5) – ten (10) years. |
| 2. Encourage Prayer | (A school prayer and pledge to be recited daily) |

- To be encouraged in Public Offices. Suggested Prayer to be crafted by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Christian Council in collaboration with other religious organizations. The Ministry of Education will be the executing agency.
3. Invigorate Sunday School
(Support a fund for Sunday/Sabbath teaching and teachers). Agency – The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Christian Council in collaboration with other religious bodies and the Ministry of Education.
 4. Strengthen Youth Development Program
It is proposed that Government work with the National Youth Council to achieve a pro rata contribution of at least \$1,000.00 per member group base on an approval program basis. The following organizations should be given special recognition:
St. Vincent and the Grenadines Cadet Force,
St. Vincent and the Grenadines Boys' Scout,
SVG Boys' & Girls' Brigade,
SVG Pathfinders,
St. Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross,
ISCF – Interschool Christian Fellowship,
St. Vincent and the Grenadines 4H Club,
National sporting bodies, Service Clubs, Youth Arms,
Agency – National Youth Council/Ministry of Youth Affairs.
 5. Further Stimulate the Intellectual Capacity of Students
Promote Compulsory Debating Societies in all Government Assisted Secondary Schools.
Agency – Ministry of Education, National Youth Council.
 6. Effect Qualitative Improvement in National Security
Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force, Professionalization,
Leadership programs for the Officer Corp,
Institute short-term contracts,
Recall experienced retired officers,
Explore Foreign Assistance Program, Attachments.
 7. Grant Amnesty
Firearms (illegal)
 8. Provide a Girls' Home
Similar to Liberty Lodge for disadvantaged, homeless and orphaned girls.
Agency – Ministry of Social Development.
 9. Develop for television
(SVG TV and Karib Cable)
Daily value laden family life telecast.
Agencies – Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education, National Youth Council, SVG TV and Karib Cable.
 10. Establish a Sports Endowment
It is proposed that Government work with the ten (10) top sporting bodies to establish for each a \$20,000.00 community based sports program.
Agency – Ministry of Sports and the National Youth Council.

BILLS

- 1.* Property Tax Bill 2012
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading
- 2.* Co-operative Societies Bill, 2012
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) Select Committee Report

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| 3.* Airport Service Charge Bill, 2012
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) | Select Committee
Report |
| 4*. Bequia Community Church Incorporation Bill, 2012
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 2 nd Reading |
| 5. Christian Pilgrim Fellowship Incorporation Bill, 2012
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 2 nd Reading |
| 6. Prayer and Faith Assembly Incorporation Bill, 2012
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 2 nd Reading |
| 7. Maranatha Baptist Church Incorporation Bill, 2012
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 2 nd Reading |
| 8. Harvest Bible Chapel Incorporation Bill, 2012
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 2 nd Reading |
| 9. Berean Baptist Church Incorporation Bill, 2012
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 2 nd Reading |
| 10. St. Joseph Spiritual Baptist Church Incorporation Bill, 2012
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |

ADJOURNMENT