

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 38TH 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, 21ST OCTOBER, 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

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

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent - on leave)

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister of Finance

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)

* The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister in the Office of the
President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs

* 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

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.

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.

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

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P.

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)

*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.

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent - on leave)

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

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

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

Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P.

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

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

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Absent)

Dr. Dalglish Joseph, M.D., M.P.

Miss Anna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent - on leave)

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

Mr. Jerome Khan, M.P.

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.

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

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

Dr. Carl Max Hanoman, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

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

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

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. (Absent - on leave)

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

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

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P.

OFFICERS

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

Mr. Rawle Small, Chief Administrative Officer

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.06 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) **Leave:**

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:

Hon. Henry B. Jeffrey, for that day's sitting

Mrs. Clarissa Riehl, from 21st October to 4th November, 2004

Mr. E. Lance Carberry

Miss Amna Ally

Miss Myrna Peterkin

Dr. Carl Max Hanoman, for that day's sitting

and

Miss Lurlene Nestor, from 21st - 29th October, 2004

(ii) **Repairs to Parliament Chamber**

The Speaker made the following statement:

“Honourable Members, before the adjournment of the last sitting on 5th August, 2004, I announced that sittings of the Assembly would have resumed in the Parliament Chamber after this year’s recess. Unfortunately, the Parliament Office underestimated the volume of repairs to be carried out to the areas adjoining the Parliament Chamber.

Upon commencement of the repairs, it was discovered that almost all of the massive floor beams, uprights and rafters were rotten, doubling the estimated cost and duration of the repairs.

Honourable Members, as you are aware, the Public Buildings was constructed in 1832, and my information is, that since its construction, no significant repairs were carried out to the roof, walls and the floor. Because of the condition of the areas presently under repairs, I have instructed the Clerk to budget to restore the wooden structure of the Buildings over the next three (3) years.

The repairs to the Chamber have been completed and the surrounding areas are now being renovated to accommodate a large Committee/Conference Room, a new location for the Speaker’s Office, an office for the Prime Minister, an office for the Leader of the Opposition, two offices for Parliamentary Committees and a computer centre to be used by Members of Parliament.

Repairs will also commence shortly on the area that was formally occupied by the Public Utilities Commission to accommodate a second Committee Room and offices for staff of the Parliament Office.

I do regret my hastily conclusion which I announced at the end of the last sitting and to ask that you bear with us for a while. I am aware that Members are anxious for the sittings to resume at the Chamber. It is near completion and I hope that we will resume sittings in our regular location shortly.”

(iii) **Establishment of a Resource Centre**

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the U.N.D.P. had refurbished a room in the South-Eastern corner of the Public Buildings at a cost of US\$4,000 and had since established a Resource Centre therein. The Centre is accommodating nine (9) computers with accessories at a cost of US\$21,000 and that the purpose of the Resource Centre is to support the work of the four Parliamentary Sectoral Committees. He said that the Government of Guyana had contributed to this project by the appointment of an Information Technology Officer.

(iv) **Fiscal and Financial Management Program**

The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“The Government of Guyana and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) have set aside, as part of a Fiscal and Financial Management Programme, a sum of US\$665,000 for the National Assembly to support the operations of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and the Economic Services Committee (ESC) over a three year period. US\$65,000 of this amount would be counter part financing. The activities which are to be funded and their associated costs are as follows:-

		US\$
1.	Procedures and Operational Rules	- 30,000
2.	Training	- 130,000
3.	Advisory Services Fund/Research Assistant	- 190,000
4.	I.T. Systems and Other Equipment	- 55,000
5.	Archives/Furniture/Publications	- 40,000
6.	Refurbishing of Physical Facilities	- <u>220,000</u>
	Total	- <u>665,000</u>

The National Assembly, in order to be eligible for disbursement for the activities, established a Programme Executing Unit on 18th October, 2004. Disbursements will commence shortly.”

(v) **Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly - Attendance at Training Programme in India**

The Speaker announced that Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly was attending a seven (7) week intensive Parliamentary Internship Training Programme at the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training at the Lok Sabha Secretariat in New Delhi, India. The Programme commenced on 6th October and will end on 25th November, 2004.

He informed the Assembly that during Mrs. Coonjah's absence, Mr. Rawle Small, Chief Administrative Officer, would be performing the duties of Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly.

(vi) **Copies of the Constitution of Guyana**

The Speaker informed Members that he had requested the Clerk to circulate to them at that day's sitting, copies of the Constitution of Guyana which were prepared by Mr. Haslyn Parris and donated to the Parliament by the Canadian International Development Agency (C.I.D.A.) for use by Members of Parliament.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Speaker of the National Assembly:

The Report of the Ombudsman for the year 2002.

(Circulated)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS -

The Minister of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation made a statement concerning the findings of the WTO Pañel on Sugar which were published in full in three separate Reports on October 15, 2004.

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON
DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -**

(i) **Summoning of a Meeting of the Parliamentary Management Committee to discuss the
Order of Business for the sitting of Parliament on Thursday, 21st October, 2004**

A request by Mr. Robert Corbin to seek leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss a matter concerning the summoning of a meeting of the Parliamentary Management Committee to discuss the Order of Business for the sitting of the National Assembly on Thursday, 21st October, 2004, was disallowed.

(ii) **Urgent Meeting of the Constitutional Review Committee**

A request by Mr. Robert Corbin to seek leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss a matter with respect to the urgent meeting of the Constitutional Review Committee to review the Electoral System used for the 2001 Elections, among other agenda items, was disallowed.

(iii) **Urgent Implementation of the decisions of the Communiqué dated May 6, 2003**

A request by Mr. Deryck Bernard to seek leave to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss a matter concerning the urgent implementation of the decisions of the Communiqué dated May 6, 2003, was disallowed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Readings

ITEM 1 - CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE BILL 2004 - Bill No. 15/2004

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to implement the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice and to provide for other related matters.

ITEM 2 - PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE BILL 2004 - Bill No. 16/2004

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to enable the implementation by Guyana of the Protocol to the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice.

ITEM 3 - PROTOCOL ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE REGIONAL JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION BILL 2004 - Bill No. 17/2004

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to enable the implementation by Guyana the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the Caribbean Court of Justice and the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission and for related matters.

ITEM 4 - CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE TRUST FUND AGREEMENT BILL 2004 - Bill No. 18/2004

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to enable the implementation by Guyana of the Agreement for the establishment of the Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund and for purposes connected therewith.

ITEM 5 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2004 - Bill No. 19/2004

The Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Authorities (Elections) Act to provide for the postponement of elections of councillors of local democratic organs.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second Readings

MOTION

ITEM 6 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2004

At the request of the Minister of Finance, consideration of Financial Paper No. 1/2004, was deferred.

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/2004 - Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$330,000,000 for the period ending 2004-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 118 (M59 Govt55) published on 2004-09-29)

(Paper presented on 2004-08-05)

BILLS - Second Readings

ITEM 7 - COMBATING OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS BILL2004 - Bill No. 12/ 2004
published on 2004-07-27

The Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide comprehensive measures to
combat trafficking in persons.

(Read a first time on 2004-08-05)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mrs. Deborah Backer

The Minister of Amerindian Affairs

Mrs. Shirley Melville

Mr. Ravindra Dev

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce was speaking to the motion when the time for the suspension was reached.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.03 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.45 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce continued and concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Ramesh Rajkumar

Mr. Basil Williams

The Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Security

Thereafter, the Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security replied.

The Bill was read a second time.

On a motion by the Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, the Combating of Trafficking in Persons Bill 2004 - Bill No. 12/2004, was referred to a Special Select Committee.

ITEM 8 - INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL 2004 - Bill No. 13/2004
published on 2004-08-5

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish an infrastructure development fund,
to provide for its funding and due administration and for purposes
connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2004-08-05)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Winston Murray

The Minister of Housing and Water

Mr. Ravindra Dev

Mr. Jerome Khan
The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics
Mr. James McAllister
Mrs. Shirley Melville

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was put and carried on the following division.

AGAINST

FOR

Mrs. Melville

Miss Allen
Miss David
Mr. Ally
Mrs. Bancroft
Mr. R. Khan
Mr. Kadir

Mr. McAllister

Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Mustapha
Mrs. Sukhai

Dr. Ramsarran
Mr. Rajkumar
Mr. Mohan
Mr. Lumumba
Mrs. Edwards
Mr. DeSantos
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Chand
Mr. Alli

Mr. Belgrave
Mr. Mohamed
Dr. Ramsammy
Miss Rodrigues

Miss Shadick

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Dr. Norton
Mr. J. Khan
Miss Adams

Dr. Joseph

Mr. Williams
Mr. Trotman
Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard
Mrs. Backer
Mr. Allen

Mr. Murray

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Mr. Xavier
Dr. Westford
Mr. Sawh
Mr. Collymore
Dr. Bisnauth

Mr. Baksh
Mr. Kowlessar

Miss Teixeira
Mr. Nokta

Mr. Persaud
Mr. Hinds

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The Bill was read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clause 1 was passed as printed on the following division:-

AGAINST

FOR

Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Mustapha
Mrs. Sukhai

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Mrs. Melville

Miss Allen

Miss David

Mr. Ally

Mrs. Bancroft

Mr. R. Khan

Mr. Kadir

Mr. McAllister

Dr. Norton

Mr. J. Khan

Miss Adams

Dr. Joseph

Mr. Williams

Mr. Trotman

Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard

Mrs. Backer

Dr. Ramsarran

Mr. Rajkumar

Mr. Mohan

Mr. Lumumba

Mrs. Edwards

Mr. DeSantos

Mrs. Chandarpal

Mr. Chand

Mr. Alli

Mr. Belgrave

Mr. Mohamed

Dr. Ramsammy

Miss Rodrigues

Miss Shadick

Mr. Xavier

Dr. Westford

Mr. Sawh

Mr. Collymore

Dr. Bisnauth

Mr. Baksh

Mr. Kowlessar

Miss Teixeira

Mr. Nokta

Mr. Allen

Mr. Persaud

Mr. Hinds

Mr. Murray

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Clause 2 was passed as printed on the following division:-

AGAINST

FOR

Mrs. Melville

Miss Allen

Miss David

Mr. Ally

Mrs. Bancroft

Mr. R. Khan

Mr. Kadir

Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Mustapha

Mrs. Sukhai

Dr. Ramsarran

Mr. Rajkumar

Mr. Mohan

Mr. Lumumba

Mrs. Edwards

Mr. DeSantos

Mrs. Chandarpal

Mr. Chand

Mr. Alli

Mr. Belgrave

Mr. Mohamed

Dr. Ramsammy

Miss Rodrigues

Mr. McAllister

Dr. Norton

Mr. J. Khan

Dr. Joseph

Mr. Williams

Mr. Trotman

Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard

Mrs. Backer

Mr. Allen

Mr. Murray

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Miss Shadick

Mr. Xavier

Dr. Westford

Mr. Sawh

Mr. Collymore

Dr. Bisnauth

Mr. Baksh

Mr. Kowlessar

Miss Teixeira

Mr. Nokta

Mr. Persaud

Mr. Hinds

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Clause 3 was passed as printed on the following division:-

AGAINST

FOR

Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Mustapha

Mrs. Sukhai

Dr. Ramsarran

Mrs. Melville

Miss Allen

Miss David

Mr. Ally

Mrs. Bancroft

Mr. R. Khan

Mr. Kadir

Mr. McAllister

Dr. Norton

Mr. J. Khan

Dr. Joseph

Mr. Williams

Mr. Trotman

Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard

Mrs. Backer

Mr. Allen

Mr. Murray

Mr. Rajkumar

Mr. Mohan

Mr. Lumumba

Mrs. Edwards

Mr. DeSantos

Mrs. Chandarpal

Mr. Chand

Mr. Alli

Mr. Belgrave

Mr. Mohamed

Dr. Ramsammy

Miss Rodrigues

Miss Shadick

Mr. Xavier

Dr. Westford

Mr. Sawh

Mr. Collymore

Dr. Bisnauth

Mr. Baksh

Mr. Kowlessar

Miss Teixeira

Mr. Nokta

Mr. Persaud

Mr. Hinds

Clause 4 was passed as printed on the following division:-

AGAINST

FOR

	Mr. Neendkumar
	Mr. Mustapha
	Mrs. Sukhai
	Dr. Ramsarran
	Mr. Rajkumar
	Mr. Mohan
	Mr. Lumumba
	Mrs. Edwards
	Mr. DeSantos
	Mrs. Chandarpal
	Mr. Chand
	Mr. Alli
	Mr. Belgrave
	Mr. Mohamed
	Dr. Ramsammy
	Miss Rodrigues
	Mr. Nadir
	Miss Shadick
	Mr. Xavier
	Dr. Westford
	Mr. Sawh
	Mr. Collymore
	Dr. Bisnauth
	Mr. Baksh
Mrs. Melville	
Miss Allen	
Miss David	
Mr. Ally	
Mrs. Bancroft	
Mr. R. Khan	
Mr. Kadir	
Mr. McAllister	
Dr. Norton	
Mr. J. Khan	
Dr. Joseph	
Mr. Williams	

Mr. Trotman
Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard
Mrs. Backer
Mr. Allen

Mr. Murray

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Mr. Kowlessar

Miss Teixeira
Mr. Nokta

Mr. Persaud
Mr. Hinds

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Clause 5 was passed as printed on the following division:

AGAINST

Mrs. Melville

Miss Allen
Miss David
Mr. Ally
Mrs. Bancroft

FOR

Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Mustapha
Mrs. Sukhai

Dr. Ramsarran
Mr. Rajkumar
Mr. Mohan
Mr. Lumumba
Mrs. Edwards
Mr. DeSantos
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Chand
Mr. Alli

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Mr. R. Khan
Mr. Kadir

Mr. McAllister

Dr. Norton
Mr. J. Khan

Dr. Joseph

Mr. Williams
Mr. Trotman
Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard
Mrs. Backer
Mr. Allen

Mr. Murray

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Mr. Belgrave
Mr. Mohamed
Dr. Ramsammy
Miss Rodrigues
Mr. Nadir
Miss Shadick
Mr. Xavier
Dr. Westford
Mr. Sawh
Mr. Collymore
Dr. Bisnauth

Mr. Baksh
Mr. Kowlessar

Miss Teixeira
Mr. Nokta

Mr. Persaud
Mr. Hinds

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Clause 6 was passed as printed on the following division:-

AGAINST

FOR

Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Mustapha

Mrs. Melville

Miss Allen

Miss David

Mr. Ally

Mrs. Bancroft

Mr. R. Khan

Mr. Kadir

Mr. McAllister

Dr. Norton

Mr. J. Khan

Dr. Joseph

Mr. Williams

Mr. Trotman

Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard

Mrs. Backer

Mrs. Sukhai

Dr. Ramsarran

Mr. Rajkumar

Mr. Mohan

Mr. Lumumba

Mrs. Edwards

Mr. DeSantos

Mrs. Chandarpal

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Mr. Mohamed

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Miss Rodrigues

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Miss Shadick

Mr. Xavier

Dr. Westford

Mr. Sawh

Mr. Collymore

Dr. Bisnauth

Mr. Baksh

Mr. Kowlessar

Miss Teixeira

Mr. Nokta

Mr. Allen

Mr. Persaud

Mr. Hinds

Mr. Murray

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Clause 7 was passed as printed on the following division:-

AGAINST

FOR

Mrs. Melville

Miss Allen

Miss David

Mr. Ally

Mrs. Bancroft

Mr. R. Khan

Mr. Kadir

Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Mustapha

Mrs. Sukhai

Dr. Ramsarran

Mr. Rajkumar

Mr. Mohan

Mr. Lumumba

Mrs. Edwards

Mr. DeSantos

Mrs. Chandarpal

Mr. Chand

Mr. Alli

Mr. Belgrave

Mr. Mohamed

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Miss Rodrigues

Mr. McAllister

Dr. Norton

Mr. J. Khan

Dr. Joseph

Mr. Williams

Mr. Trotman

Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard

Mrs. Backer

Mr. Allen

Mr. Murray

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Mr. Nadir

Miss Shadick

Mr. Xavier

Dr. Westford

Mr. Sawh

Mr. Collymore

Dr. Bisnauth

Mr. Baksh

Mr. Kowlessar

Miss Teixeira

Mr. Nokta

Mr. Rohee

Mr. Persaud

Mr. Hinds

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Clause 8 was passed as printed on the following division:-

AGAINST

FOR

Mrs. Melville

Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Mustapha

Mrs. Sukhai

Dr. Ramsarran

Mr. Rajkumar

Mr. Mohan

Mr. Lumumba

Miss Allen
 Miss David
 Mr. Ally
 Mrs. Bancroft
 Mr. R. Khan
 Mr. Kadir

Mr. McAllister

Dr. Norton
 Mr. J. Khan

Dr. Joseph

Mr. Williams
 Mr. Trotman
 Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard
 Mrs. Backer
 Mr. Allen

Mr. Murray

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Mrs. Edwards
 Mr. DeSantos
 Mrs. Chandarpal
 Mr. Chand
 Mr. Alli

Mr. Belgrave
 Mr. Mohamed
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Miss Rodrigues
 Mr. Nadir
 Miss Shadick
 Mr. Xavier
 Dr. Westford
 Mr. Sawh
 Mr. Collymore
 Dr. Bisnauth

Mr. Baksh
 Mr. Kowlessar

Miss Teixeira
 Mr. Nokta
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Persaud
 Mr. Hinds

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Clause 9 was passed as printed on the following division:

AGAINST

FOR

Mrs. Melville

Miss Allen

Miss David

Mr. Ally

Mrs. Bancroft

Mr. R. Khan

Mr. Kadir

Mr. McAllister

Dr. Norton

Mr. J. Khan

Dr. Joseph

Mr. Williams

Mr. Trotman

Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Mustapha

Mrs. Sukhai

Dr. Ramsarran

Mr. Rajkumar

Mr. Mohan

Mr. Lumumba

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Mr. Mohamed

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Mr. Nadir

Miss Shadick

Mr. Xavier

Dr. Westford

Mr. Sawh

Mr. Collymore

Dr. Bisnauth

Mr. Baksh

Mr. Kowlessar

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Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard

Mrs. Backer

Mr. Allen

Mr. Murray

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Mr. Nokta

Mr. Rohee

Mr. Persaud

Mr. Hinds

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The Schedule was put and carried on the following division:

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Mrs. Melville

Miss Allen

Miss David

Mr. Ally

Mrs. Bancroft

Mr. R. Khan

Mr. Kadir

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Mr. Mustapha

Mrs. Sukhai

Dr. Ramsarran

Mr. Rajkumar

Mr. Mohan

Mr. Lumumba

Mrs. Edwards

Mr. DeSantos

Mrs. Chandarpal

Mr. Chand

Mr. Alli

Mr. Belgrave

Mr. Mohamed

Dr. Ramsammy

Mr. McAllister

Dr. Norton

Mr. J. Khan

Dr. Joseph

Mr. Williams

Mr. Trotman

Mr. Alexander

Mr. Bernard

Mrs. Backer

Mr. Allen

Mr. Murray

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Miss Rodrigues

Mr. Nadir

Miss Shadick

Mr. Xavier

Dr. Westford

Mr. Sawh

Mr. Collymore

Dr. Bisnauth

Mr. Baksh

Mr. Kowlessar

Miss Teixeira

Mr. Nokta

Mr. Rohee

Mr. Persaud

Mr. Hinds

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Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Infrastructure Development Fund Bill 2004, was read a third time and passed as printed.

ITEM 9 - FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (AMENDMENT) BILL
2004 - Bill No. 11/2004 published on 2004-07-22

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

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003.

(Read a first time on 2004-07-22)

Mr. Winston Murray spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 and 2 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Fiscal Management and Accountability (Amendment) Bill 2004, was read a third time and passed as printed.

MOTION

ITEM 10 - OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT OF GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE

The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved the following motion:

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ivan devastated Grenada in its rampage through the CARICOM Region;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Guyana joined with other CARICOM countries to pledge support to the people of Grenada;

AND WHEREAS, at an emergency meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held in Trinidad and Tobago on September 15, 2004, the President of Guyana pledged the deployment of approximately 100 military personnel on a humanitarian mission for a period of about six (6) months.

RESOLVED,

That this Parliament honour the pledge of the Government of Guyana and approve the deployment of such personnel to Grenada for the purpose and period stated.

(Notice Paper No. 119 (M60 Govt56) published on 2004-10-14)

Mr. Raphael Trotman spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9.02 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the sitting was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Thursday, 4th November, 2004.



HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,

Speaker of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
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21st October, 2004.