



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

**ORDER PAPER**

**SIXTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2012/2013)  
TENTH PARLIAMENT  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2012 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Motions

- (i) **WHEREAS** Article (8) of the Trinidad and Tobago (Constitution) Order in Council, 1961 provided that ..... “the Governor shall make and cause to be laid before the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, when they first meet such Standing Orders with respect to the matters mentioned in article 26 of the Constitution as appear to him expedient to enable the Senate and House of Representatives to commence the transaction of their business in an orderly manner, but any such Orders may be amended or revoked by the chamber to which they relate”;

**AND WHEREAS** the Standing Orders of the Senate were made by the Governor in 1961 pursuant to the said Article and laid before the Senate on December 29, 1961;

**AND WHEREAS** the last review of these Standing Orders was undertaken in 2000;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Standing Orders of the Senate be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report within the current session.

**(By the Leader of Government Business)**

### Bills Second Reading

- (i) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday October 16, 2012 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to provide for the Service of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013’.

**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**

## PRIVATE BUSINESS

### Motions

- (i) **WHEREAS** the Cabinet of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, appointed a Task Force to review our penal system and to make recommendations;

**AND WHEREAS** Cabinet accepted the recommendations of the said Task Force as government policy;

**AND WHEREAS** several of these recommendations are at varying levels of implementation;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the government fully implement these recommendations for the modernization, transformation and efficiency of the penal system and the Prison Service.

**(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)**

- (ii) **WHEREAS** conditions conducive to free, fair and transparent elections are essential to preserving Democracy;
- AND WHEREAS** various resources are needed to finance and support free, fair and transparent election campaigns;
- AND WHEREAS** the cost of financing campaigns has increased substantially over decades and sources of campaign finance are not transparent and therefore, a matter of importance to citizens;
- AND WHEREAS** citizens need to be satisfied that there is fairness and full disclosure with respect to transactions involving the use of public resources by elected representatives in the process of governance;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that Parliament appoint a Joint Select Committee to propose a legislative framework to govern the financing of election campaigns and to submit its report with recommendations to both Houses of Parliament within six months of its appointment.

**(By Senator Helen Drayton)**

- (iii) **WHEREAS** the Interception of Communications Act, 2010 is now part of the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago;
- AND WHEREAS** there exist provisions for the management of the information gathered by the Security Intelligence Agency (SIA), prior to and after the passage of the abovementioned Act;
- AND WHEREAS** spokespersons for the Government, before and after the passage of this Act, have issued statements with respect to the management of information gathered by the state intelligence apparatus;
- AND WHEREAS** questions have arisen as to whether such statements are at variance with international best practice raising concerns as to the safety and security of citizens of Trinidad and Tobago;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate examine this state of affairs and record its observations and concerns on these issues, which are at the heart of our national security and good governance in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)**

- (iv) **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 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)**

- (v) **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in its preamble, its terms and spirit, recognises and promotes the observance and practice of democratic principles;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the government re-affirm its commitment to these principles and the practice of democracy in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)**

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