



**SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**ORDER PAPER**

**THIRD SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2010/2011), TENTH PARLIAMENT  
TUESDAY JULY 13, 2010 AT 1:30 P.M.**

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Motions

- (i) The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday July 06, 2010 will be resumed:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the ‘State of the Economy’ at this time.

**(By the Minister of Planning, Economic and Social Restructuring and Gender Affairs)**

## PRIVATE BUSINESS

### Motions

- (i) **WHEREAS** Parliament is the arm of the State which gives effect to policy initiatives of the Executive through enabling legislation;

**AND WHEREAS** an efficient and effective Parliament can lead to improved governance for the benefit of citizens;

**AND WHEREAS** inordinate delays in the workings of Parliament can have an adverse impact on citizens, the economy and the society;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Parliament take steps to evaluate its efficiency and effectiveness;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that arising from the evaluation, Parliament take the necessary action within its control to maximize its efficiency and effectiveness.

**(By Senator Subhas Ramkhelawan)**

- (ii) **WHEREAS** successive governments/administrations have alluded to the need for constitutional reform;

**AND WHEREAS** the previous People’s National Movement administration tabled in Parliament and circulated for public comment, a blue print for Constitutional Reform;

**AND WHEREAS** the current People’s Partnership administration had indicated during the election campaign that certain Constitutional Reform measures are to be pursued;

**AND WHEREAS** the repeal and replacement of the entire Constitution may not be the necessary, desirable or effective approach to better align the overall requirements of the nation for a more just and equitable society and enhanced governance;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the process of Constitutional Reform be pursued through a series of amendments addressing specific areas of concerns;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rationale for, as well as the scheduling and sequencing of each series of proposed amendments to the Constitution, be effectively communicated to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago prior to debate in the Parliament.

**(By Senator Subhas Ramkhelawan)**

**Neil Jaggassar  
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**July 07, 2010**