Parliament of Sint Maarten

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MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

JUNE 10-14, 2019

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – CC 34 – 11:00AM
The agenda point is:
Discussion on the proposed draft amendments by Aruba with regard to the Kingdom Law Kingdom Disputes (IS/1035/2018-2019 dated May 22, 2019)

MEETING WEEK RECAP - MAY 27-31, 2019
Plenary Public meeting 29 (urgent) Continuation - Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Continuation Plenary Public meeting of Parliament regarding the effects of the lumpsum subsidy on the FAVe and SVBRE schools.
Status: Meeting adjourned, the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sport will return to answer questions posed by the Members of Parliament.

Committee Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunications 03 – Tuesday, May 28, 2019
Comprehensive Plan for Economic Development in Sint Maarten
Status: Meeting closed.

MEETING WEEK RECAP - JUNE 3-7, 2019
Central Committee 31 - Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Central Committee meeting of Parliament regarding the appointment Special Delegates for the handling of the draft Kingdom Law Kingdom Disputes
Status: Meeting closed.

Plenary Public meeting 29 (urgent) Continuation - Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Continuation Plenary Public meeting of Parliament regarding the effects of the lumpsum subsidy on the FAVe and SVBRE schools.
Status: Meeting closed.

Central Committee 33 - Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Central Committee meeting of Parliament regarding the authorization National Ordinance for the disposal of UTS shares
Status: Meeting adjourned, the Initiative taker needs to return to answer the questions from the Members of Parliament.

Committee of Justice 04 Continuation - Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Justice Committee of Parliament regarding the state of affairs of the police Union NAPB of the Sint Maarten Police force
Status: Meeting closed.

Plenary Public meeting 28 Continuation - Friday, June 7, 2019
Continuation Plenary Public meeting of Parliament regarding the approval of the Draft National Ordinance Budget 2019
Status: Meeting adjourned until further notice.

Member of Parliament Mr. Rolando Brison presented the initiative draft law National Ordinance granting Authorization National Ordinance for the disposal of UTS shares to the members of Parliament.

RIGHT TO AMEND AND APPROVE THE BUDGET (BUDGET RIGHT)

Article 100 Constitution
1. The budget for the Country’s revenues and expenditures shall be enacted by national ordinance.
2. The annual budget and the long-term budget shall be balanced. If necessary, in connection with the recovery of damages caused by exceptional events, including natural disasters, exceptions from the first sentence are possible, in accordance with rules issued by or pursuant to a Kingdom Law or national ordinance.
3. The government shall submit one or more drafts of the budget to Parliament each year, no later than September 1st.
4. Account for the revenues and expenditures of the Country shall be rendered to Parliament in accordance with the national ordinance. The accounts examined by the General Audit Chamber shall be submitted to Parliament each year.
5. By national ordinance rules shall be laid down concerning the management of the Country’s finances.

In accordance with article 100 of our Constitution, Government has to prepare a budget each year in order to be able to make expenses (and enter into new loans). This budget needs to reflect both the income as the expenditures that Government intends to make and needs to be balanced. It has become customary that one budget is drafted for the entire collective sector which includes the budget for Government, Parliament and the High Councils of State (such as the Council of Advice, Ombudsman and General

Audit Chamber). This budget, which is a national ordinance, goes through the regular legislative process and ends up by Parliament for debate and approval. This process is repetitive, includes several key moments and is therefore called the budget cycle. The national ordinance containing the budget for the next year must be presented no later than September 1st of the previous year.

A financial account of the revenues and expenditures is examined by the General Audit Chamber and submitted thereafter to Parliament for approval in order for Parliament to scrutinize if the moneys were spent by the collective sector, as approved in the budget.

The budget right is one of the oldest rights of parliaments around the world where legislation and supervision come together.

The Parliament of Sint Maarten commenced with the handling of the draft National Ordinance Budget 2019 on May 14, 2019. On June 7, 2019 the meeting was continued and adjourned until further notice.

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