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1. The humble petition of the Trustees of the Global Missions Church.
(Honourable Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

What specific program has been put in place by the Ministry of Agriculture to deal with the Black Sigatoko outbreak affecting bananas and plantains in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

2. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

   When will the Coconut Water Bottling Plant seen as a diversification project by the Ministry of Agriculture start actual operations.

3. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism:

   When will the long delayed Buccament Tourism Project commence operations.

4. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

   In light of the serious problems being encountered by our fishermen in finding markets for their fish and in light of the assurances given by this government that export of fish to European Union markets, principally Martinique, would have resumed in 2009 after EU inspectors had reviewed the fisheries centers in the country, will the Minister state:

   a. what was the result of the EU inspections of the fisheries centers conducted in 2009;
   b. what needs to be done to meet the requirements of the inspectors; and
   c. when can fishermen expect that they will be able to export fish to Martinique.

5. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sea and Airports, National Security, Legal and Grenadines Affairs:

   Given that the J.F. Mitchell Airport is in urgent need of repair and maintenance in that the approach lights, the apron lights and the runway lights are not working properly; the roof in the tower and in the terminal building is leaking badly in several places; the back-up generator does not turn on automatically as required and is not serviced adequately by trained personnel, the fire truck is sometimes not working and this results in cancellation of flights; the ceiling in the washrooms are falling apart; and the eaves of the building in the area near the manager's office have been damaged for several years now, so that the office is not secure, and given that we are now in the tourist season when the airport is at its busiest:

   When will the work be done to rectify to problems.

6. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing, Informal Human Settlements, Physical Planning, Lands and Surveys, Local Government:

   In light of the need for affordable lands for our nationals who want to live in Bequia and given that most of the crown lands in Bequia is being offered for sale by the government in large lots and at prices that most locally based nationals cannot afford, will the Minister please state:

   a. what the government is doing to make affordable lands available in Bequia for our people;
   b. how many lots are being made available; and
   c. where the affordable lands are located.

7. Major the Honourable St. Clair Leacock (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Trade:

   With our Trade deficit at 8:1 and 46.5% of GDP in 2008 and approaching 50% in 2010, there appears an urgency to address this Trade imbalance.

   a. How is this Trade imbalance affecting our foreign exchange earnings;
   b. which are the targeted firms to lift us out of this Trade deficit; and
   c. what is the extent and nature of Government's intervention.

8. Major the Honourable St. Clair Leacock (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

a. What are the specific river defense projects and program as well as road improvement projects for the villages of Green Hill, Largo Height, Kingstown Park and Redemption Sharpes in the Central Kingstown Constituency; and

b. When can motorist and pedestrians alike look forward to the repaving of the Old Montrose, Lodge Village road completed with the covering of drains and provisional side walks to improve both motoring/pedestrians safety and comfort.

9. Major the Honourable St. Clair Leacock (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Education:

A number of schools in the Kingstown area like other parts of the country are still in urgent need for classroom improvements in particular the state of their floors and bathrooms.

a. What is the work plan if any for these schools;

b. Please provide details of the restoration or rebuilding plans for the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Boys' Grammar School, now in a deplorable condition after nearly fifty (50) years of its construction; and

c. is a shared gymnasium part of these development plans.

10. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health and the Environment or the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Planning, Legal and Grenadines Affairs or the Honourable Minister of Sports in whom authority/responsibility rest:

Would the Honourable Minister please state what was the cost of the procurement and installation of the packaged sewerage plant at the Arnos Vale Sporting Facility.

11. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health and the Environment:

What if any was the input of the staff of the Central Water and Sewerage Authority (CWSA) into the selection and maintenance of the packaged sewerage treatment plant at the Arnos Vale Sporting Facility.

12. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Sports:

a. Would the Honourable Minister please state what is the performance history of the packaged sewerage plant at the Sporting facility at Arnos Vale; and

b. What is being done to rectify any operational and maintenance problems of the plant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

MOTIONS

1. **Motion on Poverty Reduction in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.**

To be moved by the Honourable Julian Francis and seconded by the Honourable Rochelle Forde.

WHEREAS the Unity Labour Party government has placed poverty reduction at the centre of its public policy formulation and implementation since 2001.

AND WHEREAS at the time of the ULP's election to office on March 28, 2001, the general poverty level in St. Vincent and the Grenadines was at least 37.5 percent of the population and indigence or "dirt poor" poverty was 25.7 percent of the population.

AND WHEREAS the Unity Labour Party administration has, over the past eight years, made a most serious dent in both the general level of poverty and the level of indigence through policies, generally favourably to the poor, including targeted strategic interventions.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House endorse the general and specific policies of the Unity Labour Party government in the priority area of poverty reduction.

BILLS

1*.	Offord Morris Pension Bill, 2010. (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
2*.	Alphonso Dennie Pension Bill, 2010. (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
3*.	Afflick Haynes Pension Bill, 2010. (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
4*.	The Constitution of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Amendment) Bill, 2010. (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
5.	Community Baptist Church Incorporation Bill, 2010. (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	1st Reading
6.	Full in the Spirit Pentecostal Church Incorporation Bill, 2010. (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	1st Reading

RESOLUTION

1*. **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Port Authority (Amendment) Regulations 2010.**

To be moved by Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister and Minister of National Security:

WHEREAS, by section 72 of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Port Authority Act (Chapter 373 of the Revised Laws of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 1990 Edition) it is provided that the Port Authority may make regulations with respect to the control of all persons and vehicles on any premises used by or for the purposes of the Authority, the maintenance of order thereon, and the admission or exclusion of persons therefrom and the charges, if any, to be made for such admission;

AND WHEREAS, regulations were made and published in the *Gazette* on the 9th day of February 2010;

AND WHEREAS, section 72 (6) provides that all regulations made under the said Act shall be subject to negative resolution of the House of Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honourable House pass the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Port Authority (Amendment) Regulations No. 5 of 2010 by resolution.

ADJOURNMENT