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TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 2021

The House met at 10.10 a.m.

PRAYERS

[MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER *in the Chair*]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SPEECH

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: Good morning Members. It is my duty and honour to welcome Members to the first Sitting of the Twelfth Session of the Tobago House of Assembly, which according to the Tobago House of Assembly Act No. 40 of 1996, Section 62, the first ordinary meeting of the Assembly shall be held between fifteen (15) days after the Inauguration.

Members, this is an historic moment, where it is the first time in history when Tobago's legislature has evolved from twelve (12) seats to fifteen (15) seats.

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Our aim and purpose here for the term 2021 - 2025, allows us to champion for democracy and good governance on this island. It is my responsibility to encourage and enforce democracy and good governance within the confines of these Chamber walls, as Members are encouraged to engage in meaningful debates that seek the affairs and betterment of the people of Tobago.

STANDING ORDERS

Members, as we all know, we are governed by the Standing Orders, when functioning within the Chamber, as its Rules and Regulations are used to steer the course of our debates to ensure that each Member is protected and heard when making their contribution in the House. I know most of us are new to this space, so I urge that each and every one of us show respect to our parliamentary system, the legislative machinery that was designed for us to promote policy development, democracy and good governance for the people of Tobago.

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LEAVE OF ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

As we proceed with the first Sitting Members, I was informed by the Member for Parlatuvier/L'Anse Fourmi/Speyside, Chief Secretary of the Tobago House of Assembly, that the Leader of Assembly Business is Member for Bethesda/Les Coteaux, Assemblyman Zorisha Hackett.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In addition Members, I have received requests from the Member for Roxborough/Argyle; the Member for Mason Hall/Moriah and the Member for Scarborough/Mt. Grace, to be absent from today's Sitting.

Members, the leave has been granted.

Let us proceed with the Sitting.

Honourable Chief Secretary and Secretary of Division of Finance, Trade and the Economy.

CHIEF SECRETARY AND SECRETARY OF FINANCE, TRADE AND THE ECONOMY (Hon. Farley Chavez Augustine): Thank you, Madam Presiding Officer.

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Motion
Compliments of the Season

HON. CHIEF SECRETARY (Cont'd)

MOTION

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO HER EXCELLENCY, PAULA-MAE WEEKES, ORTT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. HER FAMILY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

CHIEF SECRETARY AND SECRETARY OF FINANCE, TRADE AND THE ECONOMY (Hon. Farley Chavez Augustine):

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House extends to Her Excellency, Paula-Mae Weekes, ORTT, the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the other Members of her family, the Season’s greeting for a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of this resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of the Assembly to Her Excellency the President.”

Question put and agreed to.

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: The Motion is carried.

Leader of Assembly Business.

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Motion (Cont'd)
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MOTION

**COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO DR. THE HONOURABLE KEITH
CHRISTOPHER ROWLEY, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND HIS FAMILY**

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

(Hon. Zorisha Hackett):

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House extend to Dr. the Honourable Keith Christopher Rowley, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, his family and other Members of Cabinet and their families, the Season’s Greeting for a Happy Christmas and God’s Blessing in the New Year;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of this resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of the Assembly to the Honourable Prime Minister.”

Question put and agreed to.

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: The Motion is carried.

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Motion (Cont'd)
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MOTION

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE IVOR ARCHIE, O.R.T.T CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, HIS FAMILY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: *Member for Belle Garden/Glamorgan.*

SECRETARY OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION [Hon. Dr. Faith B.Yisrael].

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House extends to the Honourable Mr. Justice Ivor Archie O.R.T.T. Chief Justice of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, his family and other Members of the Judiciary and their families, the Season’s Greeting for a Happy Christmas and God’s Blessings in the New Year.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of this resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of the Assembly to the Honourable Chief Justice.”

Question put and agreed to.

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MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: The Motion is carried.

MOTION

**COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO THE HONOURABLE
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND HER
FAMILY, THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND HER FAMILY
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: *Member for Darrel Spring/Whim.*

MINORITY LEADER [Mr. Kelvon Morris]:

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House extends Season’s Greetings for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives and her family, the Leader of the Opposition and her family, and other Members of the House of Representatives and their families;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of this resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of the Assembly to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Leader of the Opposition.”

Question put and agreed to.

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: The Motion is carried.

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MOTION

**COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO THE HONOURABLE
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND HER FAMILY, AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THEIR FAMILIES**

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: *Councillor Tashia Burris.*

**SECRETARY OF TOURISM, CULTURE, ANTIQUITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION (Hon. Tashia Burris).**

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House extends Season’s Greetings for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Honourable President of the Senate and her family, and other Members of the Senate and their families;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of this resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of the Assembly to the Clerk of the Senate.”

Question put and agreed to.

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: The Motion is carried.

MOTION

**COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO THE HONOURABLE
AYANNA WEBSTER-ROY, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR
TOBAGO EAST AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE OFFICE
OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE HONOURABLE SHAMFA**

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**CUDJOE, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR TOBAGO WEST AND
MINISTER OF SPORT AND THEIR FAMILIES**

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: *Member for Bethel/New Grange.*

**SECRETARY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT AND SPORT (Hon. Terance Baynes):**

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House extends to the Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy, Member of Parliament for Tobago East, and Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister, and the Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe, Member of Parliament for Tobago West and Minister of Sport and their families, the Season’s Greetings for a Blessed and Joyful Christmas and God’s Guidance in the New Year;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of this resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of the Assembly to the Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy and Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe and their families.”

Question put and agreed to.

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: The Motion is carried

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Motion (Cont'd)
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MOTION

**COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER
AND HER FAMILY AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND THEIR
FAMILIES**

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: *Member for Bagatelle/Bacolet.*

**SECRETARY OF FOOD SECURITY, NATURAL RESOURCES, THE
ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Hon. Nathisha
Charles-Pantin)**

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House extends to the Presiding Officer and her family and the Chief Secretary and other Members of the Tobago House of Assembly and their families, Season’s Greetings for a Blessed Christmas and God’s Guidance in the New Year.”

Question put and agreed to.

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: The Motion is carried.

MADAM PRESIDING OFFICER: *Leader of Assembly Business.*

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LEADER OF ASSEMBLY BUSINESS (Hon. Zorisha Hackett). Thank you very much, Madam Presiding Officer, and I may also join in the sentiments of wishing you Season's Greetings, all the best for the Christmas and a bright and prosperous 2022 for you as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made: That the House do now stand adjourned to a date to be fixed. [Hon. Zorisha Hackett]

Question put and agreed to.

House adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 10.20 a.m.