

LEGISLATION PROGRAMME 2007/2008

AS AT JULY 31, 2007

(SHADED AREAS ARE PRIORITY ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY MINISTRIES AND IN THRONE SPEECH)

PASSED BOTH HOUSES				
NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
1.		MFP	Appropriations Act, 2007	Expenditure for 2007/2008
2.		MNS	Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2007	To give physically incapacitated voters the same safeguards as to secrecy of the vote as blind voters; make it an offence for an elector to intentionally display his ballot paper so as to make known to any person the candidate for or against whom he intends to cast his vote
3.		MNS	Parish Councils (Amendment) Act, 2007	To give physically incapacitated voters the same safeguards as to secrecy of the vote as blind voters; make it an offence for an elector to intentionally display his ballot paper so as to make known to any person the candidate for or against whom he intends to cast his vote
4.		MNS	Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2007 Companion Act to : Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation (Amendment) Act 2007 and Parish Councils (Amendment) Act 2007	To give physically incapacitated voters the same safeguards as to secrecy of the vote as blind voters, to allow for average number of voters in each polling division to be increased to 400; provide that a political party must have gained at least 5% of the total vote at a national election, in the alternative to the existing requirement of 5 seats in the House of Representatives in order to be eligible to appoint election scrutineers; make it an offence for an elector to intentionally display his ballot paper so as to make known to any person the candidate for or against whom he intends to cast his vote
5.		MNS	Ministerial and Parliamentary Functions (Phyllis Mae Mitchell) (Validation & Indemnity) Act, 2007	To validate and provide indemnity in respect of official acts carried out by, and monies paid to Phyllis Mitchell as Minister of State in circumstances of the voidance of her membership of House of Representatives

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
6.	1	MFP	Tourist (Duty Free) Shopping System (Change of Name) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for establishment of duty free shopping system for arriving passengers. To include provisions re penalties, loose stones to be included in definition of approved goods, revision of issues related to contents of the sales slip
7.	2	MNS	Constituencies (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend the Constitution to increase from 60 to 65 the maximum number of constituencies into which Jamaica is to be divided. To modify the functions of the Standing Committee by enabling it to submit reports, prior to the next general elections but in any event before January 2007, to the House of Representatives on the delineation of constituency boundaries having regard to the increase in the number of constituencies
8.	3	MOJ	Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To amend Chapter 3 of Constitution to provide for a Charter of Rights and Freedoms
9.	4	MOJ	Evidence (Amendment) Bill	To provide for admissibility of evidence in criminal & civil proceedings by way of television links; Removal of certain procedural requirements to the admissibility of computer generated evidence in proceedings generally ,
10.	5	MOJ	Law Reform (Notice of Alibi Evidence) Act, 2007I	To provide for the giving of a notice to the Prosecution where the Defence intends to rely on Alibi Evidence at trial within a prescribed period from time of arraignment.

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
11.	1	MAL	Jamaica Dairy Development Board Bill	To establish Dairy Development Board
12.	2	MFP	Caribbean Development Bank (Amendment) Bill	To increase Loan Raising Authority from \$40 million to \$6 Billion
13.	3	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To allow shifting of the evidential burden to the defendant and to provide for the admissibility of evidence to prove contents of documents where it is established that the maker of the document is unable or unwilling to appear before the court.
14.	4	MFP	Financial Investigations Division Bill Customs (Amendment) Bill Revenue Administration (Amendment) Bill	To establish the Financial Investigations Division as a department of government to investigate financial crimes, with functions to include maintaining intelligence databases on financial crimes, compiling statistics and setting out the parameters for the operation of the division.
15.	5	MFP	Income Tax (Amendment) Bill Companion Bills: Income Tax (Superannuation Funds) Rules 1995 (Amendment) Income Tax (Approved Retirement Schemes) Rules 1988 (Amendment 0	To bring in line with amendments to Pensions (Superannuation Funds and Retirement Schemes Act, 2004 and which came into effect March 1, 2005) and to allow for retroactivity to take effect on March 1, 2005. To allow an appeal against a decision of Commissioner of tax payer Appeals relating to the approval of a fund or scheme to lie to the Revenue Court
16.	6	MITEC	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To place the activities of credit unions within the regulatory ambit of BOJ
17.	7	MOJ	Committal Proceedings Bill	To make provisions for the elimination of Committal Proceedings in the Resident Magistrate Courts.
18.	8	MOJ	Corruption Prevention (Amendment) Bill	To create an offence for the filing of late statutory declaration; to empower Commission to request info from certain Govt. depts. and agencies, including the revenue services, banks, financial institutions, building societies, co-operative societies and registered accountants; for statutory declarations to be filed on 31 st day of the December in each year or as such other intervals as the Commission may direct. To update the fine imposed under section 6 (2).
19.	9	MOJ	Defence (Amendment) Bill	To amend Section 9 of the Defence Act to provide JDF members with the same powers as the police

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
20.	10	MOJ	Jury (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To repeal the provision relating to special juries
21.	11	MOJ	Incest (Punishment) Bill {Companion Bill to Offences Against the Persons}	To include a statutory, gender-neutral definition of rape. To abolish the common law presumption that a boy under fourteen years is incapable of committing rape or other offence of vaginal or anal intercourse.
22.	12	MOJ	Legal Aid (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To make legal aid available for the interview of alibi witness of the a person who is charged with any offence, including an excepted offence, and who has raised the defence of alibi
23.	13	MOJ	Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Bill	To include a statutory, gender-neutral definition of rape. To abolish the common law presumption that a boy under fourteen years is incapable of committing rape or other offence of vaginal or anal intercourse.
24.	14	OPM	Broadcasting and Radio Rediffusion (Amendment) Bill	To reflect changes in the regulatory responsibilities & the structure of the Broadcasting Commission; change in definition and classification of broadcasting licences to increase local & regional TV programmes via cable

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
25.	1	MFP	Constables Special (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty
26.	2	MFP	Credit Reporting Bill	To establish licensing system of credit bureaus
27.	3	MFP	Industrial & Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill	To strengthen the regulatory framework governing financial institutions by restricting these orgs from engaging in banking business without authority of Minister
28.	4	MH	Mental Health (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in line with National Health Services Act. To provide for the treatment of patients by Mental Health Officers without their consent
29.	5	MFP	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To increase amount payable from insurance coverage for health care
30.	6	MH	Professions Supplementary to Medicine (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for increases in fines
31.	7	MH	Radiation (Safety & Control) Bill	To regulate safety of radiation to users & unsuspecting public
32.	8	MHTWW	Transport Authority (Collection of Fees) (Validation and Indemnity) Bill	Validation of collection of fees
33.	9	MNS	Constable (District) (Amendment) Bill	To modernise Act
34.	10	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Bill	To repeal and replace the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890 (UK), the Administration of Justice Act. 1956 and the Admiral Jurisdiction (Jamaica) Order in Council, 1962 which collectively govern the admiralty jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Jamaica
35.	11	MOJ	Judiciary (Constitutional Amendment) Bill	To raise the age of retirement for judges
36.	12	MOJ	National Heroes (Widows Pension) (Amendment) Bill	To remove the irrevocability of an election to receive pension benefits
37.	13	MOJ	Pensions (Amendment) Bill	To increase the age of retirement for Judicial Officers and Senior Legal Officers in the Public Service
38.	14	MTEC	National Library of Jamaica Bill Institute of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill (No. 1)	To give full autonomy to National Library of Jamaica

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
39.	1	MAL	Animal/Disease & Importation of (Amendment) Bill	Facilitate importation, distribution, storage etc of animal products, include milk & by products re disease & safety
40.	2	MAL	Aquaculture Inland & Marine products & By-products (Inspection, Licensing & Export) (Amendment) Bill	To plug loopholes discovered in Act since opening of Conch season in 2001 and make provisions for import
41.	3	MAL	Banana Insurance (Amendment) Bill Banana Industry (Repeal) Bill	Restructuring of the administrative framework to allow for delegation of the duties of the Banana Board to any body corporate or company having the requisite expertise in banana sales and marketing insurance and the effecting of contractual insurance on existing banana cultivations over and above the statutory limit
42.	4	MAL	Crown Property (Vesting) Amendment	To establish National Divestment Committee to advise Minister of Land and Environment
43.	5	MAL	Fishing Industry (Amendment) Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act
44.	6	MAL	Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Bill	To make Jamaica compliant with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (TPGRFA)
45.	7	MAL	Plants (Quarantine) (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise sanitary and phytosanitary measures with WTO requirements
46.	8	MAL	Quarries Control (Amendment) Act	Improving legislative framework ,increase penalties
47.	9	MAL	Real Estates (Dealers & Developers) (Amendment) Bill	To develop Code of Ethics
48.	10	MAL	Registration of Titles (Amendment) Bill	Improving administrative framework
49.	1. 11	MFAFT	CARICOM Community (Establishment, Services, Capital and Movement of Community Nationals) Amendment	To provide for various sections of the Act to come into force in times considered most appropriate and make rights granted under the Act available only to CARICOM nationals of states implementing the same obligations
50.	2.	MFAFT	Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Bill	To enable legislation for Convention
51.	3.	MFAFT	Convention on Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production & Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines & on their Destruction Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention
52.	4.	MFAFT	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide	To implement the obligations under the Convention

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53.	15	MFAFT	Convention on the Safety of UN Personnel Bill	Enabling legislation for Convention
54.	16	MFAFT	Inter-American Agreement Against Illicit Manufacturing & Trafficking of Arms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Materials Bill	Implementing the Convention
55.	17	MFAFT	International Centre for Environmental & Nuclear Science Bill	Establishment of Centre as Statutory Board
56.	18	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill	To strengthen regulatory framework and the rules governing licensed operators. Improve the fairness of the conduct of race meets. To levy a tax on the gross proceeds of each event as well as the winnings & to allow for the grant of licences to operators of commercial bingo <i>To remove the different number of taxes that now prevail in the Betting & Gaming industry and introduce a gross profit tax instead</i>
57.	19	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill	To provide for a fee structure for administration of prize competitions
58.	20	MFP	Customs (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To give effect to duty free access of goods from the Dominican Republic
59.	21	MFP	Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Bill	Cancellation of tax exemption enjoyed by certain public enterprises
60.	22	MFP	Financial Administration & Audit (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To provide for establishment of Audit Committees in all ministries and departments; to expand the definition of "department"; and to enforce the establishment of audit committees in public bodies. To enhance capability of MDA to carry out functions
61.	23	MFP	Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate imposition of sanctions for breaches of regulations and to enhance monitoring of industries under supervision of FSC
62.	24	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To provide for appeals against decisions not related to assessment
63.	25	MFP	GCT (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To amend Section 3 of GCT Act along lines of Section 3(1) of the Value Added Tax Act of England to ensure that persons who are supplying goods and services in furtherance of taxable activity as defined in the GCT Act cannot escape liability to pay GCT on the grounds that they are not registered taxpayers

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64.	26	MFP	Jamaica Development Bank (Repeal) Bill	Repeal of the Jamaica Development Bank Act
65.	27	MFP	Pensions (Superannuation Funds and Retirement Schemes) (Amendment) Bill Income Tax (Amendment) Bill (No. 3)	Regulation of National Pension Scheme – vesting and portability
66.	28	MFP	Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) (Amendment) Bill	Validation of Acts of Parliamentarians where court overturns elections
67.	29	MFP	Revenue Administration (Amendment) Bill	To extend use of TRN to persons other than taxpayers or persons transacting business with a Revenue Department, and in the case of minors, to allow for the parent or legal guardian to make application on their behalf; provide for penalties in respect of fraud & misrepresentation regarding TRN applications & use.
68.	30	MFP	Securities (Amendment) Bill	Amendment to Section 26 to strengthen the FSC's regulatory authority in respect of Public Offerings.
69.	31	MFP	Stamp Duty (Amendment)	To allow for stamping of document by means of digital imprinting
70.	32	MFP	Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill Companies (Amendment) Bill Income Tax (Amendment) Bill GCT (Amendment) Bill Travel Tax (Amendment) Bill Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill	To enhance compliance re withholding payments, third party requirement to pay, transferring of tax liability to third party and duty of financial institutions to make return on persons in respect of withheld taxes Trust mechanism to improve ability to collect tax revenue and enforce tax judgements
71.	33	MH	Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Bill	To implement the Convention on Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and use of Chemical Weapons and their destruction
72.	34	MH	Child Care and Protection (Advisory Council Regulations and Validation) Bill Child Care and Protection (Children's Home) Validation Bill	To validate acts done in good faith by Child Development Agency
73.	35	MH	Children (Adoption of) (Amendment) Bill	To revise & improve adoption process
74.	36	MH	Food & Drug (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	(i) To include and define over-the-counter products and (ii) five new categories of substances for human consumption

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75.	37	MH	Nurses & Midwives (Amendment) Bill Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill (Companion Bill)	To establish a Nurse Practitioner Council to regulate, control and monitor all categories of Nurse Practitioners To give Nurse Practitioners prescription rights for limited list of pharmaceutical products
76.	38	MH	Pesticide Control (Amendment) Bill [Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Amendment]	To repeal Section 8 subsection (p) of the Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Act to provide the Pesticide Control Authority with sole authority to license Pest Control Operators. Amendment of categories & licences issued & fees paid by pest control operators; fees as penalties for breaching regulations.
77.	39	MH	Public Health (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To make it conform with the National Solid Waste Management Authority Act – environmental health and food safety standards in all tourists establishments etc
78.	40	MHTWW	Jamaica Port Authority (Superannuation Regulations) Bill	To set up a new pension scheme for the Port Authority Staff
79.	41	MHTWW	Jamaica Railway Corporation (Amendment) Bill	To harmonise Act with provisions of OUR Act; to make provisions for privatization of railway operations
80.	42	MHTWW	Main Roads (Amendment) Bill Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To allow for metrification of measurements in the Act and increased fines and removal of fines to Schedule
81.	43	MHTWW	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Bill	To allow for collection for damage to road furniture from offenders
82.	44	MHTWW	New Montreal Convention on Air Line Liability Bill (Carriage by Air)	Unification of certain rules for international Carriage by air. To ratify ICAO's new convention of passengers, baggage and cargo.
83.	45	MHTWW	Port Authority of Jamaica Bill	Repeal & replace existing Act
84.	46	MHTWW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (NO.1)	To provide for comprehensive revision of Act [To repeal and replace the current Road Traffic Act and Regulations (1938) and Companion Acts and Regulations]
85.	47	MHTWW	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To establish Island Traffic Authority as a statutory body

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86.	48	MHTWW	Shipping (Pollution and Control) Bill [Marine Pollution]	To implement for several international conventions (including International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Damage; International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness & Response Cooperation (ICOPP & R); Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) to protect shipping & preserve the marine environment from pollution by ships.
87.	49	MHTWW(Housing)	Housing (Amendment) Bill	To transfer powers of Minister of Housing as Corporation Sole to permanent secretary in said ministry etc
88.	50	MHTWW(Housing)	Mortgage Bank (Amendment) Bill Mortgage Insurance (Amendment) Bill	To enable the Jamaica Mortgage Bank to play a more active role in facilitating acquisition of housing for majority of Jamaicans. To increase the ceiling for the aggregate of loans re insurance policies under the Act.
89.	51	MHTWW(Housing)	Rent Restriction (Change of Name & Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the provision of adequate legislation governing the rental of properties in Jamaica and to bring about greater efficiency in the processing of applications & complaints
90.	52	MHTWW(Water)	Water Resources (Amendment) Bill Flood Water Control (Amendment) Bill	To rationalise responsibility for Flood Water Control between WRA and MHTWW; repeal Flood Control Water Act
91.	53	MHTWW(Water)	Water Supply and Sewerage Service Bill	To provide the framework for multiple service providers in the water sector through a licensing regime, and to establish the appropriate institutional framework, responsibilities and roles of the various players in the water sector consistent with the Policy.
92.	54	MITEC	Companies (Amendment) Bill	Improve transition arrangements for those companies registered under 1965 Act
93.	55	MITEC	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To restrict the deposit taking activities of the Co-operative Societies.
94.	56	MITEC	Copyright (Amendment) Bill	Jamaica's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty
95.	57	MITEC	Customs Duties (Dumping & Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill	To bring Act in close harmony with WTO anti-dumping agreement
96.	58	MITEC	International Finance Company (Income Tax Relief) (Change of Name & Amendment) Bill	To widen scope of services/provide increased tax benefits
97.	59	MITEC	Jamaica Export Free Zones (Amendment) Bill	To provide GCT relief on local cost incurred by Free Zone Operators
98.	60	MITEC	Patents & Industrial Designs Bill	To replace and repeal Patents Act
99.	61	MITEC	Petroleum (Quality Control) Petroleum (Quality Control) Regulations	To provide for the regulation of the petroleum sector as it relates to petroleum safety
100.	62	MITEC	Petroleum and Oil (Conveyance) Bill	To provide for safety measures for conveyance of petroleum

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101.	63	MITEC	Petroleum and Oil Fuel (Landing and Storage) (Amendment) Bill	To provide for the regulation of the Petroleum Sector as it pertains to the storage of petroleum. Bureau of Standards to be responsible for testing imported petroleum.
102.	64	MLGE	Poor Relief Act	To repeal statute on enactment of Unified Benefits Programme
103.	65	MLGE(E)	Ozone Layer Protection Bill	To provide for phase-out of importation of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and to bring together existing orders & regulations concerning controls of ODS
104.	66	MLGE(E)	Real Estate (Dealers & Developers) Amendment	Improving legislative framework
105.	67	MLGE(E)	Registration (Strata Titles) (Amendment) Bill	To improve management of strata properties
106.	68	MLGE)	Disaster Management & Mitigation Bill	To provide for a strengthened legislative framework for disaster management. (To replace ODPEM Act.)
107.	69	MLSS	Employment (Termination Redundancy Payments) Act [Amendment]	To increase fines payable under Act; to increase sum which may be recovered in R.M. Court in claims arising from contract of employment
108.	70	MLSS	Foreign Nationals and Commonwealth Citizens (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the entry of certain categories of CARICOM Nationals into Jamaica without the need for a work permit pursuant to the CSM
109.	71	MLSS	Holidays with Pay	To increase fines payable to more realistic levels and to give RM courts jurisdiction to hear and determine matters arising out of the operation of the Act.
110.	72	MLSS	National Assistance Bill	To incorporate institutional changes under the Social Safety Net Reform (a Unified Benefits Programme) and repeal the Poor Relief Law of 1886.
111.	73	MLSS	National Disabilities	To provide for further protection of rights of persons with disabilities
112.	74	MLSS	Occupational Health & Safety Bill	To provide for safety standards at workplace
113.	75	MNS	Aliens (Amendment) Bill	To allow citizens to perform as registration officers for the purpose of registering aliens.
114.	76	MNS	Constable (Special) (Amendment) Bill	To implement rationalisation of Island Special Constabulary Force (ISCF)
115.	77	MNS	International Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime and Protocols Bill	Ratification of the Convention and its 3 protocols; incorporation of the provisions of the Convention into domestic law. (a) Protocol to Prevent, Suppress & Punish Trafficking in Persons

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				Especially Women & Children; (b) Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Air & Sea; and (c) Protocol Against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts & Components & Ammunitions, Supplementing the UN Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime.
116.	78	MNS	National Independent Investigations Authority Bill	To provide for establishment of independent investigations authority
			Police Public Complaints (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate referrals of matters concerning corruption of members of Force directly to Police Services Commission
117.	79	MNS	Port Security Bill	To grant jurisdiction to MNS for port security standards and regulations and to set up Security Agency
118.	80	MNS	Private Security Regulations Authority ((Amendment) Bill	To make it more relevant
119.	81	MNS	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill	To allow for use of prescribed equipment such as speed measuring devices
120.	82	MNS	Road Traffic (Imposition of Fines) Validation Bill	To validate action taken by relevant authorities pursuant to Provisional Collection of Tax (Road Traffic) order 2002 and subsequent orders enacted in 2003 & 2004 and to increase penalties
121.	83	MOJ	Constitution (Amendment) Bill	To set out additional procedures in application for pardoning in capital cases; To amend section 91 (prisons conditions) and section 17 (mandatory death sentence) of the Constitution
122.	84	MOJ	Contempt Bill	To provide for maximum sentences for contempt
123.	85	MOJ	Coroner's (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	Introduction of Court Reporters.
124.	86	MOJ	Cyber Crime	To provide enabling legislation for handling criminal activities relating to internet and computer.
125.	87	MOJ	Judicature (Resident Magistrates) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings in the Resident Magistrates Court by Official Court Stenographers
126.	88	MOJ	Judicature (Supreme Court) (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the recording of proceedings by Official Court Stenographers
127.	89	MOJ	Jury (Amendment) Bill (No. 2)	To give effect to recommendations concerning majority verdicts for non-capital murder in trials for capital murder; provide for majority of nine jurors in a trial of issue etc.
128.	90	MOJ	Justice of Peace (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To allow for proceedings in Court of Petty Sessions to be recorded by the Official Court

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
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129.	91	MOJ	Mutual Assistance (Criminal Matters) (Amendment) Bill	Ratification of the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters
130.	92	MOJ	Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill	To increase fines & custodial sentences
131.	93	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) (Amendment) Bill (No.1)	To amend Section 3 of the First Schedule to include such other persons as referred to in the First Schedule, Section 3 (1), paragraph 1 (b) III of the Corruption (Prevention) Act, 2000.
132.	94	MOJ	Supreme Court (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Bill	To repeal and replace the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act of 1890 (UK) and the Admiralty Jurisdiction (Jamaica) Order in Council, 1962 which govern the admiralty jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Jamaica. Empowers Rules Committee to make rules to regulate procedures To provide for the Admiralty Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court
133.	95	MTEC	Entertainment Industry (Encouragement) (Amendment) Bill	To provide incentives to approved entertainment operators similar to those proposed for motion picture producers
134.	96	OPM	Anti-Doping Commission Bill	To establish the Commission as the national anti-doping organisation to maintain and carry out the Jamaica Anti-Doping Programme and ensure its consistency with the World Anti-Doping Programme and other best practices
135.	97	OPM	Archives (Amendment) Bill	To legislate access to information generated by Government and reconcile provisions with Access to Information Bill
136.	98	OPM	Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill	To provide necessary statutory guidelines

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
137.	1	MAL	Agricultural Credit Board (Amendment) Bill	Write off of bad and doubtful debts
138.	2	MEY	Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (Amendment) Bill	To enable institution to grant, confer and rescind academic awards
139.	3	MFAFT	Geneva Conventions and its Protocols	To provide for implementing the obligations under the Convention
140.	4	MFP	Constabulary (Special) (Amendment)	To add another ground for retirement after 30 year service; to clarify fact that normal retirement age is 60 years
141.	5	MH	Public Health (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To provide measures for the Regulation and control of tobacco use
142.	6	MHTWW	Professional Engineers' Registration (Amendment)	To include the University of Technology, Jamaica
143.	7	MHTWW	Transport Services Economic Regulation	To implement new legislative regimen where the powers to set fares, rates and tariffs in the public passenger transport sector are vested in the OUR
144.	8	MITEC	Fair Competition Amendment	To improve efficacy of Act, following 2001 case of Jamaica Stock Exchange vs. Fair Trading Commission
145.	9	MITEC	Postal Services Bill [Post Office (Repeal) Bill]	To repeal Post Office Act; Facilitate modernisation & commercialisation of post offices by transferring the Postal Corporation into a statutory body, Jamaica Post.
146.	10	MITEC	Processed Foods (Amendment) Bill	To provide for use of internationally recognised systems
147.	11	MITEC	Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill	To amend the Trade Marks Act and Rules
148.	12	MLSS	Labour Relations and Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate the hearing of disputes involving the non-unionised worker by the Industrial Disputes Tribunal

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
149.	1	MFAFT	Convention of Prohibition of Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological and Toxin Weapons and their destruction	To implement the obligations under the Convention and those established under the United Nations Security Council
150.	2	MFAFT	Legislation to regulate diving activities	To regulate commercial diving activities and diving equipment, safety standards etc.
151.	3	MFP	Bank of Jamaica (Amendment)	To establish new legal tender limits for coins at 50 pieces
152.	4	MFP	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill	To facilitate collection of taxes
153.	5	MFP	Betting, Gaming & Lotteries (Amendment) Bill	To alter rates of gross profit taxes payable by gaming industry effective July 1, 2007
154.	6	MFP	Constables District (Amendment) Bill	To increase minimum gratuity payable for officers killed on duty
155.	7	MFP	Education Tax (Amendment) Bill	Funds collected for taxes to be held separate from funds of collector.
156.	8	MFP	Financial Administration & Audit (Amendment) Bill	To develop regulations dealing with procurement; To provide for surcharge to be imposed in cases of mis-procurement
157.	9	MFP	Licences and Trades Amendment	To provide for increases in fees charged for trade licences and that fees be placed in Schedule so that legislative changes would not be required each time a change was proposed
158.	10	MFP	National Payments System Bill	To provide for legal framework for regulation and operation of Jamaica's payments systems
159.	11	MFP	Payroll Contributions Reform	Elimination of cap of National Insurance Scheme contributions; elimination of Ed. Tax and consolidation of existing statutory contributions into new flat rate earnings based on payroll tax, amendment of relevant acts to amalgamation of the NHT, NIS, Ed Tax, and earmarked HEART Tax into single contribution
160.	12	MFP	Property Tax (Amendment) Bill	To allow for introduction of new valuation roll effective April 1, 2002; new Property Taxes; additional methods of serving valuation & assessment notices; taxpayers to use TRN to pay property taxes and that TCC include property taxes; to give effect to Provisional Liability System (CAP) Taxpayers to use TRN to pay property taxes and TCC to include property tax.

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
			Tax Collection (Amendment) Bill	
161.	13	MFP	Public Enterprises (Removal of Concessions)	To address certain deficiencies
162.	14	MFP	Public Sector Bodies (Management and Accountability) Amendment	To include provisions relating to ethical conduit of public servants To introduce measures to reduce corruption by officers of the state in the procurement of goods and services
163.	15	MFP	Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) Amendment	To allow for repayment of refunded contributions paid by a legislator so that such legislator can qualify for retiring allowance
164.	16	MFP	Road Maintenance Fund (Amendment) National health Fund (Amendment) Human Employment and Resource Training (Amendment)	To allow for imposition of processing fee to defray cost incurred by revenue departments on collecting specialised taxes and other imposts on behalf of public bodies
165.	17	MH	National Health Services Act Management Schemes	To change financial year of regional health authorities to twelve month period ending March 31, of each year
166.	18	MH	National Registration Bill	To provide for compulsory registration of all citizens ordinarily resident in Jamaica and to establish National Registration Commission
167.	19	MH	Rotterdam Convention on the Informed Consent Bill	Prior informed consent for hazardous chemicals etc.
168.	20	MHTWW(Water)	National Water Commission (Amendment) Bill	Enhancement of benefits under new pension scheme
169.	21	MITEC	Protection of New Plant Varieties	For consistency with bilateral Intellectual Property Agreement with USA & WTO TRIPS. To protect the rights of breeders of new plant varieties
170.	22	MLGE	Fire Brigade (Amendment)	To increase membership of Board from 7 to 11
171.	23	MLGE (E)	Convention on Biological Diversity Bill	To Implement Convention on Biological Diversity
172.	24	MLGE(E)	Negril Green island Area Planning Authority (Validation)	To validate activities carried out bona fide since its inception
173.	25	MLGE(E)	Wild Life Protection (Amendment) Bill	To establish ticketing system for certain offences and for permitting juvenile and visitor hunting during bird shooting season
174.	26	MNS	Constable Force (Amendment)	To grant legal status to Jamaica Police Officers Association

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NO	NO	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE
175.	27	MOJ	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill	To reform the existing bankruptcy provisions to enable a more fair, just and efficient bankruptcy machinery. Removal of references to provisional and absolute orders and replace with provision for single bankruptcy order. Provide for the service of the bankruptcy petition on the debtor well in advance of the hearing date.
176.	28	MOJ	Corruption Prevention (Amendment) Bill (2)	To make the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption a Commission of Parliament for admin and financial matters
177.	29	MOJ	Corruption Prevention (Amendment) Bill (3)	Further provisions recommended by Commission
178.	30	MOJ	Parliament (Integrity of Members) (Amendment) Bill (No.2)	To include recommendations made in the Matalon Report on the integrity of public officials
	11	Private Member's Motion brought by Leader of Opposition	Contractor General (Amendment) Bill, 2006	To correct certain deficiencies in the Act , in particular to enable the National Contracts Commission to enforce the provisions of the Act and to provide for legal sanctions for non-compliance by government agencies and departments
	12	Private Member's Bill brought by Abraham Dabdoub, MP	Registration and Funding of Political Parties, Act , 2006	To establish a register of political parties to be maintained by the electoral Committee established under the Representation of the People (Interim Electoral Reform) Act or any Electoral Commission established by amendment to the constitution of Ja. In the Act referred to as the registration authority". To make provision in law for political parties to file accounts, donation reports and other particulars in relation to their receipts and expenditure and to ensure in so far as is possible that the funding of political parties and political activities is derived from legitimate sources. To provide for political parties to be accountable to the registration authority for a campaign finding for elections and referenda

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