

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 89TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2015-2018) OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON MONDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2018,
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN.
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (69)

Speaker (1)

*Hon Dr. Barton U.A. Scotland, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (36)

(i) **A Partnership For National Unity/Alliance For Change (36)**

First Vice-President and Prime Minister (1)

+ Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P., First Vice-President and Prime Minister

Other Vice-Presidents (3)

+ Hon. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P., Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs

+Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., Vice-President and Minister of Public Security

+*Hon. Sydney Allicock, M.S., M.P., Vice-President and Minister of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs (1)

+ Hon. Basil Williams, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Senior Ministers (15)

+ Hon. Amna Ally, M.P., Minister of Social Protection and Government Chief Whip

+ Hon. Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P., Minister of State

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+ Cabinet Member

*Non-Elected Member

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- + Hon. Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P., Minister of the Public Service
- + Hon. Ronald A. Bulkan, M.P., Minister of Communities
- + Hon. Dr. George A. Norton, M.P., Minister of Social Cohesion with responsibility for Culture, Youth and Sport
- + Hon. Winston D. Jordan, M.P., Minister of Finance
- + Hon. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P., Minister of Natural Resources
- + Hon. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of Public Health
- + Hon. David A. Patterson, M.P., Minister of Public Infrastructure
- + Hon. Catherine A. Hughes, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister of Public Telecommunications
- +*Hon. Winston G. Felix, D.S.M., M.P., Minister of Citizenship
- + Hon. Hans Dominic Gaskin, M.P., Minister of Business
- +Hon. Noel L. Holder, M.P., Minister of Agriculture
- +Hon. Dawn Hastings-Williams, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni), Minister of Public Affairs
- +Hon. Nicolette O. Henry, M.P., Minister of Education

Ministers (7)

*Hon. Keith Scott, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Social Protection

Hon. Annette N. Ferguson, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Public Infrastructure

Hon. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs

Hon. Jaipaul Sharma, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister within the Ministry of Finance

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+ Cabinet Member

*Non-Elected Member

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Hon. Dr. Karen Cummings, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica), Minister within the Ministry of Public Health

Hon. Simona Charles-Broomes, M.P., Minister within the Ministry of Natural Resources

Hon. Valarie Patterson-Yearwood, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice), Minister within the Ministry of Communities

Other Members (9)

Ms. Jennifer J. Wade, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Ms. Rajcoomarie Bancroft, M.P. (Region No. 8 –Potaro/Siparuni)

Mr. John Adams, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Richard Allen, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Mr. Michael Carrington, M.P.

Mr. Jermaine Figueira, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Mr. Charrandas Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Haimraj Rajkumar, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Audwin Rutherford, M.P.

MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION (32)

(i) People’s Progressive Party (32)

Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Mr. Clement J. Rohee, M.P.

Ms. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Ms. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

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Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P.

Ms. Pauline Campbell-Sukhai, M.P.

Mr. Odinga Lumumba, M.P.

Bishop Juan A. Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P.

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Dr. Vindhya V. Persaud, M.S., M.P.

Ms. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P.

Mr. Joseph L.F. Hamilton, M.P.

Mr. Collin D. Croal, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Ms. Gillian R. Burton-Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.P.

Dr. Jennifer Westford, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Ms. Africo Selman, M.P.

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P.

Ms. Yvonne Pearson- Fredericks, M.P.

Mr. Neendkumar, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No.3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Dr. Vishwa D.B. Mahadeo, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Cornel Damon, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supenaam) (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Alister S. Charlie, M.P. (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

Mr. Nigel D. Dharamlall, M.P.

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Mr. Adrian V. Anamayah, M.P.

Mr. Harry Gill, M.P.

Ms. Bhagmattie Veerasammy, M.P.

Mr. Vickram O. Bharrat, M.P.

Officers (2)

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly

Ms. Hermina Gilgeours, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.05 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker made the following announcements:

(1) **National Day of Mourning**

“Honourable Members, you would have noticed that the flags at the top of our National Assembly’s Building flies at half-mast today. Today is a National Day of Mourning in Guyana and we join with our fellow citizens in observing this Day when we pay tribute to the memory of our fellow citizens who lost their lives in such a brutal fashion to pirates at sea. Honourable Members, I invite you to rise and join me in observing a minute of silence in their memory.”

Minute of Silence

A minute of silence was observed as a mark of respect for the Fishermen who lost their lives in such a brutal fashion to pirates at sea.

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(2) **Leave:**

Honourable Members, leave has been granted to Mr. Cornel Damon, for today's Sitting.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

(1) By the First Vice-President and Prime Minister:

Annual Reports of the National Communications Network Inc. for the years 2015 and 2016.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Social Protection:

Annual Review of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund Committee for the year 2016.

(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister of Finance:

Treasury Memorandum Pursuant to Resolution No. 79/2018 dated March 15, 2018 of the National Assembly on the Public Accounts of Guyana for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

(Circulated)

(4) The First Vice-President and Prime Minister, on behalf of the Minister of Public Infrastructure, presented the following:

(i) Audited Financial Statement of the Demerara Harbour Bridge Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 2014.

(Circulated)

(ii) Audited Financial Statement of the Cheddi Jagan International Airport Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 2015.

(Circulated)

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(5) By the Minister of Public Telecommunications:

Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission for the year 2017.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **HIRING OF SPECIAL PROSECUTORS**

Member Asking: Mr. Mohabir Nandlall, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

The Honourable Minister, in response to questions during the Estimates of the Annual Budget Debates for the years 2017 and 2018, informed the House that \$109M was allocated in sub-head 6284 under programme 523 Attorney General's Chamber in the 2017 Budget and that in the same sub-head and programme in the 2018 Budget undisclosed funds were also allocated for the hiring of Special Prosecutors, including foreign lawyers.

Could the Honourable Minister provide this House with information on the number of Special Prosecutors that have been hired, their salaries and benefits, travel and hotel costs, etc., incurred, and, the number of cases they are/have been handling for the period January, 2017 – March, 2018?

(Notice Paper No. 141 (Q28 Opp. 27) published on 2018-05-16)

ANSWERS:

- 1) "Five Special Prosecutors
- 2) Retainers fee of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to be applied against the Attorney's fees and cost incurred by the Client or expenses paid by the Attorney on behalf of the Client and twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) per hour for legal services rendered in prosecuting matters in Court.
- 3) No travel and hotel costs have been incurred.
- 4) There were twelve (12) cases from January 2017 – March 2018.

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It should be noted that Agreement signed by the Special Prosecutors is dated 7th June 2017. Therefore, there would be no cases assigned before that date.”

2. STATUS OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION

Member Asking: Mr. Mohabir Nandlall, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Would the Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs provide this National Assembly with the following information with regards to the status of the Law Reform Commission:-

- (i) Is the Law Reform Commission functioning?
- (ii) Who are the persons appointed to the Commission?
- (iii) The remuneration package of the persons appointed to the Law Reform Commission?
Or, if no one has been appointed as yet what is the anticipated remuneration package?
- (iv) Is the Commission provided with staff, and, if so, the number of positions and salaries of those persons?
- (v) What is the address of the Law Reform Commission?
- (vi) If the building in which the Law Reform Commission is accommodated is being rented, could a copy of the Rental Agreement be provided?

(Notice Paper No. 142 (Q29 Opp. 28) published on 2018-05-16)

ANSWERS:

- 1) “The Law Reform Commission is in the final stage of readiness. Persons have been interviewed for the position of Commissioners. Some staff for the Commission have been hired. The Law Reform Commission Building is ready.
- 2) No Commissioners have been appointed however interviews were conducted for Commissioners on the 19th and 20th June, 2018.
- 3) No remuneration has been approved.

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4) The following staff have been hired for the Commission-

POSITION	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	GROSS SALARY
Legal Officer	1	\$700,000.00
Legal Clerk	2	\$150,000.00
Typists	3	\$130,000.00
Office Assistant	2	\$100,000.00
Cleaner	1	\$75,000.00
Driver	1	\$120,000.00

5) Lot 56 Robb Street, Bourda, Georgetown, Guyana

6) Please find attached, Rental Agreement at **Appendix (I)**”

3. APPOINTMENT OF CORONERS

Member Asking: Mr. Mohabir Nandlall, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Would the Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs inform this National Assembly as to:-

- (i) The number of Coroners who were appointed since the enactment of the Coroners (Amendment) Act – No. 3 of 2016?
- (ii) The names of the Coroners, their qualifications and their dates of appointment?
- (iii) The remuneration package of Coroners?

(Notice Paper No. 143 (Q30 Opp. 29) published on 2018-05-16)

ANSWERS:

- i) “The appointment of Coroners is the remit of the Judicial Service Commission.
(Section 3A of the Coroners Act 2015)
- ii) The appointment of Coroners is the remit of the Judicial Service Commission.

iii) To be decided by the Judicial Service Commission.”

4. **CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE LINDEN HOLDINGS INC.’S SUSSEX STREET PROPERTY**

Member Asking: Mr. Mohabir Nandlall, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Public Health

Would the Honourable Minister of Public Health inform this National Assembly as to:-

- (i) The total sums paid to Linden Holding Inc. as rent for the property situated at lot 29 Sussex Street, Albouystown, as of March 31, 2018?
- (ii) What action has been taken with regards to implementing the recommendations that the contract be renegotiated to obtain a lower rate of rental, and, if not possible, that the Lease Agreement be terminated?

(Notice Paper No. 144 (Q31 Opp. 30) published on 2018-05-21)

ANSWERS:

- i) “The total sum paid for the period July, 2016 thru March, 2018 is two hundred and sixty four million, five hundred thousand dollars (G\$264,500.00).
- ii) The actions taken were Notice of Quit dated October 31, 2016 by the Permanent Secretary, Trevor Thomas.

A reminder dated October 3, 2017, was sent by the Permanent Secretary, Ms. Colette Adams.”

5. **SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT (SLED) INITIATIVE**

Member Asking: Dr. Vindhya Persaud, M.S., M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Social Protection and Government Chief Whip

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Could the Hon. Minister provide this National Assembly with the following information:-

- (a) The number of persons employed by each recipient of the grants awarded through the Sustainable Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development (SLED) Initiative since its establishment in 2015 to December 31, 2017?
- (b) The frequency distribution breakdown of net operating revenues for the entire population of SLED grants recipients from the Initiative's establishment in 2015 to December 31, 2017?
- (c) The date each SLED grant recipient, where applicable, registered under the following: Business Names (Registration) Act, the Companies Act, or the Co-operative Societies Act?
- (d) The disaggregated breakdown of non-programme expenses (i.e., overhead costs) associated with the SLED Initiative since its inception in 2015?
- (e) The operational cost of the Ministry/Unit which manages the SLED Initiative per annum; number of staff, salaries and benefits per annum; other charges?

(Notice Paper No. 145 (Q32 Opp. 31) published on 2018-05-21)

ANSWERS:

See **Appendix (II)** for answers to the questions above.

6. **BENEFICIARIES OF THE SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT (SLED) INITIATIVE**

Member Asking: Dr. Vindhya Persaud, M.S., M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Social Protection and Government Chief Whip

Could the Honourable Minister provide this National Assembly with information regarding the beneficiaries of the Sustainable Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development (SLED) Initiative as follows:-

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- (a) The name of each recipient of the grants awarded through the Sustainable Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development (SLED) Initiative since its establishment in 2015 to December 31, 2017?
- (b) The value of the grant awarded to each recipient?
- (c) The date(s) each grant was disbursed to each recipient?
- (d) The form of business ownership each recipient takes (e.g. sole proprietorship, partnership, company, cooperative)?
- (e) The description of the economic venture undertaken by each of the recipients?
- (f) The location (community and region) of each recipient?
- (g) The total number of applications received for a SLED grant?
- (h) The criteria used to determine the size and recipient of the grant?
- (i) The names, qualifications and role of all officials involved in evaluating SLED grant applications and determining whether they will receive funding?
- (j) The total number of applications received for a SLED grant which were rejected?
 - (a) The names and form of ownership of each applicant for a SLED grant who was rejected?
 - (b) The value of the grant requested by each applicant for a SLED grant who was rejected?
 - (c) The description of the economic venture proposed to be undertaken by each of the applicants for a SLED grant who was rejected?
 - (d) The location (community and region) of each applicant for a SLED grant who was rejected?

(Notice Paper No. 148 (Q33 Opp. 32) published on 2018-05-29)

ANSWERS:

See **Appendix (III)** for answers to the questions above.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

Presidential Proclamation for a National Day of Mourning in honour of the Fishermen killed by Pirates in Surinamese waters

The Minister of Public Security made a statement on a Presidential Proclamation to honour the victims of the massacre of Guyanese fishermen off the coast of Suriname between April 27 and May 3, 2018.

PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2018 – Bill No. 9/2018 published on 2018-04-25**

The Minister of Communities moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act, Local Government Act, Local Authorities (Elections) Act, Local Democratic Organs Act, Local Authorities (Elections) (Amendment) Act 1990 and Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000 in relation to local authorities' elections.

(Read a first time on 2018-04-26)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Mohabir Nandlall

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha

Mr. Ganga Persaud

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SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3.58 p.m. the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.06 p.m. the Sitting was resumed.

Assembly resumed the debate on the Local Authorities (Elections) (Amendment) Bill.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Mr. Collin Croal

Mr. Vickram Bharrat

Mr. Alister Charlie

The Minister of Public Security

Mr. Neendkumar

Ms. Pauline Campbell- Sukhai

Ms. Gail Teixeira

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 7.35 p.m. the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.13 p.m. the Sitting was resumed.

Assembly resumed the debate on the Local Authorities (Elections) (Amendment) Bill.

Thereafter, the Minister of Communities replied.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Assembly resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed.

Clause 2

(i) The Minister of Communities moved the following amendments which were put and carried:

Clause 2(b)

“In the section 12(1) being substituted, in paragraph (c) immediately before the words ‘Mayor and’ insert the words ‘Councillors,’.

(ii) Moved by Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P., and seconded by Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P., the following amendments were put and negatived:

(a) “Clause 2 (c) (6) (b)

Delete the words “At the second round of voting, the Town Clerk shall proceed”

Insert the following words ‘**Within ten (10) days of the first round of voting and with proper notice to the councilors, the Town Clerk shall proceed to hold the second round of voting and**’ before the words in the second line which read ‘to take the votes of the councilors present for the candidates and declare the councilor securing the greatest number of votes to be elected as Mayor.’ ”

(b) “Clause 2 (c) (6) (d)

Delete the words ‘At the third round of voting, the Town Clerk shall proceed’

Insert the following words ‘**Within ten (10) days of the second round voting and with proper notice to the councilors, the Town Clerk shall proceed to hold the third round of voting and**’ before the words in the second line which read ‘to take the votes of the councilors present for the candidates and declare the councilor securing the greatest number of votes to be elected as Mayor.’ ”

(c) “Clause 2 (c) (8)

In the third line after the words ‘**the Town Clerk**’ and before the word “acting” insert the following words, ‘**shall inform the members of the public in that municipality and councilors and within 10 days,...**’ ”

(iii) The Minister of Communities moved the following amendments which were put and carried:

(a) “Clause 2(e)

In the introductory words of section 33 being substituted, for the word ‘City’ substitute the word ‘Town’. ”

(b) “Immediately after clause 2(e) insert the following paragraph (eA) –

‘(eA) in section 35, in subsection (4) by the subsection for the introductory words of the following –

“(4) Subject to section 12(1)(c), the term of office of the town councillors shall be three years, commencing on the first day of January following upon the declaration, under section 101 of the Local Authorities (Elections) Act, of the election results for the District and ending on the last day of December of the third year, subject to and calculated in accordance with the electoral cycle as specified in section 35 of the Local Authorities (Elections) Act.” ”

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(c) “Immediately after clause 2 insert the following clause 2A-

‘Amendment of section 22 of the Local Government Act.
2A.Section 22 of the Local Government Act is amended by the substitution for subsection (7) of the following-

“(7) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the term of office of the councilors shall be three years, commencing on the first day of January following upon the declaration, under section 101 of the Local Authorities

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Cap. (Elections) Act, of the election results for the village and ending on the last
28:03 day of December of the third year, subject to and calculated in accordance with
the electoral cycle as specified in section 35 of the Local Authorities
(Elections) Act.

(b) If for any reason an election of councilors, referred to in paragraph (a) is held on any day before the first day of October, the term of office of the current holders of the offices shall end and the councilors, Chairman and Deputy Chairman elected as a consequence of the election shall enter upon their offices immediately upon taking the oath.” ”

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clause 3

Moved by Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P., and seconded by Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P., the following amendments were put and negatived:

(a) “Clause 3 (6) (c)

Delete words “At the second round of voting, the Overseer shall proceed”...

Insert the following words “**Within ten (10) days of the first round of voting and with proper notice to the councilors, the Overseer shall proceed to hold the second round of voting and** before the words in the second line which read “to take the votes of the councilors present for the candidates and declare the councilor securing the greatest number of votes to be elected as Chairperson.” ”

(b) “Clause 3 (6) (e)

Delete the words “At the third round of voting, the Overseer shall proceed”

Insert the following words “**Within ten (10) days of the second round of voting and**

with proper notice to the councilors, the Overseer shall proceed to hold the third round of voting and” before the words in the second line which read “to take the votes of the councilors present for the candidates and declare the councilor securing the greatest number of votes to be elected as Chairperson.” ”

(c) “Clause 3 (7)

In the third line after the words “the Overseer” and before the word “acting” insert the following words, **“shall inform the members of the public in that neighborhood democratic council and councilors and within 10 days, ...”** ”

Clause 3 was then passed as printed.

Clause 4

Moved by Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P., and seconded by Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P., the following amendments were put and negatived:

(a) “Clause 4 (a) (1) (b) as follows:-

After the words “the Minister by Order but”_ delete the rest of the paragraph and replace with the words **“the following elections shall be held as specified in paragraph (a)”**

Add a new paragraph (c) which read as follows-

“In each year which is a year of election of a council, after the declaration under section 101 of this Act of the results of that council, a meeting of that council shall be held not later than the tenth day after the declaration of the persons elected to be councilors for the purpose of electing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor or the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the ensuing year.” ”

(b) “Clause 4 (b) (1A) (c) (i) and (ii)

Remove the word “or” after the word “tie” at the end of clause 4 c (b) (IA) (c) (i) and replace it with the word “and”

Delete Clause 4 (b) (1A) (c) (ii) and substitute with a new (ii) which reads “within five days conduct the procedure as provided for in 94 D (IA) (a) ”

Clause 4 was then passed as printed.

Clause 5

Moved by Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P., and seconded by Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P., the following amendments were put and negatived:

(a) “Clause 5 (6) (b)

Delete the words “At the second round of voting, the clerk shall proceed”.

Insert the following words “**within ten (10) days the first round of voting and with proper notice to the Councilors, the Clerk shall proceed to hold the second round of voting and** “before the words in the second line which read “to take the votes of the councilors present for the candidates and declare the councilor securing the greatest number of votes to be elected as Chairperson.” ”

(b) “Clause 5 (6) (d)

Delete the words “At the third round of voting, the Clerk shall proceed”

Insert the following words “**Within ten (10) days of the second round of voting and with proper notice to the councilors, the Clerk shall proceed to hold the third round of voting and**” before the words in the second line which read “to take the votes of the councilors present for the candidates and declare the councilor securing the greatest number of votes to be elected as Chairperson.” ”

(c) “Clause 5 (6) (h)

In the third line after the words “**the Clerk**” and before the word “**acting**” insert the following words, “**shall inform the members of the public in that council and councilors and within 10 days,...**” ”

Clause 5 was then passed as printed.

Clause 6

Moved by Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P., and seconded by Mr. Ganga Persaud, M.P., the following amendments were put and negatived:

“Clause 6 delete as this is already provided for in clause 4”.

Clause 6 was then passed as printed.

Clause 7 was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Minister of Communities, the Local Authorities (Elections) (Amendment) Bill 2018 was read a third time and passed as amended.

(iii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS-**

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - ADOPTION OF THE ELEVENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION

The Minister of Social Cohesion with responsibilities for Culture, Youth and Sport (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments) moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Eleventh Report of the Standing Committee to address matters relating to the appointment of Members of Commissions established under the Constitution, and signify to the President that the following persons:

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(i) Mr. Paul Esmond Slowe, D.S.M., Retired Assistant Commissioner of Police;
(ii) Mr. Clinton Andrew Conway, Retired Assistant Commissioner of Police;
(iii) Ms. Vesta Geneva Adams, Retired Woman Assistant Commissioner of Police; and
(iv) Ms. Claire Alexis Jarvis, Retired Woman Assistant Commissioner of Police
who have been nominated in accordance with article 210 (1) (c) of the Constitution, be appointed Members of the Police Service Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 133 (M 104 Committees 30) published on 2018-04-26)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Clement Rohee

Ms. Gail Teixeira

Thereafter, the Minister of Social Cohesion with responsibilities for Culture, Youth and Sport replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 2 - ADOPTION OF EIGHTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS TO ADDRESS MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Minister of Social Cohesion with responsibilities for Culture, Youth and Sport (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments) moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Appointments to address matters relating to the Appointment of Members of Commissions established under the Constitution, and signifies to the President that the following persons:

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- (i) Mr. Vincent Bowman and
- (ii) Mr. Mortimer Livan

have been nominated in accordance with Article 200 (1)(b) of the Constitution, to be appointed Members of the Public Service Commission.

(Notice Paper No. 130 (M 101 Committees 27) published on 2018-03-15)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

- Ms. Gillian Burton-Persaud
- Ms. Gail Teixeira

Thereafter, the Minister of Social Cohesion with responsibilities of Culture, Youth and sport replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11.16 p.m., on a motion by the First Vice-President and Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 12th July, 2018.

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HON. DR. BARTON U.A. SCOTLAND, O.R., C.C.H., M.P.,
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