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ORDER PAPER

PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MR. SPEAKER

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

PAPERS TO BE LAID

By the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Economic Growth, Job Creation, External Affairs and the Public Service:

Statutory Instrument No. 151 of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 152 of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Wearing of Mask) Regulations

Statutory Instrument No. 153 of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 154 of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Declaration of Quarantine Facility) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 155 of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Approval of Test for COVID-19 and Designation of Laboratory) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 157 of 2020
Legal Profession (Eligibility) (Loriann Felecia Tugwell) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 158 of 2020
Legal Profession (Eligibility) (David Robert Kitson Sharpe) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 159 of 2020
Legal Profession (Eligibility) (Jordan Alexander James Jarrett) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 160 of 2020
Legal Profession (Eligibility) (Candace Renae Fletcher) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 162 of 2020
Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No.14) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 162A of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Fees) Regulations

Statutory Instrument No. 163 of 2020
Legal Profession (Eligibility) (Kimberley Kaye Williams) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 163A of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (Amendment) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 163B of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) (Amendment)
Order

Statutory Instrument No. 164 of 2020
Customs Duties (Amendment of Schedule 4) (No.2) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 165 of 2020
Fiscal Incentives (Blue Waters St. Lucia Ltd.) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 165A of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control)
Restriction of Access to Area) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 165B of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control)
(Physical Distancing) (No. 2) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 165C of 2020
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control)
(Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 2) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 167 of 2020
Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 15) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 171 of 2020
Companies (Amendment) Regulations

Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner 2017-2019

**By the Honourable Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, Physical Planning,
Natural Resources and Cooperatives:**

Statutory Instrument No. 156 of 2020
Water and Sewerage (Tariff) (Amendment) Regulations

**By the Honourable Minister for Commerce, Industry, Enterprise
Development and Consumer Affairs:**

Statutory Instrument No. 161 of 2020
Price Control (Amendment) (N0.15) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 166 of 2020
Price Control (Amendment) (No. 16) Order

Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards
Annual Report 2018-2019

**By the Honourable Minister for Tourism, Information and Broadcasting,
Culture and Creative Industries:**

Statutory Instrument No. 168 of 2020
Tourism Stimulus and Investment
(Union Hill Top Paradise Villas) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 169 of 2020
Tourism Incentives (First Class Transportation Service) Order

Statutory Instrument No. 170 of 2020
Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Hebah Limited) Order

MOTIONS

By the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Economic Growth, Job Creation, External Affairs and the Public Service:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that Parliament by affirmation resolution approves the draft Value Added Tax (Rate of Tax) (Tourism Sector Goods and Services) Order to vary the rate of tax for goods and services provided by a hotel and other providers in the tourism sector to set the rate of tax for tourism sector goods and services as follows –
 - (a) the rate of seven per cent tax applies with regard to a supply of a tourism accommodation service;
 - (b) the rate of ten per cent tax applies with regard to a supply of –
 - (i) food and beverages, including, alcoholic beverages, by a restaurant,
 - (ii) water sports,
 - (iii) tours conducted by land, air or sea within Saint Lucia, including a direct supply of transportation services by the tour operator as part of the tour package, but excluding an indirect supply of transportation services by a tour operator,
 - (iv) admission to heritage sites and other touristic attractions.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that Parliament authorizes the Minister of Finance to borrow an amount of US\$30,000,000 from the Caribbean Development Bank, consisting of a Special Funds Resources portion in the amount of US\$10,800,000.00 and an Ordinary Capital Resources portion in the amount of US\$19,200,000.00, for the purpose of financing the implementation of policy reform initiatives designed to support Saint Lucia's COVID-19 Crisis Response and achieving fiscal stability;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE that –

- (a) in the case of the Special Funds Resources portion –
 - (i) the loan is repayable in eighty equal or approximately equal and consecutive quarterly instalments on each due date of the 1st day of January, the 1st day of April, the 1st day of July and the 1st day of October of each year commencing on –

- (A) the first due date after the expiration of five years following the date of the loan agreement; or
 - (B) a later due date specified in writing by the Caribbean Development Bank,
 - (ii) interest is payable quarterly at a rate of 1% per annum on the amount of the Special Funds Resources portion withdrawn and outstanding;
 - (b) in the case of the Ordinary Capital Resources portion –
 - (i) the loan is repayable in forty equal or approximately equal and consecutive quarterly instalments on each due date of the 1st day of January, the 1st day of April, the 1st day of July and the 1st day of October of each year, commencing on –
 - (A) the first due date after the expiration of two years following the date of the loan agreement; or
 - (B) a later due date specified in writing by the Caribbean Development Bank,
 - (ii) interest is payable quarterly at a rate of 4.1% per annum on the amount of the Ordinary Capital Resources portion withdrawn and outstanding,
 - (iii) a commitment charge –
 - (A) is payable quarterly at a rate of 1% per annum on the amount of the Ordinary Capital Resources portion unwithdrawn;
 - (B) accrues from the sixtieth day following the date of the loan agreement.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that Parliament revokes the Finance (Administration) Act – Resolution of Parliament to Authorize the Minister for Finance to guarantee borrowing by the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority from a syndicate of banks led by the Bank of Saint Lucia Limited to finance the Hewanorra International Airport Redevelopment Project, published as Statutory Instrument, No. 124 of 2019;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Parliament authorizes the Minister of Finance to guarantee a loan in the amount of EC\$202,500,000.00 for the purpose of financing the Hewanorra International Airport Redevelopment Project by the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority from a syndicate of banks led by the Bank of Saint Lucia Limited as follows –
- (a) Bank of Saint Lucia Limited – EC\$58,900,000.00

- (b) 1st National Bank of St. Lucia Limited – EC\$54,500,000.00
- (c) Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited – EC\$40,100,000.00
- (d) Antigua Commercial Bank Ltd. – EC\$24,500,000.00
- (e) Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank – EC\$24,500,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that –

- (a) the loan is repayable over a period of twenty years with a sixty-month moratorium on the principal payments with interest only paid;
- (b) the interest is payable quarterly from the date of the initial disbursement of the loan –
 - (i) at a rate of five point five per cent per annum during the sixty-month moratorium period;
 - (ii) at a rate of not exceeding five per cent per annum at the expiry of the sixty-month moratorium period and the commencement of blended payments including interest and principal;
- (c) the blended interest rate will be provided semi-annually, which will reflect the relative proportion of cash and government guarantee security provided and the interest is payable at –
 - (i) four point five per cent on the cash security provided; and
 - (ii) five per cent on the government guarantee security provided;
- (d) the blended payments including principal and interest to be paid monthly;
- (e) a commitment fee of zero point seven five per cent is payable on the disbursement of the loan.

BILLS

By the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Economic Growth, Job Creation, External Affairs and the Public Service:

Public Finance Management - First Reading

Public Procurement and Asset Disposal
(Amendment) - First Reading

By the Minister for Tourism, Information and Broadcasting, Culture and Creative Industries:

*Saint Lucia Tourism Authority (Amendment) - First Reading

*Tourism Levy - First Reading

* It is the intention of the Honourable Minister to seek leave of the House to enable these Bills to go through all its stages at this Sitting.