

Motion

The Parliament of St. Maarten,

Considering:

- That the 2015 budget of Country St. Maarten lacks sufficient revenue generating measures
- That Government of St. Maarten finds itself in a position where it lacks revenue to provide sufficient services to the citizens of this country
- That Turn over Tax has not been yielding sufficient revenue for the Government of St. Maarten and proves difficult to control
- That in order for the economy to be stimulated, Money must be circulated locally rather than internationally
- That government's information systems are not linked, which create low tax compliance

Resolves:

1. To instruct the Minister of Finance to study the creation (or increase) an international transfer fee, to be added to money transfer services such as money gram, western union etc.
2. To instruct the Minister of Finance to start the process of studying the move from direct taxes (Turn over tax of 5%) to indirect taxes, a Value Added Tax (or VAT) on goods. This broadens the tax base of Government.
3. To instruct the Minister of Finance to carry out a study on the possibility of the elimination of the income tax based on the implementation of point 2.
4. To instruct the Minister of General Affairs to start the process to fully automate and integrate the information systems of all ministries across the board. In order to prevent tax evasion, illegal employment and in order for governments information to be complete and accurate (example: A change in your personal data at Census should be reflected at the tax office/ receivers)

And goes over to the order of the day, budget debate January 29, 2015.

Copies to be sent to:

The Governor of St. Maarten

The Government of St. Maarten

The General Audit Chamber

The Committee of Financial Supervision (CFT)

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STATEN VAN SINT MAARTEN
Thursday, January 29, 2015, Public Meeting no. 8
Voting list

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NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	Lloyd J. Richardson, MD	✓	
2.	Theodore Heyliger	✓	
3.	Leona Marlin - Romeo	✓	
4.	Van Hugh de Weever	✓	
5.	Johan Leonard	✓	
6.	Silvio Makser	✓	
7.	Franklin Meyers	✓	
8.	Maurice Lahe	✓	
9.	Christophe Emmanuel	✓	
10.	Sarah Wessot-Williams		✓
11.	Tamara Leonard	✓	
12.	Silveria Jacobs	✓	
13.	George Pantophlet	✓	
14.	Frans Richardson	✓	
15.	William Marlin	—	—

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