



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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TENTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2010/2011), TENTH PARLIAMENT
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Monday July 20, 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)

Bills Second Reading

- (i) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Wednesday September 22, 2010 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the service of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending on the 30th day of September, 2011”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

- (ii) A Bill entitled, “An Act to validate the Ninth Report of the Elections and Boundaries Commission on the boundaries of the electoral districts in the electoral area for Tobago under the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25: 50”.

(By the Minister of Local Government)

- (iii) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Evidence Act, Chap. 7:02”.

(By the Attorney General)

- (iv) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60 and the Kidnapping Act, Chap. 11:26”.

(By the Attorney General)

- (v) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Firearms Act, Chap. 16:01”.

(By the Minister of National Security)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions

- (i) **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday August 03, 2010 will be resumed:**

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)

- (iii) **WHEREAS** we live in a world driven by Science and Technology; and
WHEREAS there is an established strong correlation between Science and Technology on one hand and economic development on the other; and
WHEREAS there is a need to diversify our economy and look for new directions for sustainable economic development; and
WHEREAS such new directions can be engendered by the proper application of Science and Technology.
BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago create with a sense of urgency the necessary policies and enabling environment to promote the full development of Science and Technology and facilitate its contribution to our economic development.

(By Senator Prof. Harold Ramkissoon)

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