



9th Parliament

Wednesday

4th Session

13th July 2016

No. 5 of 2016

at 9:00 a.m.

ORDER PAPER

(Pursuant to Standing Order No. 13)

- 1. Formal Entry of Mr. President.**
- 2. Prayers.**
- 3. Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation of a new Senator.**
- 4. Confirmation of Minutes:**
 - ❖ Confirmation of the Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the Senate held at the Grenada Trade Centre on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th May 2016.
 - ❖ Confirmation of the Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the Senate held at the Grenada Trade Centre on Friday 3rd June 2016.
- 5. Messages from the Governor-General.**
- 6. Announcements by Mr. President.**
- 7. Ministerial Statements.**
- 8. Presentation of Papers and Reports from Select Committees.**
- 9. Petitions.**

10. Government Notices.

11. Unofficial Notices.

12. Questions.

13. Personal Explanations.

14. Motions:

(a) *By Senator the Honourable Dr George Vincent:*

Extract of Sitting of the Senate held on 13th & 19th April 2017

Senator the Honourable Dr. George Vincent moved the following Motion standing in his name:

WHEREAS the Government of Grenada in July 2013, endorsed the Food and Nutrition (FNS) Policy and Plan 2013 – 2018, a Policy and Plan which reflects its commitment to making Food and Nutrition Security a reality;

AND WHEREAS this Policy is informed through a vision for building a food and feed system responsive to National Challenges and engaging National Stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS – the right to food – a universal human right – has at the core, the right of all people to be free of hunger, with physical and economic access to adequate food of a quality and kind commensurate with their needs;

AND WHEREAS declining domestic food production has led to dependence on food imports and a shift in food consumption to processed and refined foods resulting in high incidences of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes;

AND WHEREAS hunger, its handmaiden poverty and extreme poverty, unequal access to food, volatility of food prices, global and economic crises, climate change, deteriorating natural resources and the environment have combined to threaten food and nutrition security;

AND WHEREAS there are many on-going programmes aimed at alleviating hunger and poverty including: Assistance from SEED, the School Feeding Programmes, the BNTF Projects and the FAO supported Zero Hunger Initiatives (ZHI), which need to be better coordinated to achieve the hunger and poverty goals set by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals 2030;

AND WHEREAS the MDGs for the reduction of hunger and poverty in Latin America and

the Caribbean (LAC) under the UN's MDGs 2015, have been met principally through the efforts of the 16 non-partisan Parliamentary Front created and functioning effectively in Latin American countries;

AND WHEREAS the only Parliamentary Front against hunger in the Caribbean has been established in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in September, 2015;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Houses of Parliament of Grenada consider:

1. The establishment of a Parliamentary Front against hunger and malnutrition in Grenada.
2. Ensuring continued efforts towards the achievement of Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) and the realization of the right to Food.
3. Promoting an enabling environment for the development of appropriate public policy and legislation for the food and nutrition security.
4. Promoting Civil Society and multi stakeholders' participation in the political process for strengthening institutional development for FNS, ensuring social inclusion and social stability.
5. Providing allocation of public resources for the achievement of Food and Nutrition Security, the realization of the right to food aimed at meeting the UN'S Sustainable Development Goals 2030.
6. Promoting the development of other Parliamentary Fronts against hunger within the OECS and CARICOM Member States for the achievement of those objectives.
7. Dialoguing with other Parliamentary Fronts to achieve greater coherence in policies leading to the elimination of hunger and malnutrition.

Senator Vincent proceeded to speak on the Motion, but the President noted that the Motion needed to be seconded.

Senator the Honourable Raymond Roberts seconded the Motion as moved by Senator Vincent.

Question proposed.

The Leader of Government's Business sought direction as to the way forward, noting that there were some amendments to be incorporated into the Motion, which Senator Vincent had agreed to.

The President advised that Senator Vincent should reflect the amendments once he has

agreed to the amendments.

The under-mentioned Member spoke on the Motion:

- ❖ Senator the Honourable Dr. George Vincent

Senator Vincent proceeded to move the Motion as amended and the President ordered that the amended Motion be circulated.

The amended Motion was circulated. (Same is attached).

The under-mentioned Members spoke on the Motion:

- ❖ Senator the Honourable Dr. George Vincent

The President stated that if there was no contending voice, he would put the question for the Motion, instead of going through the longwinded procedure of accepting each amendment as put forward.

There was no contending voice.

Question proposed.

The under-mentioned Member spoke on the Motion:

- ❖ **Senator the Honourable Simon Stiel:** Minister of State with responsibility for Human Resource Development and the Environment.
- ❖ **Senator the Honourable Raymond Roberts:** Labour Unions Representative
- ❖ **Senator the Honourable Norland Cox:** Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs
- ❖ Senator the **Honourable** Brenda Hood: Minister for Culture and Cooperatives
- ❖ **Senator the Honourable Pamela Moses:** Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Religious Affairs with responsibility for Youth and Religious Affairs

Senator Vincent thanked Members for their compliments and gave his rebuttal on the Motion.

Question put and agreed to.

Motion was so approved.

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