

*Debates in plenary session of the  
Fourth Ordinary Period of  
Sessions of the Parliament begin  
today*

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Havana, December 18 (RHC) -- The deputies of the Fourth Ordinary Period of Sessions of the National Assembly of People's Power of Cuba (parliament) begin debates today in plenary session, after two days of discussions in permanent commissions.

Convened from December 18th to the 20th, the parliamentarians will address issues of impact for the Caribbean nation such as the economic plan and budget for 2025, and the status of compliance with agreements adopted in previous periods.

During the analysis in permanent commissions, the Minister of Economy and Planning, Joaquín Alonso, announced that the economic plan planned for that stage will be focused on achieving the projected growth or surpassing it, and to do so it will be necessary to advance in the recovery of the national electric energy system, improve the fuel balance and increase agricultural production.

They also plan to strengthen the manufacturing industry and services, achieve a better performance of the business system, as well as carry out the approved transformations and measures, in order to maximize their positive and multiplying effects for the rest of the economy.

For this, a total budget of 148 thousand 370 million pesos (one dollar equals 24 pesos, at the official exchange rate) is planned, of which 63 percent will be in the priority sectors and the main ones will be concentrated in the programs for food production, in the modernization of Antillana de Acero and in renewable sources of energy.

The deputies will also evaluate the highest oversight of the National Institute of Hydraulic Resources and the transformation of the science, technology and innovation system in the management of the Government; as well as the care system, and the process of accountability of the delegate to his constituents.

In this sense, the Minister of Science, Technology and Environment (Citma) of the Caribbean nation, Armando Rodríguez, pointed out that the sector is focused on increasing foreign exchange earnings from the export of goods and services, as well as the energy reconversion of Cuba.

For his part, the head of Energy and Mines, Vicente de la O, addressed the government program for the recovery of the National Electric Energy System in the shortest possible time, achieving its accelerated growth and sustainability to satisfy the demand of the economy and the population.

All with a focus on transition and energy sovereignty, and efficient and rational use of energy, he said.

He placed special emphasis on the project to install 120 MW in a photovoltaic solar park, the process of acquiring 30 thousand domestic solar systems, as well as the management of the minimum scheme for the Herradura 1 wind farm, located in the eastern province of Holguín.

He stressed the importance of the start of the recovery of the four tanks at the Matanzas Supertanker Base, due to the need for fuel storage.

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