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ACTS

The following Acts were passed in the House of Assembly during the period September 7th 2023 to December 20th 2023.

September 7th 2023

- ✚ The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Citizen (Amendment) Act, 2023.

October 3rd 2023

- ✚ The Pension for Members of the House of Assembly (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- ✚ The Eastern Caribbean Telecommunication Act, 2023.
- ✚ Lotier Rose Pension (Declaration) Act, 2023
- ✚ Lyda Dale Ollivierre Pension (Declaration) Act, 2023.

November 23rd 2023

- ✚ Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2023.
- ✚ Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Act, 2023.
- ✚ Supplementary Appropriation (No.3) Act, 2023.
- ✚ Supplementary Appropriation (No.4) Act, 2023.
- ✚ Supplementary Appropriation (No.5) Act, 2023.
- ✚ Public Sector Investment (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- ✚ Marriage (Amendment) Act, 2023

Select Committee:

- ❖ Criminal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2023
- ❖ Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2023

December 20th 2023

- ✚ Public Sector Investment Loan Act, 2023

The Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament



The 2024 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure were laid and approved at the sitting of 20th December 2023. The sitting will continue on 8th January 2024 at 4:00 p.m. where Minister of Finance the Honourable Camillo Gonsalves is expected to introduce the Appropriation Bill for the year 2024 and deliver the Budget Address.

Appointment of Senator

On Thursday 7th September, 2023 a new government Senator and Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister was appointed in the person of Ms Shackell Bobb.



Message from Speaker

Christmas Message from the Honourable Speaker of the House of Assembly, 2023



Hon. Rochelle Forde

As we approach the season of Christmas, let us take some time for quiet reflection and remind ourselves, that Christmas is a time for happiness, warmth and Christlike love.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us reach out generously to those around us. As citizens all of a global community, remember that the gift of giving is not always material- as gifts of kindness, understanding, listening, spending time with family and those in need of comfort and companionship, and forgiveness are priceless.

As we confront the challenges of daily life, let us embrace each day with a renewed sense of purpose, a spirit of hope, and the confidence of the unending love of our Lord and saviour.

As I bring this message, I am assisted by Speakers choir, a diverse group of young persons, who represent, the hope for tomorrow.

With the dawn of a new year on the horizon let us together commit to silencing the voices of hate, while heralding the promise of love. I encourage us with the words of Romans 12:10 that we "Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other."

My staff at the House of Assembly and I wish you Seasons Greetings, Good health and prosperity in abundance for 2024 and beyond.



The Speaker and staff of the House of Assembly express gratitude to the principals of the St. Vincent Girls' High School, St. Joseph Convent Kingstown, Thomas Saunders Secondary School, St. Vincent Grammar School and the West St. George Secondary School.

Special thanks to the following music teachers for working tirelessly along with the House of Assembly and students in the inaugural production of the Speaker's Choir; Mrs. Donna Clarke, Ms Penola Ross, Mr. Danelle Alexander and Mr. Oto Essein.

The students put heart, soul and voice into making the event a success.



Hon. Speaker and music teachers

Photographs of the Speaker's Choir 2023

