

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11th Parliament Tuesday

3rd Session 13th May, 2025

No. 4 of 2025 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 Friday 7th March, 2025 at 10:00 and on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th March, 2025 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. Fiscal Resilience Oversight Committee (FROC) 2024 Annual Report (April 23, 2025)
 - 2. Fiscal Resilience Oversight Committee (FROC) 2024 Annual Report at a Glance (April 23, 2025)
 - 3. Proceeds of Crime (Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Guidelines, 2024 (to be laid for negative Resolution)
- 9. Unopposed Private Business.

10. Questions:

Honourable Emmalin Pierre, Leader of His Majesty's Opposition will ask the Minister for Public Administration, Honourable Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, the following questions:

Questions Nos. 1 - 5

- 1. Would a nurse who was on a Public Service Commission contract for the last 3 and a half years in a truly vacant position be considered a "new Public Sector employee" for the purposes of the Public Sector Employees Pension Act? Which pension arrangement would this worker qualify under?
- 2. Should the fund run into financial problems, does the law provide for a government guaranteed on the pension to the member?
- 3. The 1958 Pension law allows for 66 2/3% of the workers last salary. Does this pension scheme guarantee a percentage amount of the workers' last salary? If so, what is the percentage and which section of the law this information can be found?
- 4. Section 3 (1b) subsection ii of the Pension law excludes as specific group of workers based on set criteria. Please advise which law covers people falling in this category?

- 5. The government has announced the commencement of the deductions from the members/workers. In the absence of the institution established in the law for administering the fund, what is the transitional arrangement for the collection, management and administration of the same?
- 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 33 (3) OF THE EXCISE TAX ACT, CHAPTER 94.

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 33 (3) of the Excise Tax Act, Chapter 94 of the 2010 Continuous Revised Edition of the Laws of Grenada (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Minister may by Order published in the *Gazette* and approved by affirmative resolution of the Parliament amend the First Schedule and the Second Schedule of the Act;

WHEREAS the Minister proposes to amend the Second Schedule of the Act, in accordance with section 33 (3) thereof, to exempt from excise tax any machinery and equipment that are imported by a registered business for the purpose of replacing that business' machinery and equipment that were damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively affected as a result of the impact of Hurricane Beryl, provided that in respect of each business, the exemption must first be approved in writing by the Minister, on the following conditions—

(a) the machinery and equipment are imported for use by the business and not for sale or exchange;

- (b) the machinery and equipment are imported for the purpose of replacing machinery and equipment that was owned by the business but was subsequently damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively affected as a result of the impact of Hurricane Beryl; and
- (c) any other conditions pertaining to the ownership, use and disposal of the machinery and equipment as the Minister sees fit,

and admitted as such by the Comptroller of Customs;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Excise Tax (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order, 2025 which seeks to amend the Second Schedule to the Act be approved by Parliament;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to section 33 (3) of the Act, the Excise Tax (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order, 2025 as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution is hereby approved by Parliament.

SCHEDULE

b) By the Leader of Government's Business:

RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 107 (2) OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, CHAPTER 286A

WHEREAS it is provided by section 107 (1) of the Representation of the People Act Cap. 286A (hereinafter referred to as "**the Act**") that the Governor-General may make Regulations generally for giving effect to the provisions of the Act;

WHEREAS section 107 (1) (c) provides that the Governor-General may make Regulations prescribing the symbols to be used on every ballot paper, and the mode of allocation of such symbols to candidates;

WHEREAS section 107 (2) provides that Regulations made under the Act are subject to affirmative resolution;

WHEREAS regulations have been made to insert a new symbol to be used on ballot papers under the Representation of the People (Election Symbols) Regulations Cap. 286A;

AND WHEREAS it is now expedient that the Representation of the People (Election Symbols) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 attached hereto as a Schedule be approved by the House of Representatives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to section 107 (2) of the Act, the Representation of the People (Election Symbols) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 be now approved.

SCHEDULE

15. Bills:

For First Reading and Remaining Stages:

- ➤ Tax Administration (Post-Hurricane Beryl Fiscal Support) Special Measures Bill, 2025:
- Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2025;
- Payment System and Services Bill, 2025;
- ➤ Eastern Caribbean Deposit Insurance Corporation Agreement Bill, 2025
- Agreement on Immunities, Exemption and Privileges between the Corporación Andina De Fomento and Grenada Bill, 2025;
- 16. Request for leave to move the adjournment of the House on matters of urgent public importance.

17. Public Business.