

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND**  
**SESSION (2002-2004) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON THURSDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2004**  
**IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, OCEAN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,**  
**LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (68)**

**Speaker (1)**

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

**Members of the Government (37)**

**(i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (34)**

**(ii) Non-elected Ministers (2)**

**(iii) The United Force (1)**

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works  
and Communications

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation (Absent)

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport (Absent)

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent - on leave)

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

The Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs  
(Region No. 3 -Essequibo Islands/West Demerara) (Absent - on leave)

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and  
Social Security

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and  
Regional Development

The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock  
(Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent - on leave)

\* The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister in the Office of the  
President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs (Absent - on leave)

\* The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

The Hon. Bibi S. Shadick, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and  
Social Security (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

\*\* The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs (Absent)

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Health

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Cyril C.L. Belgrave, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Husman Alli, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Ramesh C. Rajkumar, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P.

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Water

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.

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

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent)

\*Non-Elected Minister

\*\*Elected Member from The United Force



**Members of the Opposition (30)****(i) People's National Congress/Reform (27)**

Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P.

Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroun/Supenaam) (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.

Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Vincent L. Alexander, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica) (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Dr. Dagleish Joseph, M.D., M.P.

Miss Amna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Jerome Khan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Miss Myrna E.N. Peterkin, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. James K. McAllister, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Dr. Carl Max Hanoman, M.P.

Miss Lurlene A. Nestor, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Abdul Kadir, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Ricky Khan, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini) (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Rajcoomarie Bancroft, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)

Mr. Nasir Ally, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Miss Judith David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Miss Genevieve Allen, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

(ii) **Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance (2)**

Mrs. Sheila V.A. Holder, M.P.

Mrs. Shirley J. Melville, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent - on leave)

(iii) **Rise, Organise and Rebuild Party (1)**

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P.

**OFFICERS**

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

Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 2.07 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

(i) **Leave:**

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:

Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, for that day's sitting,

Hon. Ronald Gajraj, up to 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2004,

Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally,

Hon. Satyadeow Sawh,

Mr. Donald Ramotar,

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, and

Mrs. Shirley Edwards, for that day's sitting,

Mr. Winston Murray, up to 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2004,

Mr. Ivor Allen,  
 Mrs. Volda Lawrence,  
 Mr. Jerome Khan,  
 Dr. George Norton, and  
 Mr. Vincent Alexander, for that day's sitting,  
 Mr. Stanley Ming, up to 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2004,  
 Mr. Basil Williams, up to 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2004, and  
 Mrs. Shirley Melville, for that day's sitting.

(ii) **Re: Motion by Mr. Raphael Trotman on Implementation of the Recommendations of the Disciplined Forces Commission of the Guyana Police Force**

The Speaker made the following announcement:

"Today's Stabroek News in a report at page 2 under the headline "PNCR for Parliament today" states as follows:

**"Speaking yesterday at a specially convened press conference held at the PNCR headquarters at Congress Place, Leader of the Opposition, Robert Corbin said that for several months the party had been calling for the report to be considered in Parliament with a view to it being adopted and implemented.**

**He said that in March, the Speaker of the National Assembly disallowed a motion from PNCR Parliamentarian Raphael Trotman calling for Parliament to debate the Report. The Speaker had said that the Motion was ill-conceived."**

I do not know if the report accurately reflects what Hon. Member Mr. Robert Corbin said. On the assumption that it does I wish to state the following: Hon. Member Mr. Raphael Trotman wrote to me on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, submitting a motion regarding the Interim Report of the Disciplined Forces Commission. The Motion resolved as follows:



**“The Clerk of the National Assembly be immediately instructed to place the Interim Report of the Disciplined Forces Commission on the Order Paper for the obtaining of an affirmative resolution of this National Assembly.”**

The Motion was out of order because the placing of a Motion on an Order Paper is an administrative function of the Parliament Office.

The Motion has to be submitted, approved by me, then published in a Notice Paper and then placed on the Order Paper fourteen days from the day on which the notice was published before it can be debated.

For the National Assembly to direct the Clerk to place the Interim Report on the Order Paper is contrary to the Standing Orders, it is not a Motion and is placing the cart before the horse.

After studying the Hon. Member’s letter I directed the Clerk to reply which he did on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, offering a re-drafted clause which states:

**“The National Assembly of the Parliament of Guyana approves the recommendations of the Interim Report of the Commission laid in the National Assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2003.”**

I also directed the Clerk to offer Hon. Member Mr. Trotman a copy of a draft Motion prepared by the Parliament Office for the use of any Member of Parliament.

The Clerk received no response to his letter of 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2004. I am more than amazed to have received a document of the type that I did purporting to be a Motion.

The comment reported in the Stabroek News conveys an incorrect and incomplete impression of what transpired. The Motion was out of order and no one can conceivably argue that it was. The Parliament Office tried to assist in offering a correction. The offer was not taken up.

Had all of this been revealed, or if it was revealed, had it been reported, no one could have been left with the impression that I or the Parliament Office unjustifiably rejected the letter from Hon. Member Mr. Trotman.

I am circulating the letter from Hon. Member Mr. Trotman, his draft Motion, the Clerk's response and the draft Motion from the Parliament Office.

Hon. Members will note that I did not describe the Hon. Member's Motion as "ill conceived."

**(iii) Ruling on Adjournment Motion by Mr. Robert Corbin**

The Speaker also made the following announcement:

"On the evening of Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2003, the Hon. Member Mr. Robert Corbin, Leader of the Opposition, on the television programme "Plain Talk" complained about my rejection of his Motion on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, seeking an adjournment of the National Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance.

In relation to his second proposed Motion sent to me on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, for debate the following day if his other Motion for a suspension of the Standing Orders had been passed, Hon. Member Mr. Corbin said that I refused to place it on the Order Paper for "flimsy" reasons.

In both matters I gave written rulings based on only some of the reasons which applied. Time constraints prevented me from exploring at that time all of the reasons why the Motions should be rejected. The first Motion was delivered to me at 12.10 p.m., (it was required to be delivered by 11.00 a.m.,) on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, to be moved in the National Assembly at 2.00 p.m., the same day. It consisted of four typewritten pages. The second Motion, identical or almost identical to the first, was received by me at about midday on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, and Hon. Member Mr. Corbin proposed to debate it the following day, subject to the suspension of the Standing Orders as I stated above.



Mr first ruling was based on whether the Motion qualified as what is called an 'Adjournment Motion'. My second ruling, contained in a letter to Hon. Member Mr. Corbin dated the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, was based on the contents of the Motion. Sufficient issues were examined in both cases to satisfy me that on those issues the Motions failed, even though there were other issues that I could not explore.

Prior to Hon. Member Mr. Robert Corbin's criticism, there have been regular complaints on television programmes and press conferences by Members of the Opposition PNC/R that they have been prevented by me from debating the issues contained in the Motions. One such was made by the Hon. Member Mr. Corbin at a press conference on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2004, or on television programme on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2004. **These complaints which imply that my rulings were motivated by reasons other than those which I should have properly considered, have never been accompanied by any arguments showing why they were wrong or motivated by extraneous considerations.** Hon. Member Mr. Corbin's most recent complaint is that I did not have adequate reasons for rejecting his Motion.

I had always intended that my rulings should speak for themselves and they were made available to the press. But having regard to this recent accusation by the Hon. Member Mr. Corbin, I consider it necessary to inform the National Assembly, the public and the press of the circumstances surrounding this matter and to explain my rulings.

The National Assembly is governed by rules called "the Standing Orders" which I am obliged to interpret and uphold. In this responsibility, and specifically in connection with the qualifications for Motions, I have no discretion. In the case of Hon. Member Mr. Corbin's Motions, the Standing Orders were clearly and obviously not complied with.

I am satisfied that the rulings which I gave in both cases are unimpeachable. Even though I am not required to do so, I give written rulings whenever it is possible even though, as far as I am aware, few Speakers, if any, do. The reason for this is to expose my decisions, and hence the functioning of



the National Assembly, to more public scrutiny by giving opportunities to Members, the public and the press to satisfy themselves that my rulings are not whimsical, partisan or motivated by extraneous considerations but are based on objective analyses of the Standing Orders and the rules, practices and conventions which apply. I believe that this practice would elevate the role and stature of the National Assembly in governance and reduce allegations of partisanship. Unfortunately, these efforts have not yet succeeded.

**A period of two and a half months elapsed between the time of the publication of the allegations of the late George Bacchus in December, 2003, and the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, when the National Assembly first met and on which date the Adjournment Motion was moved. However, only 14 days notice is required for a Private Member's Motion. Had a Private Member's Motion been tabled and approved as late as the end of February, 2004, it would have been ready for debate by the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2004. Such a Motion could have been filed but no explanation was given as to why it was not and why it was necessary to resort to the "very potent procedural device" (Kashyap on Parliamentary Procedure) of an Adjournment Motion the rules for which are many and onerous.**

Hon. Member Mr. Corbin, as an experienced parliamentarian, must be more than conversant with the basic rules in connection with adjournment Motions, some of which are; (1) the matter must be of recent occurrence and raised without delay; (2) the fact that it is raised at the first opportunity, the National Assembly not having met before, does not qualify a Motion that may have otherwise qualified; (3) the fact that the grievance is continuing is not sufficient if it is not of recent occurrence; (4) in relation to recency, the matter must have arisen suddenly in the manner of an emergency and not over a series of weeks; (5) the fact must be admitted or established. The Adjournment Motion contravened all of these rules. These are not rules of my invention. They are contained in the texts which I replied on and cited.

**There is not a single case in Guyana or elsewhere of an Adjournment Motion being allowed on disputed allegations based on press reports as opposed to proven and existing events in the nature of an emergency.** In fact, Kashyap on Parliamentary Procedure states on page 787: "Press reports cannot be accepted as authoritative for purposes of Adjournment Motions". True, there have been many instances of unlawful killing. I said that in my ruling on the Adjournment Motion that the matter was serious. But the Motions were not merely about the unlawful killings but about the allegations of the late George Bacchus as reported in the press since December, 2003.

In preparing my ruling I dealt with some of these issues. I could not deal all the issues for the reason stated above. I did not even have time to examine the Motion itself. If I had done so I would have unhesitatingly ruled it out of order for the reasons which I rejected the Private Member's Motion, set out below, which was identical to the Adjournment Motion.

On 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, Hon. Member Mr. Robert Corbin submitted to me the same Motion as a Private Member's Motion, which, as stated above, requires 14 days notice. He explained to me that he intended to have the motion debated the following day by seeking a suspension of the Standing Orders. I explained to Hon. Member Mr. Corbin that the Motion had to be first approved by me and then be printed on a Notice Paper which had to be circulated and it did not seem to me that there would be sufficient time to complete these tasks. Nevertheless, I agreed to examine the Motion.

The Motion was hopelessly out of order. It consisted of a three page introduction in a document of three and a half pages. This in itself is contrary to the rules. But the introduction contained highly objectionable and irregular wording and material. It refers to a letter written by Hon. Member Mr. Robert Corbin to His Excellency President Jagdeo on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2004, and sets out a large amount of serious but unproven allegations against 'senior government functionaries' and Hon. Member Mr. Ronald Gajraj. It accused persons of carrying out killings as executioners. It asserts, without evidence, that every citizen and resident of Guyana is aware that there is a group or there are groups that appear to be targeting and executing persons. It accused His Excellency President Jagdeo of not being serious



and of being engaged in a cover up. It questions the Government's legitimacy to continue in office. The entire document is in this vein. It nevertheless concedes that Hon. Member Mr. Ronald Gajraj denies the charges made against him.

Among the resolutions moved are that the National Assembly call on Hon. Member Mr. Ronald Gajraj to resign and that the National Assembly exclude him from participation in its business. It moves that the National Assembly approach the United Nations for assistance in appointing an international inquiry into the Government's involvement in state sponsored death squads.

The National Assembly does not have the power to exclude the Hon. Member Mr. Ronald Gajraj from participating in its business and is not a part of the executive with authority to deal with the United Nations in matters relating to the business of the executive.

Further, the conduct of His Excellency the President cannot be questioned except by way of a Motion for that purpose.

The language and tone in which they are framed have no place in the National Assembly of Guyana or of any other Parliament. They are so offensive to the rules of Parliamentary Practice that I am quite surprised to have received such a document from a party as experienced as the Peoples National Congress/Reform. I am even more surprised that it is being rationally defended as an acceptable document.

In my letter to Hon. Member Mr. Robert Corbin, I could not have dealt with all of these issues for the reasons I have already explained. But I analysed enough of the rules to demonstrate that the Motion did not qualify.



Even if it had qualified, there would have been a procedural problem which could not be overcome. If the Motion was approved it would have had to be printed and circulated on a Notice Paper. The Parliament Staff was engaged late that evening in preparing for the next day's sitting so that a Notice Paper could not be printed. Assuming that a Notice Paper could be printed, the Motion suspending the Standing Orders would have had to be moved and passed before an Order Paper could be printed and circulated. This would not have been at all possible in the few hours which were available. I pointed out in my letter to Hon. Member Mr. Corbin that the Motion, which I found to be defective, could not be corrected, printed on a Notice Paper and circulated in time to have the debate occur the following day. Hon. Member Mr. Corbin may care to explain, having regard to his unusual request, without precedent in Guyana, and having regard to his utterly defective Motion, how it would have been possible to overcome the logistical problems described above. It is to be noted that the competent Parliament Staff in relation to these matters is engaged in the business of the National Assembly during sessions.

**I once again make my rulings available and invite Hon. Member Mr. Robert Corbin, any other Member of the Opposition PNC/R, the press or the public to point out any flaw, defect or error in my reasoning or conclusion in the rulings themselves or in this statement. The textbooks which are referred to would be made available, if requested, by the Parliamentary Library”.**

#### **SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 2.19 p.m., the Speaker suspended the sitting and withdrew from the Chamber due to interruption of his announcement by certain Members of Parliament.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 2.40 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The Speaker continued and concluded his announcement.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.**

(1) By the Speaker of the National Assembly:

Report on visit of Delegation of the National Assembly to the Peoples Republic of China.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

(Circulated)

**PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS**

**Adjournment Motion by Mr. Robert Corbin**

Mr. Robert Corbin stated that he would submit a written reply to the Speaker's announcement on his Adjournment Motion.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**Presentation and First Readings**

**ITEM 1 - TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING BILL 2004 -**

**Bill No. 9/2004 published on 2004-06-09**

The Minister of Education, on behalf of the government, presented the following Bill which was read the first:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the promotion of technical and vocational education and training, and for purposes connected therewith.

**(Read a first time on 2004-07-08)**

**ITEM 2 - THE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COUNCIL BILL 2004 - Bill No. 10/2004**  
**published on 2004-06-09**

The Minister of Education, on behalf of the government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COUNCIL to vest in that body the power to grant recognition to awards obtained in Guyana and elsewhere, to determine the equivalence of all awards for the purpose of establishing acceptable standards within the Caribbean Community and for purposes connected therewith or related thereto.

**(Read a first time on 2004-07-08)**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**ITEM 3 - REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINED FORCES COMMISSION**

The Prime Minister moved the following motion:

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 21 dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2003, the National Assembly approved of the establishment of a Disciplined Forces Commission to enquire into the Disciplined Forces, that is, the Guyana Police Force, the Guyana Defence Force, the Guyana Prison Service and the Guyana Fire Service, and all their Branches, Departments and Units and to make recommendations for their reform and professional development;



15.

AND WHEREAS the Commission was required to present its report, findings and recommendations and implementation timetable to the National Assembly within six (6) months save that the Commission was mandated to give priority to its Inquiry into the Guyana Police Force and present an Interim Report thereon to the National Assembly within three (3) months;

AND WHEREAS the Interim Report of the Commission on the Guyana Police Force was laid in the National Assembly on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2003;

AND WHEREAS the Commission was required to present its Final Report to the National Assembly by the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2004;

AND WHEREAS due to a number of factors, the Commission was unable to submit its Final Report to the National Assembly by 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2004;

AND WHEREAS the Commission had requested an extension of the deadline for the submission of the Final Report from 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 to 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2004;

AND WHEREAS the Final Report of the Commission was delivered to the Honourable Speaker on the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2004.

RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly approves the Interim and Final Reports of the Disciplined Forces Commission and urges the implementation of the recommendations therein.

*(Notice Paper No. 113 (M55 Govt51) published on 2004-06-30)*

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Robert Corbin

While Mr. Robert Corbin was speaking to the motion the time for the suspension was reached.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 4.02 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 4.39 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Mr. Robert Corbin continued and concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mrs. Sheila Holder

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Mr. Ravindra Dev

Mrs. Deborah Backer

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Mr. Raphael Trotman

Mr. Ramesh Rajkumar

Mr. Bernard De Santos

The Minister of Health

Mr. James Mc Allister

The following Amendment by Mr. Raphael Trotman was agreed to:

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That this National Assembly refers the Reports of the Disciplined Services Commission to a Special Select Committee for review within a period of four months, and thereafter to report to this National Assembly as to the manner in which such of the recommendations which are accepted, ought to be implemented including which Committee of this National Assembly will monitor such implementation;

That this National Assembly expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Chairman and Commissioners of the Disciplined Forces Commission for the work done in discharging their mandate and responsibilities given by this National Assembly.

The motion as amended was seconded by Mrs. Deborah Backer.

The motion as amended was then put and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8.40 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs the sitting was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

  
**HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,**  
**Speaker of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,**  
**Public Buildings,**  
**Georgetown.**  
**8<sup>th</sup> July, 2004.**