



Overview of motions 2010-2019

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NO.	DATE	TITLE	DECISION	INITIATOR/P RESENER	DESCRIPTION	REMAR KS
<p><i>Definition motion: A motion entails a statement, instruction or desire/request of Parliament pertaining to a specific topic. Motions can be used for example to express that the Government or a Minister individually no longer has the support of Parliament. But motions can also support or reject a certain development or request that Government takes action to resolve an issue. Members of Parliament can submit a motion in accordance with article 45 of the Rules of Order of Parliament.</i></p>						
Parliamentary Year 2010-2011						
01*	June 30, 2011		Retracted	W.V. Marlin		
02	June 30, 2011	Motion GEBE	Retracted	W.V. Marlin	Motion instructing the Shareholder Representative of GEBE to request the management and Board of Supervisors of GEBE to submit within 30 days an answer on the possibility to grant consumers up to 50% reduction on the Fuel Clause for a period of 6 months	
03*	June 30, 2011		Retracted	W.V. Marlin		
04	June 30, 2011	Motion Timeshare Regulatory Board	Accepted (F: 15, A: 0)	P.L. de Weever	Motion instructing the Council of Ministers to allocate an amount of NAfl. 200.000 from the Tourism budget chapter 43499-80024 and transfer to budget chapter 43476-2030 of which funds will be used solely for the drafting and amendment of legislation which will	

					be enacted to protect the rights of Timeshare owners and also create a Timeshare Regulatory Board etc. etc.	
Parliamentary Year 2011-2012						
01	November 17, 2011	Motion solidarity with employees Simpson Bay Resort	Rejected (F: 6, A: 7)	W.V. Marlin	Motion declaring that Parliament is in solidarity with the dismissed employees of the Simpson Bay Resorts and Marina and their struggle to secure continued permanent employment with the Resort, denounce the actions of the general manager of the Simpson Bay Resorts Management Company etc. etc.	OV 7 under agenda point 2
02**	November 17, 2011	Motion solidarity with workers Simpson Bay Resort and Marina and the Simpsonbay Resort Management Company BV	Rejected (F: 7, A: 0)	R.J. Laville	Motion declaring that Parliament is in solidarity with workers Simpson Bay Resort and Marina and the Simpsonbay Resort Management Company BV and calling on Government to use whatever influence , powers and authority it may have to intervene mediate with the Management of the Resort and the WIFOL labor union, in order to bring back labor rest at the resort, with the understanding that this desire of the Parliament is not limited to a possible	OV 7 under agenda point 2

					extension of the tripartite agreement signed among parties in the month of March 2011	
01	February 13, 2012	Motion Chairlady violation Constitution	Rejected (F: 6, A: 8)	W.V. Marlin	Motion declaring that the Chairlady of Parliament, drs. Gracita Arrindell, violated the Constitution of St. Maarten, by allowing Member of Parliament, Mr. Jules James to vote on a draft motion, in which it had been clearly established that he was a proxy, being the general manager of the Simpson Bay Resorts Management Company, as mentioned several times in the considerations and the resolutions of the draft motion of November 17 th , 2011	OV 10
02	February 13, 2012	Motion MP Jules James violation Constitution	Rejected (F: 6, A: 8)	L.E. Laveist	Motion declaring that Member of Parliament, Mr. Jules James, violated the Constitution of St. Maarten, by voting on a draft motion, in which it had been clearly established that he was a proxy, being the general manager of the Simpson Bay Resorts Management Company, as mentioned several times in the	OV 10

					considerations and the resolutions of the draft motion of November 17 th , 2011	
03	February 13, 2012	Motion requesting Council of Advice for advice	Rejected (F: 6, A: 8)	L.J. Richardson	Motion expressing that the Parliament of Sint Maarten will ask the Council of Advice to provide Parliament with an advice on how to deal with the issue of members of Parliament having another full time job and to ask the Council of Advice to advise specifically on the following issue: Is having another full time job, besides the membership of Parliament in conflict with the Constitution of Sint Maarten?	OV 10
01	March 22, 2012	Motion Mullet Pond	Rejected (F: 7, A: 8)	F.G. Richardson	Motion expressing that Parliament is in favor of protecting Mullet Pond and establishing the entire Mullet Pond and the associated mangroves as a Nature Park as described in Article 8 of the "Eilandsverordening natuurbeheer en – bescherming Sint Maarten (AB 2003, 25)" and Article 10 of the "Landsverordening grondslagen natuurbeheer en – bescherming (P.B. 1998, 49)" and to charge the Council of	OV 13

					Ministers specifically the Minister of VROMI with the task of establishing the entire Mullet Pond as a Nature Park and to further zone the entire Mullet Pond as described in the abovementioned ordinances and further provided for in the “Eilandsverordening ruimtelijke ontwikkelingsplanning Sint Maarten (A.B. 1993, nr. 13)” within 60 days of the passing of this resolution	
02	March 22, 2012	Motion Emilio Wilson Estate	Rejected (F: 6, A: 9)	F.G. Richardson	Motion expressing that Parliament is in favor of zoning the entire Industry and the Goldenrock commonly known as the Emilio Wilson Estate for conservation purposes, as a Nature Park or land-based protected area as described in Article 8 of the “Eilandsverordening natuurbeheer en – bescherming Sint Maarten (AB 2003, 25)” and Article 10 of the “Landsverordening grondslagen natuurbeheer en – bescherming (P.B. 1998, 49)” etc. etc.	OV 13

03	March 22, 2012	Motion Plastic Bags	Retracted	F.G. Richardson	Motion expressing that Parliament is against the importation and production of single-use disposable plastic carry-out bags, supports a ban on the distribution of single-use disposable plastic carry-out bags etc. etc.	OV 13
04	March 22, 2012	Motion Alternative Energy	Accepted unanimously	R.J. Lavelle	Motion requesting Government to do all within its power to start within (90 days) a study for alternative energy for government subsidiaries, its beneficiaries for 2012 starting with installations of LED lightings in order to alleviate the cost of electricity with the objective and goal to achieve the highest level of Governments energy generation from the use of renewable energy	OV 13
05	March 22, 2012	Motion Pawn shop legislation	Accepted unanimously	R.J. Lavelle	Motion requesting Government to do all within its power to start within (90 days) to enact a new law that regulates pawn shop and cash for gold business activities and to use the Alabama Pawn shop Act as a blue print and customize such to benefit Country St. Maarten	OV 13

06	March 22, 2012	Motion Environmental Legislation	Retracted	J.E. Leonard	Motion to introduce new legislation or to amend existing legislation stipulating a ban on plastic bags, in view of the pursuit by St. Maarten of an environmentally sustainable development and to apply the Draft Policy mentioned in the above consideration as a blueprint to introduce new legislation or to amend existing legislation stipulating a ban on plastic bags	OV 13
07	March 22, 2012	Motion Succession Tax	Accepted (F: 15, A: 0)	P.L. de Weever	Motion to defer (suspend) with immediate effect the implementation and collection of succession tax, until the Parliament of St. Maarten has presented and approved the adaptation of legislation to completely abolish the Succession Tax Ordinance	OV 13
08	March 22, 2012	Motion reallocation of funds from Carnival to St. Maarten Pony League	Retracted	P.L. de Weever	Motion to amend the draft budget 2012 by lowering the contribution in the budget for Carnival from NAfl. 500.000 to NAfl. 455.000 budgeted and re-allocating this amount of NAfl. 45.000 to the	OV 13

					St. Maarten Pony League	
09	March 22, 2012	Motion Land Tax	Accepted unanimously	P.L. de Weever	Motion to defer (suspend) any possible implementation of the assessment, levying and collection of land tax in accordance with the Land tax ordinance PB 1908 nr 27, until Parliament of St. Maarten has presented and approved the adaptation of legislation to completely abolish the Land Tax Ordinance	OV 13
10	March 22, 2012	Motion Land Tax	Accepted unanimously	P.G. Illidge	Motion expressing that Parliament is against the importation and production of single-use disposable carry-out bags, supports a ban on the distribution of single-use disposable plastic carry-out bags, whether through sale or as a complimentary service, to consumers etc. etc.	OV 13
01	June 29, 2012	Motion no support Chairperson G.R. Arrindell	Accepted (F: 8, A: 5)	R.R. Marlin	Motion declaring that the Chairperson of Parliament no longer enjoys the support of the majority of Parliament and that the Parliament in its meeting of June 29, 2012 have decided in accordance with article 57 of the Constitution of St.	OV 16 under agenda point 3

					Maarten to appoint a new member to occupy the position of Chairperson, which appointment will take effect per July 15, 2012	
Parliamentary Year 2012-2013						
01	April 18, 2013	Motion Labor Law amendment	Accepted (F: 10, A: 0)	R.J. Laville	Motion requesting the Minister of Labor to amend labor laws governing Sint Maarten to include an article on the protection of employees and their rights, by transfer of ownership of a company (Rechten van de werknemer bij overgang van een onderneming) as it is done in the Netherlands, in accordance with the labor laws of Book 7 of the Dutch Civil Code, Title 10, Section 8, Article 662-666, and have them incorporated to suit and regulate the labor laws on the island	OV 5
02	April 18, 2013	Motion Employer/Employee Pension Plan	Accepted unanimously	R.J. Laville	Motion requesting the Minister responsible for Health Care, Social Development and Labor to do everything within his power , during a 30 day period to begin to amend current labor laws of the Civil Code of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba to include the implementation of a compulsory	OV 5

					employee/employer pension system for wage earners and residents that will ensure the individuals, upon termination of their contribution to the labor market, as a result of reaching the retirement age (60), will enjoy an income from their employer's pension fund, in addition to the basic pension (AOV) provided by SZV , to better serve the needs of the people of this country. AB 2011no. 85 [Aruba] can be used as a blueprint for government to develop a mandatory employee/employer pension system for Country Sint Maarten	
03	April 18, 2013	Motion Free Primary Education	Accepted (F: 8, A: 0)	R.J. Laville	Motion requesting the Minister responsible for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports to do everything within her power for the upcoming academic year to begin to amend current laws, regarding primary education on Sint Maarten, to reflect the subsidization of public and primary schools on the island, to ensure that our children are given the right to free primary education, pursuant to article 28 [right to education] of UNICEF's Convention of the	OV 5

					Rights of the Child, which states that “All children have the right to a primary education, which should be free”	
04	April 18, 2013	Motion Beach Access	Accepted unanimously	R.J. Laville	Motion to charge the Minister of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure (VROMI) with the task of strengthening legislation towards maintaining the recreational and ecological value of Sint Maarten’s beaches, including improved control, enforcement, and penalization and to charge the Council of Ministers with the task of drafting and implementing a Beach Protection Ordinance, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the passing of this motion. This Beach Protection Ordinance should include the principles and regulations outlined in the Beach Policy and set additional regulations aimed at protecting the recreational, ecological and natural values of Sint Maarten’s beaches and securing unrestricted and unobstructed public access and ample parking spaces	OV 5

05	April 18, 2013	Motion Breakfast Program	Accepted unanimously	R.J. Laville	Motion requesting the Minister of Health Care, Social Development and Labor and the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs with the task of partnering with wholesalers, supermarkets, restaurants and other companies on the island by means of incentives to create a breakfast program for all primary schools on the island	OV 5
06	April 18, 2013	Motion Justice Complex	Accepted (F: 8, A: 1)	R.J. Laville	Motion supporting and approving the plans of the Ministry of Justice to establish the "Justice Complex" and its components as set forth in the plans previously submitted to and debated in Parliament, approving in principle the letter of intent of April 1, 2013 as submitted and requiring that the Minister of Justice provide reports of the progress of negotiations and the execution of the aforementioned plans	OV 5
07	April 18, 2013	Motion New Government Administration Building	Accepted unanimously	F.G. Richardson	Motion calling on the Government of St. Maarten in connection with the completion and occupation of the new Government Administration building to within 60 days	OV 5

					<p>present Parliament an updated schedule of investment activity with time lines having an elaborate elucidation with respect to the completion and occupation by the civil servants of the new Government Administration building and to commence within 6 months the building of Blok D and the building of the parking garage on Pond Island</p>	
08	April 18, 2013	Motion National Heritage	Accepted unanimously	F.G. Richardson	<p>Motion charging the Minister of Culture and Education with commissioning an expert workgroup to compile and develop a standardized National Heritage Program for St. Maarten's primary, secondary, tertiary schools and stakeholders in the tourism and hospitality industry, including National Heritage Education in the mandatory school curricula, appointing a qualified and experienced National Heritage Educator to launch a "teach the teacher program" with the goal of informing educators on the ways to provide National Heritage Education</p>	OV 5

09	April 18, 2013	Motion Cricket and Football Field	Accepted (F: 8, A: 1)	F.G. Richardson	Motion requesting the Government of St. Maarten-specifically through the Minister of Tourism, Economy, Transport and Telecommunications, the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports and the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Development, Environment and Infrastructure- to do all that is necessary, to have the assignment of a preliminary design for a Cricket stadium and Football field, mentioned in the letter of the Executive Council dated December 30, 2009 nr. 6893/09, and awarded to Pream Architects be carried out and have a softball field included in said design and to have the draft 2014 budget amended to accommodate aforementioned sports facilities in order to commence with the building of a cricket stadium, football and softball field in the year 2013 on the Eastern side of Pond Island on the location south of the Little League Stadium	OV 5
10	April 18, 2013	Motion Fort Amsterdam	Accepted (F: 10, A: 0)	F.G. Richardson	Motion supporting the Minister of Culture in the Minister's efforts to ensure that Divi	OV 5

					<p>Little Bay resort provides unrestricted public access to Fort Amsterdam as it is legally required to do, charging the Council of Ministers with the task of pursuing all legal measures necessary on securing public access to Fort Amsterdam, expressing that Parliament is in favor of further protecting Fort Amsterdam and establishing Fort Amsterdam as a Protected Area and a Nature Park as described in Article 8 of the Landsbesluit natuurbeheer en – bescherming Sint Maarten (AB 2003, 25) and Article 10 of the Landsverordening grondslagen natuurbeheer en – bescherming (P.B. 1998, 49), expressing that Parliament is in favor of the purchase by the Government of Sint Maarten of the portion of the Little Bay Peninsula where Fort Amsterdam and associated structures are located and charging the Council of Ministers specifically the Minister of VROMI to present within ninety (90) days of passing of this motion, the options, consequences, implications and duly</p>	
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					negotiated costs of the purchase of the portion of the Little Bay Peninsula where Fort Amsterdam and associated structures are located as zoned and described in the “Ontwikkelingsplan Fort Amsterdam”	
11	April 18, 2013	Motion Mullet Pond	Accepted (F: 8, A: 0)	F.G. Richardson	Motion expressing that Parliament is in favor of protecting Mullet Pond and establishing the entire Muller Pond and the associated mangroves as a Nature Park as described in Article 8 of the “Landsbesluit natuurbeheer en – bescherming Sint Maarten (AB 2003, 25)” and Article 10 of the “Landsverordening grondslagen natuurbeheer en – bescherming (P.B. 1998, 49) and charging the Council of Ministers specifically the Minister of VROMI with the task of taking the necessary measures towards establishing the entire Mullet Pond as a Nature Park and to zone the entire Mullet Pond for conservation purposes as described in the abovementioned ordinances and further provided for in the “Landsverordening ruimtelijke ontwikkelingsplanning	OV 5

					Sint Maarten (A.B. 1993, nr. 13)” within 180 days of the passing of this resolution	
12	April 18, 2013	Motion Financial assistance for Environmental Protection in the Caribbean – Sint Maarten (EPIC)	Accepted unanimously	F.G. Richardson	Motion to charge the Council of Ministers with the task of taking the necessary measures towards providing financial support in the 2013 budget for Environmental Protection in the Caribbean-Sint Maarten as per the attached budget proposal	OV 5
13	April 18, 2013	Motion Electoral Reform	Accepted unanimously	F.G. Richardson	Motion calling on Government to do all that is necessary to ensure the achievement of a free fair and in balance administered electoral system by amending the current electoral laws with respect to voters political parties and candidates, agents or supporters before the upcoming Parliamentary elections 2014 and in so doing protecting the integrity of the democratic process etc. etc.	OV 5
14	April 18, 2013	Motion Crime Fund	Accepted (F: 13, A: 0)	P.G. Illigde	Motion requesting the Minister of Justice to set aside an amount of NAfl. 50.000 from the Crime Fund which will be used as a contribution towards the Second Chance	OV 5

					Foundation in order for it to achieve its goals	
15	April 18, 2013	Motion GEBE relief	Accepted (F: 13, A: 0)	P.G. Illigde	Motion requesting the Minister in charge with Energy Affairs to request the management and the Board of Supervisors of GEBE to submit within 30 days an answer on the implementation of this relief and to present in collaboration with GEBE a fair proposal for relief to the less fortunate in our community with emphasis on our Senior citizens	OV 5
16	April 18, 2013	Motion Slachtofferhulp	Rejected (F: 5, A: 7)	G.R. Arrindell	Motion requesting the Government of Sint Maarten to amend the budget 2013 once approved and transfer NAfl. 200.000 from the budget post 44201.30001 from the budget allocated to the VKS for the establishment of a special victims unit (slachtofferhulp) for Sint Maarten under the Ministry of Justice or the Ministry under which the abovementioned unit may resort	OV 5
01	May 24, 2013	Motion no support Chairperson R.E. Samuel	Accepted (F: 8, A: 3)	P.L. de Weever	Motion declaring that the Chairperson of Parliament Mr. Rudolf Samuel no longer enjoys the support of the majority of	OV 6

					Parliament and that Parliament in its meeting of May 24 th 2013 dismisses the Chairperson from this function with immediate effect	
Parliamentary Year 2013-2014						
01	December 3, 2013	Motion survey level of a "living wage" for Sint	Accepted (unanimously)	F.G. Richardson	Motion requesting the Minister of Health Care, Social Development and Labor to carry out a survey to determine the level of a "living wage" for Sint Maarten and report back to Parliament within sixty days	OV 5
01	January 15, 2014	Motion operational loss subsidy GEBE	Accepted (unanimously)	R.R. Marlin	Motion concerning the operational loss subsidy that was being paid by GEBE for the operations of Saba and Statia to go directly towards the decrease of the fixed cost charged by GEBE to residential consumers	OV 7
02	January 15, 2014	Motion cut travel budget of Parliament	Accepted (F: 15, A: 0)	R.R. Marlin	Motion concerning the cut of the travel budget of Parliament to a maximum amount of NAFI. 375.000 in order to use this amount for subsidies to NGO's and educational institutions.	OV 7
03	January 15, 2014	Motion possibility of acquiring 3	Accepted (F: 15, A: 0)	R.R. Marlin	Motion requesting government to explore the possibility	OV 7

		parcels of land in Middle Region			of acquiring 3 parcels of land in 2014 in Middle Region.	
04	January 15, 2014	Motion look into the deterioration of the liquidity position of the country	Accepted (unanimously)	J.C. James	Motion requesting government to look into the deterioration of the liquidity position of the country	OV 7
01	May 26, 2014	Motion training legislative lawyers	Accepted (unanimously)	R.R. Marlin	Motion concerning the training of legislative lawyers locally through cooperation between the universities of the countries Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten	OV 16 agenda point 3
02	May 26, 2014	Motion Unicef report on situation of children on Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten	Accepted (F: 8, A: 0)	R.R. Marlin	Motion concerning the Unicef report on the situation of children on Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten to fight violations of the rights of the child	OV 16 agenda point 3
01	July 2, 2014	Motion on request to MinFin to invoke the Comptability Ordinance especially article 41, paragraph 4	Rejected (F: 4, A: 7)	R.R. Marlin	Motion concerning the request to the Minister of Finance to invoke the Comptability Ordinance especially article 41, paragraph 4	OV 18 under agenda point 2

01	April 24, 2014	Motion non-confidence MinVROMI	Rejected (F: 4, A: 10)	L.E. Laveist	Motion stating that the Minister of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure, Mr. Maurice Lake, no longer enjoys the support of the majority in Parliament	OV 13 under agenda point 3
02	July 2, 2014	Motion condemning MinVROMI on purchase Vorst property	Rejected (F: 4, A: 8)	R.R. Marlin	Motion condemning the Minister of Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure, Mr. Maurice Lake in signing the sales and purchase agreement for the Vorst property without exercising the necessary due diligence and caution as should be expected by a responsible minister.	OV 18 under agenda point 2
01	September 8, 2014	Motion giving instructions to outgoing Government	Accepted (F: 8, A: 3)	R.R. Marlin	Motion to request the Prime Minister to inform the individual Ministers not to make any long term policy, financial and or decisions of such a nature as granting lands in long lease, bus and taxi licenses, concessions, hiring and placement of personnel in crucial functions, decisions on the waste to energy concession or any other such decisions that may	OV 19

					obstruct , or encumber the incoming government from functioning adequately during the next governing term	
Parliamentary Year 2014-2015						
01	September 29, 2014	Motion on request to Kingdom Council of State for advice on the actions of the Kingdom Council of Ministers pertaining to the instructions to both the Governor of Aruba and the Governor of Sint Maarten	Accepted unanimously	R.R. Marlin	Motion requesting the Governments of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten to ask the Kingdom Council of State for advice on the actions of the Kingdom Council of Ministers pertaining to the instructions to both the Governor of Aruba and the Governor of Sint Maarten	OV 1 under agenda point 2
02	September 29, 2014	Motion on request to finalize the Dispute Regulation	Accepted unanimously	R.R. Marlin	Motion requesting the Parliaments and Governments of the countries as well as the Kingdom Council of Ministers to finalize the dispute regulation in which an independent body is created to handle legal disputes pertaining to the interpretation of the Kingdom Charter	OV 1 under agenda point 2

01	October 22, 2014	Motion to condemn the measure of instruction to the Governor of Sint Maarten	Retracted	L.J. Richardson	Motion to condemn the measure of instruction to the Governor of Sint Maarten formulated by the Dutch Government in resolution # 2014-00005520250 dated 17 October 2014 and any subsequent measures to be undertaken by the Dutch Government resulting in the violation of the Constitution of Sint Maarten as well as the plight that Parliament will undertake all actions necessary to present the actions of the Kingdom Government against the People of Sint Maarten and the Country Sint Maarten before the United Nations Decolonization Committee, Parlatino and the pertinent Regional Organizations of the Caribbean such as OECS and CARICOM	OV 4
02	October 22, 2014	Motion issuing a call to the Governor of Sint Maarten not to carry out the measure	Retracted	L.J. Richardson	Motion issuing a call to the Governor of Sint Maarten not to carry out the measure of instruction formulated by the Dutch Government by	OV 4

		of instruction formulated by the Dutch Government			resolution #2014-00005520250 on 17 October 2014, but to continue the performance on his tasks with due respect of the applicable laws of Country Sint Maarten to which he in his capacity as Governor and citizen of Sint Maarten is duty bound	
03	October 22, 2014	Motion rejecting the abovementioned instruction as well as instructing Government to set up a Committee to study, evaluate, recommend an action plan based on the findings and recommendations of several reports	Accepted unanimously	L.J. Richardson	Motion rejecting the abovementioned instruction as well as instructing Government to set up a Committee to study, evaluate, recommend an action plan based on the findings and recommendations of the following reports: a) the General Audit Chamber, b) the "Doing the right things" (Bob Wit) and c) the PWC report of integrity. The action plan must include a budget and a timeline to implement the recommendations of the said reports	OV 4
01	January 29, 2015	Motion amendment budget 2015 to use amount of NAF 1,167,560 from budget	Rejected (F: 6, A: 9)	S.E. Jacobs	Motion requesting Government to amend the budget 2015 to be allowed to use the amount of NAF 1,167,560 from budget post	OV 8

		post 44201.6110 for programs Sports Developme nt etc.			44201.6110 project Educational Behavior Modification Program for programs in the areas of Sports Developments, Monuments Conservation, Youth and Early Childhood Development, as well as Music, Dance, Art and Culture Foundations	
02	January 29, 2015	Motion on instruction to managemen t GEBE to reduce the fuel clause for all consumers	Accepted (F: 15, A: 0)	S.E. Jacobs	Motion requesting the Government as shareholder of GEBE to instruct the management of GEBE to take the necessary steps to immediately reduce the fuel clause for all consumers	OV 8
03	January 29, 2015	Motion on creation international transfer fee to be added to money transfer services	Accepted (F: 13, A: 1)	F.A. Meyers	Motion instructing 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, 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, to carry out a study on the possibility of the elimination of the income tax based on	OV 8

					the implementation of point 2 and to start the process to fully automate and integrate the information systems of all ministries across the board	
04	January 29, 2015	Motion on provisional approval for implementation medical health coverage for elderly, sole-proprietors, vendors, bus and taxi drivers and their families	Voting adjourned	V.H.C. de Weever	Motion giving the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor a provisional approval to commence with the implementation of Article V of the draft ordinance entitled "Landsverordening bezuiniging en beheer sociale zekerheid en zorg" allowing for the elderly, sole-proprietors, vendors and bus and taxi drivers and their families to have access to medical coverage	OV 8
05	January 29, 2015	Motion to amend budget 2015 and transfer monies to allocate subsidies for different organizations and projects specifically geared	Accepted (F: 13, A: 2)	T.E. Leonard	Motion requesting Government to amend the budget 2015 and transfer monies to allocate subsidies for different organizations and projects specifically geared towards the youth, sports and culture	OV 8

		towards the youth, sports and culture				
Parliamentary Year 2015-2016						
01	September 17, 2015	Motion on English as mother tongue	Accepted unanimously	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion requesting the Ministers of General Affairs and Education, Culture, Youth and Sports to present to Parliament within 60 days: 1. A plan to establish English as the first and “mother tongue” language for St. Maarten, 2. A plan of approach to gradually introduce the use of the mother tongue as the first official language of St. Maarten 3. and to develop a plan for civil servants in departments where Dutch is common and sometimes mandatory, because of political, historic, legal, staffing, or other reasons, to rapidly become proficient and trained in the Dutch language, by means of programs developed specifically for this purpose	OV 2 under agenda point 2
01	September 17, 2015	Motion on travel with ID card residents of Aruba and Curaçao	Accepted unanimously	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion urging the Government of Sint Maarten to ensure and explore the possibility for residents of Aruba and Curaçao to use a valid	OV 2 under agenda point 3

					identification card to enter the island	
02	September 17, 2015	Motion on introduction appeal in two instances in tax procedure laws	Accepted unanimously	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion urging the Government of Sint Maarten to bring about the necessary changes in their tax law	OV 2 under agenda point 3
03	September 17, 2015	Motion on Constitutional Court	Accepted unanimously	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion requesting Parliament to share information on the topic "Constitutional Court" with the Parliaments of Aruba and Curaçao	OV 2 under agenda point 3
04	September 17, 2015	Motion on Dispute Regulation	Accepted unanimously	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion to emphasize the importance of the introduction of an independent institution that will issue binding rulings in strictly legal disputes where it pertains to the Charter of the Kingdom as soon as possible	OV 2 under agenda point 3
05	September 17, 2015	Motion on creation separate registry for registering births, marriages, deaths etc.	Accepted unanimously	L.M. Marlin-Romeo	Motion requesting the Minister of General Affairs to ensure that a separate registry is created to accommodate the registering of births, marriages, deaths acknowledgments, name changes and adoptions of persons registered in St. Maarten but born, married or died off the island	OV 2 under agenda point 3

01	September 30, 2015	Motion on condemning strongly and repudiating the remarks made by Attorney General Mr. Guus Schram	Accepted unanimously	W.V. Marlin	Motion condemning strongly and repudiating the remarks made by Attorney General Mr. Guus Schram that the underworld and legitimate society in Sint Maarten are structurally intertwined, calling on the competent authorities to invite Attorney General Mr. Guus Schram to tender his resignation as Attorney General and calling on the Government of Sint Maarten to demand that the Attorney General of Sint Maarten reside and work on Sint Maarten as a member of the legitimate society of St. Maarten, and be committed to fighting crime and defending the reputation of Sint Maarten	OV 5 under agenda point 1
01	September 30, 2015	Motion on non-confidence Gumbs cabinet	Accepted (F: 8, A: 7)	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion establishing that the Gumbs Cabinet, consisting of the ministers, Marcel Gumbs, Martin Hassink, Dennis Richardson, Rita Bourne-Gumbs, Claret Connor, Raphael Boasman and Ernest Sams no longer enjoy the confidence of the Parliament of Sint Maarten	OV 5 under agenda point 2

01	October 28, 2015	Motion on calling ministers to tender their resignations	Accepted (F: 8, A: 5)	W.V. Marlin	Motion calling on the ministers collectively and individually to do the right thing and tender their resignations immediately and rejecting the decision taken by the caretaker Gumbs Cabinet to dissolve the Parliament of St. Maarten and call a new election, as this decision by the caretaker Government is predicated on the wrongful and misleading grounds that an election will “fix political ship-jumping”	OV 9
02	October 28, 2015	Motion on instructions to caretaker Government	Accepted (F: 8, A: 6)	F.G. Richardson	Motion demanding that the ministers of the Gumbs Cabinet make their positions available to the Governor immediately, and hold the ministers responsible for decisions taken following the motion of no confidence against them	OV 9
01	January 27, 2016	Motion on fast ferry between islands	Accepted unanimously	G.C. Pantophlet	Motion to underscore the desirability of establishing fast ferry connections between Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire, respectively and also between Sint Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius	OV 15 under agenda point 3

02	January 27, 2016	Motion on expansion possibility of asking preliminary questions in civil cases	Accepted unanimously	G.C. Pantophlet	Motion supporting the amendment in the Kingdom Law on Cassation for Aruba, Curacao, Sint Maarten, and Bonaire, Statia and Saba to expand the possibility of asking preliminary questions in civil cases and that the Parliament can send special delegates for the handling and submissions of a draft amendment	OV 15 under agenda point 3
03	January 27, 2016	Motion on double language test	Accepted unanimously	G.C. Pantophlet	Motion requesting cancelation of the requirement of a double language test for persons seeking naturalization in Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten and the public entities Bonaire, Statia and Saba	OV 15 under agenda point 3
04	January 27, 2016	Motion on ministerial cooperation (Ministeriele Samenwerkingsraad)	Accepted unanimously	G.C. Pantophlet	Motion calling on the governments of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten to ascertain as soon as possible how an outline can be given to a formal and structural platform for ministerial cooperation between the three countries	OV 15 under agenda point 3
01	January 15, 2016	Motion on provisional approval for implementation medical health	Voting postponed	V.H.C. de Weever	Motion granting provisional approval to the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor to commence	OV 13 under agenda point 2

		coverage for elderly, sole-proprietors, vendors, bus and taxi drivers and their families			with the implementation of Article V of the draft ordinance entitled "Landsverordening Bezuiniging en Beheer Sociale Zekerheid en Zorg." This will allow the elderly, sole-proprietors, vendors, bus and taxi drivers and their families to have access to medical health coverage	
01	March 10, 2016	Motion on mandatory identification card for drivers of taxis and buses	Accepted unanimously	R.E. Samuel	Motion requesting the Minister of Justice to come with guidelines or adjustment of the Traffic Ordinance or other relevant regulations, to make it mandatory that drivers of taxis and buses, have their identification card and an emergency phone number in the taxis and buses where they are visible to the passenger when in the taxis and buses	OV 16
02	March 10, 2016	Motion on mandatory service for unemployed youth between 18 and 25 years	Accepted unanimously	R.E. Samuel	Motion requesting the Minister of General Affairs to prepare the guidelines and facilities to start recruiting the unemployed youngsters born in Sint Maarten between the ages of 18 and 25, for mandatory services, starting January 2017	OV 16

03	March 10, 2016	Motion on job secured scholarships	Accepted unanimously	R.E. Samuel	Motion requesting the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs to develop a policy with regards to study financing and to create the possibility that a number of job secured scholarships can be granted to persons who desire to make use of it	OV 16
Parliamentary Year 2016-2017						
01	November 10, 2016	Motion pertaining to the border issues with the French side in particular Oyster Pond	Accepted (F: 11, A: 0)	S.E. Jacobs	Motion to strongly condemn the act of aggression exemplified by the unilateral actions of the French Authorities/Gendarmes in Oyster Pond Lagoon which has historically and legally been part of Dutch Sint Maarten and to call on the Kingdom Minister of Foreign Affairs to promptly address this matter with his counterparts in Paris	OV 4 (urgent)
01	November 24, 2016	Motion relieving Chairperson of Parliaments of duties	Accepted (F: 9, A: 3)	W.V. Marlin	Motion to relieve the Chairperson of Parliament, Mr. Claret Connor of his duties as Chairperson and thank him for serving in his capacity since October 31, 2016	OV 5 (urgent)
01	December 16, 2016	Motion pertaining to guidelines execution	Accepted (F: 14, A: 0)	F.G. Richardson	Motion to call on the Minister of Finance to prepare and submit to Parliament within a period of three	OV 7

		Algemene landsverordening landsbelastingen Sint Maarten			months, guidelines on the execution of the articles 26, and 49 par. 3 of the “Algemene landsverordening landsbelastingen Sint Maarten”	
01	January 30, 2017	Motion pertaining to the fact that the protocol signed on May 24, 2015 is no longer executable	Accepted unanimously	drs. R.E. Samuel	Motion to vigorously condemn the action by the Minister for Interior and Kingdom Relations and call upon the government of St. Maarten to use all means available to it to block the creation of any institution by whomsoever that is in violation of the laws of St. Maarten	OV 10
02	December 16, 2016	Motion pertaining to implementing a fee on annual basis for managing directors license	Accepted (F: 12, A: 2)	F.G. Richardson	Motion to call on Government to explore the possibility of implementing a fee of NAfl. 9000 payable on an annual basis for foreign investors that hold a managing directors fee	OV 7
03	December 16, 2016	Motion pertaining to detailed plan of approach with a realistic time line of steps and further necessary activities to accomplish recommendations of	Accepted unanimously	drs. R.E. Samuel	Motion to instruct the Minister to within 60 days present to the Parliament of St. Maarten a detailed plan of approach with a realistic time line of steps and further necessary activities to accomplish the recommendations in the report: “Selectiviteit in het opsporings en vervolgingsbeleid van	OV 7

		report on how the Public Prosecutor's office in Sint Maarten, generally executes its monopoly to prosecute and how content is given to the related discretionary principle of expediency			het Openbaar ministerie in Sint Maarten: Een onderzoek naar de invulling van het vervolgingsmonopolie en het opportuniteitsbegins"l " (how the Public Prosecutor's office in Sint Maarten, generally executes its monopoly to prosecute and how content is given to the related discretionary principle of expediency)	
04	December 16, 2016	Motion pertaining to presenting draft legislation regulating integrity of ministers to Parliament	Accepted unanimously	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion to instruct the Government of St. Maarten to present the draft legislation regulating integrity of ministers, which should include the screening, disclosure etc. of the (candidate) ministers to Parliament for Parliament's scrutiny, following the necessary legislative steps and by February 1, 2017 inform Parliament of the results of this action.	OV 7
05	December 16, 2016	Motion pertaining to the landfill	Accepted unanimously	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion to call on the Government of St. Maarten to declare a) solid waste disposal management, b) the closing down of the landfill, c) the rehabilitation of the landfill area priority	OV 7

					no. 1 and exhaust all means to begin the process of ending the disposal of waste in the Great Salt Pond, and to this end call on partners such as the Netherlands, the EU, and any potential other to assist in this endeavor with especially the expertise necessary to commence to cessation of the landfill operations.	
06	December 16, 2016	Motion pertaining to detailed plan of approach with a realistic time line of steps and further necessary activities to combat robberies on St. Maarten	Accepted unanimously	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion to instruct the Minister to within 60 days present to the parliament of St. Maarten a detailed plan of approach with a realistic time line of steps and further necessary activities to accomplish the recommendations in the report "Aanpak van de bestrijding van overvallen in Sint Maarten" (Approach to combating robberies on St. Maarten)	OV 7
07	December 16, 2016	Motion pertaining to the development of the plan: English as the first official language of St. Maarten	Accepted (F: 14, A: 0)	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion to instruct the Government of St. Maarten to allocate NAfl. 500.000 in the first budget amendment 2017 due by May 15 of the same year to the development of the plan: English as the first official; language of St. Maarten	OV 7

Parliamentary Year 2017-2018						
01	October 24, 2017	Motion pertaining to refraining from attending or travelling to Parlatino	Accepted (F:9, A:0)	A.M.R. Irion	Motion pertaining to refraining of Parliament from attending or travelling to the Parlatino meetings for at least one year effective October 24, 2017 with the exception of attending the General Assembly (no. 2)	OV 3 under agenda point 4
02	October 24, 2017	Motion pertaining to a number of items to be executed by Government due to passing hurricane Irma	Accepted unanimously	S.A. Wescot-Williams	Motion pertaining to the declaration: - that Government and Parliament would activate immediately a weekly question hour; - that Government shall institute regular consultation with French St. Martin and inform Parliament of these consultations regularly; - that the Government, in consultation with French St. Martin, will work post haste on cleanup of the Simpsonbay Lagoon making use of the proposal which formed part of the Operational Program of the EU; - etc. (no. 1)	OV 3
03	November 2, 2017	Motion pertaining to instructions to Government with regards	Accepted (F:8, A:0)	C.M.M. Connor	Motion to commit to the principles of integrity, transparency and good governance etc. and to amend the draft national ordinance Integrity	OV 6

		to the Integrity Chamber			Chamber and include the matters raised in the letter of the Dutch minister for Kingdom Affairs dated October 13, 2017 and to instruct the Justice Minister of St. Maarten to negotiate a mutual agreement with his Dutch counterpart to realize the cooperation as recommended in the same aforementioned letter etc.	
04	November 2, 2017	Motion pertaining to no to the draft Integrity Chamber ordinance with the amendments	Accepted (F:8, A:0)	P.F.M. Geerlings	Motion expressing no objection to the draft Integrity Chamber ordinance with the amendments recommended by the Dutch government in its letter to the government of St. Maarten on October 13 th and presented in draft to the Prime Minister on Tuesday, October 31 st	OV 6
05	November 2, 2017	Motion expressing no confidence in the Marlin II cabinet with exception of Minister Lee	Accepted (F:8, A:6)	T.E. Leonard	Motion expressing no confidence in the following Ministers: William Marlin, Silveria Jacobs, Christopher Emmanuel, Rafael Boasman, Melissa Arrindell-Doncher and Richard Gibson	OV 6
06	November 10, 2017	Motion regarding disapproval of decision to dissolve	Accepted unanimously	P.F.M. Geerlings	Motion to disapprove the decision of the Government (National Decree No. LB-17/0575) to dissolve	OV 8

		Parliament and hold premature elections			Parliament and hold premature elections	
07	November 10, 2017	Motion pertaining to instruction to Minister Plenipotentiary to introduce the decree of dissolutions of Parliament	Accepted unanimously	C.M.M. Connor	Motion regarding an instruction to the Government c.q. to the Minister of General Affairs to instruct without any delay the Minister Plenipotentiary to introduce the decree of dissolution of Parliament dated November 3, 2017 (LB-17/0575) to the agenda of the next meeting of the Kingdom Council of Ministers and to promote its nullification on the basis of section 22 of the Regulations for the Governor of Sint Maarten (the so-called "spontaneous nullification")	OV 8
08	November 10, 2017	Motion pertaining to immediate discharge of Mr. William Marlin as Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs	Accepted (F:8, A:1)	F.A. Meyers	Motion to discharge Mr. William Marlin of his duties as Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs with immediate effect	OV 8
09*	May 8, 2018	Motion concerning reduction of	Voting postponed to another meeting	W.S. Smith	Motion to reduce the gross salaries of Members of	OV 19

		salaries of Members of Parliament			Parliament by 15% and to instruct the Minister of General Affairs to amend the necessary legislation to accommodate the aforementioned reduction of 15% and to submit draft legislation for such to Parliament for approval within 60 days of the date of this motion.	
Parliamentary Year 2018-2019						
01	November 9, 2018	Motion pertaining to calling the Minister of ECYS to draft a safe school plan	Accepted (F:5, A:4)	C.A.H. Peterson	Motion regarding calling on the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport to draft a safe school plan in close cooperation with all stakeholders and present this plan to Parliament within 60 days, with a first reporting on its progress in 30 days.	OV 2 under agenda point 2
01*	November 12, 2018	Motion approve and submit all tax legislation relevant to tax reform and convening of monthly meetings of the Committee of Finance for periodic updates	Meeting adjourned due to a lack of a quorum and hence voting could not take place.	F.G. Richardson	Motion instructing the Minister of Finance to approve and submit an outline of all tax legislation to be drafted relevant to the agreed tax reform and a schedule for completion and presentation of draft tax legislation and or amendments, not exceeding a period of 3 months. This motion also calls to convene monthly meeting of the Committee of Finance of Parliament to which the Minister of	OV 7

					Finance is invited to provide periodic updates with regards to the draft tax legislations and amendments.	
02*	November 12, 2018	Motion pertaining to tax collection agreement between country St. Maarten and AirBnB and VRBO	Meeting adjourned due to a lack of a quorum and hence voting could not take place.	R. Brison	Motion to have the Minister of Finance engage directly with AirBnB and VRBO in signing a tax collection agreement with country Sint Maarten, allowing these platforms to collect the accommodations tax or turnover tax on behalf of hosts and remit these to St. Maarten and that the Minister of Finance report back to Parliament with draft tax collection agreements with aforementioned platforms within 30 days.	OV 7
01*	January 21, 2019	Motion of non-confidence MinTEATT	Meeting adjourned after the first round.	C.T. Emmanuel	Motion stating that the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication, Mr. Stuart Johnson, no longer enjoys the confidence of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.	OV 17

*This file is incomplete.

**At the time of the voting there was no longer a quorum hence the voting should have been halted but was not done.