HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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11th Parliament

2nd Session

No. 2 of 2024

Tuesday

March 26, 2024

at 9:00 a.m.

ORDER PAPER

(Pursuant to Standing Order No. 16)

1. **Formal Entry of the Speaker.**

2. **Prayers.**

3. **Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation of a new Member.**

4. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

   - Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the House of Representatives held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 28th November, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

   - Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the House of Representatives held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Monday 4th December, 2023 at 10:00 and on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and on Monday 11th December, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

- ❖ Minutes of the proceedings of a Special Joint Sitting of the Second Session of the Eleventh Parliament held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 6th February, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

5. Messages from the Governor-General.

6. Announcements by Mr. Speaker.

7. Presentation of Petitions.

8. Presentation of Papers and Reports from Select Committees.

1. Grenada Investment Development Corporation Annual Report 2022;
2. The Financial Intelligence Unit Grenada Annual Report 2022.
3. GARFIN (Grenada Authority for the Regulation of Financial Institutions) – Report of the Supervisor of Insurance for the year ended 31st December, 2022.
4. Grenada Bureau of Standards – 2022 Annual Report

9. Unopposed Private Business.

10. Questions:

Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell, Leader of His Majesty's Opposition will ask the Minister for Finance, Honourable Dennis Cornwall, the following questions:

<u>Questions No. 1 - 9</u>

(1) What was the actual budget provided to the National Organization Committee?

(2) Were contracts awarded in keeping with the Public Procurement Act of Grenada? If yes, please provide evidence of the same?

(3) Who designed the "Grenada Turns 50" logo and how much was paid to that service provider?

(4) Who owns the copyright for the official theme song of the 50th Independence Celebration?

(5) How much funds were raised from the sale of Independence paraphernalia to the state of Grenada? Which revenue header in the budget would the funds be categorized?

(6) Were any payments made to members of the secretariat? If so, please provide the name, position, and the amount paid or to be paid?

(7) Did the Government of Grenada through the National Organizing Committee pay or sponsor flights and accommodation for persons in the Diaspora to come home for the independence celebration? If so, please provide a list of the names, destination and the cost associated with accommodation and travel for each individual?

(8) What were the costs paid for marketing and or sponsorships for the celebrations?

(9) How long would the Secretariat remain in existence?

11. Urgent Questions under the provisions of Standing Order No. 20 (1) (Notice of Questions).

12. Statements by Ministers.

13. Personal Explanations.

14. Motions:

(a) By the Leader of Government's Business:

RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 6 OF THE STAMP ACT, CAP. 309.

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 6 of the Stamp Act, Chapter 309 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Minister may from time to time, by Order, amend the Schedule by increasing or decreasing the amount of, or by annulling, any of the duties therein mentioned, or impose duties on any instruments not mentioned in the Schedule, or alter the Schedule in such other manner as he or she may deem advisable: Provided that before any such Order shall come into operation it shall have been approved by both the House of Representatives and the Senate, by resolution;

WHEREAS the Minister proposes to amend the Schedule to the Act to revise the formula for calculating the stamp duty payable on Leases and Agreements for Lease so that where the annual rent is fixed, the stamp duty payable shall be 1.25% of the total rent reserved for the entire term of the Lease or Agreement for a Lease and where the annual rent fluctuates, the stamp duty payable shall be 1.25% of the total average annual rent reserved for the entire term of the Lease or Agreement for a Lease;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Stamp (Amendment of Schedule) Order, 2024 which seeks to amend the Schedule to the Act be approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to section 6 of the Act, the Stamp (Amendment of Schedule) Order, 2024 as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution is hereby approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

SCHEDULE

(b) By the Leader of Government's Business:

RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 108 (3) OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, CAP. 289A.

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 108 (2) of the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 289A (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Minister may by regulations amend, vary, suspend or revoke the provisions of the First Schedule;

WHEREAS it is further provided by Section 108 (3) of the Act that Regulations made under subsection (2) shall be subject to affirmative resolution;

WHEREAS the Minister proposes to amend the First Schedule to the Act to increase the existing annual motor vehicle license fees by $50.00 across all vehicle types;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Road Traffic (Amendment of First Schedule) Regulations, 2024 which seeks to amend the First Schedule to the Act be approved by the House of Representatives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to section 108 (3) of the Act, the Road Traffic (Amendment of First Schedule) Regulations, 2024 as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution is hereby approved by the House of Representatives.

SCHEDULE

15. Bills:

For First Reading and Remaining Stages:

- Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2024 and
- Electronic Communications Bill, 2024

16. Request for leave to move the adjournment of the House on matters of urgent public importance.

17. Public Business.