

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 94th SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2015-2018) OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON FRIDAY, 27TH JULY, 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 (Absent – on leave)
- + 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. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Joseph L.F. Hamilton, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

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

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

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)

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 2.15 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker made the following announcements:

(1) **Leave:**

Honourable Members, leave has been granted to Hon. Winston G. Felix, Mr. Joseph Hamilton, and Ms. Indranie Chandarpal for today's Sitting.

(2) **Death of Mother of Honourable Volda Lawrence, Minister of Public Health**

The Speaker expressed sympathy to the Hon. Volda Lawrence, Minister of Public Health, on the death of her mother.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

By the Minister of Business:

Annual Reports of the Small Business Bureau for the years 2014 to 2016.

(Circulated)

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2018 – No. 11/2018

The Minister of Natural Resources, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Tax Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(ii) **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

BILLS – Second Reading

**ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF
TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL 2018 – Bill No. 10/2018 published on 2018-07-13**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act.

(Read a first time on 2018-07-19)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Bishop Juan Edghill

Mr. Harry Gill

The Minister of Public Security

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.04 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.24 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

Assembly resumed the debate on the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2018.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Ms. Gail Teixeira

Mr. Mohabir Nandlall

Thereafter, the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs 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

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the following amendment which was put and carried:

“By substituting for the words “Identification record” the word “document”.”

Clause 2 was then passed as amended.

Clause 3 was passed as printed.

Clause 4 was passed as printed.

Clause 5 was passed as printed.

Clause 6 was passed as printed.

Clauses 7, 8 and 9 were passed as printed.

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Clauses 10 and 11 were passed as printed.

Clauses 12 and 13 were passed as printed.

Clause 14 was passed as printed.

The Schedule was passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2018 was read a third time and passed as amended.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 7.21 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.18 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

(iii) COMMITTEES BUSINESS- MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE 6TH AND 7TH SPECIAL REPORTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

Mr. John Adams, M.P. (Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services) moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly adopts the 6th and 7th Special Reports of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services visits to the Linden Hospital Complex, Region No. 10, on April 11, 2017 and Region No. 2, Pomeroun-Supenaam from May 17 – 19, 2017.

(Notice Paper No. 128 (M 99 Committees 25) published on 2018-03-15)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Dr. Bheri Ramsaran

Dr. Vishwa Mahadeo

Dr. Vindhya Persaud

Mr. Alister Charlie

Thereafter, Mr. John Adams, M.P. replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.44 p.m., on a motion by the First Vice-President and Prime Minister, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 30th July, 2018.

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

Speaker of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.**

27th July, 2018.