NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 10TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (1998) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1998 IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FOR SITTING

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 Bill No. 8/1998

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

F.A. NARAIN Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Georgetown.

11th June, 1998

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 10TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (1998) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1998 IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (76)

Speaker (l)

The Hon. Derek C. Jagan, C.C.H., S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's Progressive Party/Civic (46)

The Hon. Samuel A. A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister

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

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent-on leave)

The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent - on leave)

- *The Hon. Charles R. Ramson, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs
- *The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent-on leave)

The Hon. M. Shree Chan, M.P., Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry

- *The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Minister of Human Services and Social Security
- *The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government
- *The Hon. F. Vibert DeSouza, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs
- *The Hon. George E. Fung-On, M.P., Minister of the Public Service
- *The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Health and Labour (Absent-on leave)

The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of Information

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

*The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Livestock and Fisheries

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports

- *The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics (Absent- on leave)
- *The Hon. Shaik K. Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water (Absent)

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.

Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.

Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal, M.P.

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P.

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

Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P.

Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan, M.P. (Absent- on leave)

Mr. Alston A. Kissoon, M.P. (Absent)

Dr. Moti Lall, C.C.H., M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Hari Narayen Ramkarran, S.C., M.P.

Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.

Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Local Government.

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P.

Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Mr. Joseph M. DeSouza, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

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

Mr. Ramratan, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara) (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Geoffrey A. Fraser, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

Mr. Ramsundar Sankat, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Eustace S. Rodrigues, M.S., M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)

Mr. Kumkaran Ramdas, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)

Members of the Minority (29)

(i) People's National Congress (25)

(Vacant)

(ii) The United Force (2)

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

Mr. Matthew R. Charlie, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

(iii) Alliance for Guyana (2)

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Albertino Peters, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)

OFFICERS

Mr. Frank A. Narain, C.C.H., Clerk of the National Assembly

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

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.06 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Independence Anniversary Awards

The Speaker informed Members that on the occasion of the Thirty-second Anniversary of Guyana's attainment of Independence, two persons associated with Parliament were honoured with National Awards:

- (a) Dr. Moti Lall, Member of the National Assembly, was awarded the Cacique's Crown of Honour, for long and dedicated service in the field of medicine, more particularly in the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary diseases,
- (b) Mr. Frank A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly, was awarded the Cacique's Crown of Honour, for long and dedicated service in the public service, especially as Clerk and Head of the administrative division of the National Assembly.

On behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, the Speaker extended congratulations to Dr. Moti Lall and Mr. Frank Narain.

Dr. Moti Lall and Mr. Narain stood and bowed in aclmowledgement.

(ii) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to:

The Hon. Clement Rohee
The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo
The Hon. Rev. Dr.
Ramnauth Bisnauth

The Hon. Anthony Xavier Dr. Cheddi Jagan

The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal up to 22nd June, and

Mr. Ramratan up to the end of the month.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

(1) RICE FACTORIES BILL 1998 - Bill No. 7/1998

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal and re-enact the Rice Factories Act to provide for the establishment of the rice factories, the regulation and control of rice factories and the manufacture of rice.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 -Bill No. 8/1998

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/1998

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 1/1998 and thereafter moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1998 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$ 680,091,000 for the period ended 31st December, 1997 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund.

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was put and carried.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED, That this Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:-

"RESOLVED, that this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/1998 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$680,091,000 for the period ended 31st December, 1997 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund."

BILL - Second Reading

ITEM 2 - MAHAICA - MAHAICONY - ABARY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 5/1998 published 16.5.98

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary Agricultural Development Authority Act.

Mr. Nadir spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.03 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

D. C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Georgetown.

11th June, 1998.