

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 17TH 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 MONDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1998
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

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(Circulated)

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Annual Review of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend

the Extra-Mural Work Act.

(2) **INCOME TAX (IN AID OF INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 -
Bill No. 21/1998**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Income
Tax (In Aid of Industry) Act.

(3) **BANK OF GUYANA BILL 1998 - Bill No. 22/1998**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to revise and amend the
law relating to the Bank of Guyana and to provide
for related and consequential matters.

(4) **INSURANCE BILL 1998 - Bill No. 23/1998**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to repeal the Insurance Act and
to provide for the regulation of insurance in Guyana, the
promotion of competition in the insurance industry, the
protection of consumers and for purposes related thereto
or connected therewith.

(5) **SECURITIES INDUSTRY BILL 1998 - Bill No. 24/1998**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the registration
of securities brokers and dealers, certain self-regulatory
organisations, and certain issuers of securities; and for the
regulation of securities issuances; with the purpose of
encouraging capital formation and the growth of efficient
securities markets, while protecting purchasers of securities
and promoting ethical behaviour in the securities industry.

(6) **DEEDS REGISTRY AUTHORITY BILL 1998 - Bill No. 26/1998**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the Deeds Registry as a body corporate; to promote the efficient and orderly operation of the Registry; to establish the conditions governing the employment of officers and employees of the Registry; to provide for funding of the operations of the Registry, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

F.A. NARAIN
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

30th November, 1998

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (76)

Speaker (1)

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

The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Minister of Finance

*The Hon. Charles R. Ramson, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs
(Absent)

*The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Education

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

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

*Non-elected Minister

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P.

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.

Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.

Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P.

Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.

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

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.

Mr. Alston A. Kissoon, M.P.

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

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

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

Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P. (Absent)

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)

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) (Absent)

(There is one vacancy)

Members of the Minority (29)**(i) People's National Congress (25)**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P., Chief Whip (Absent)

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P.

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P.

Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.

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

Miss Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

Mr. Andy Goveia, M.P.

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. John S. DeFreitas, M.P.

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

Dr. Dalgleish Joseph, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Mr. Joseph L. Hamilton, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Sherwood A. J. Lowe, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Andrew Hicks, M.P.

Mr. Neaz Subhan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Colin Bynoe, M.P.

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

Mr. Kelley Andres, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Thakechand Ramnauth, M.P.

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(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.

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 2.02 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Resignation of Dr. Cheddi Jagan

The Speaker informed the Assembly that he had received a letter dated 20th November, 1998, from Dr. Cheddi Jagan resigning his seat as a Member of the National Assembly.

With Dr. Jagan's resignation, a seat in the National Assembly became vacant.

The vacancy was, in accordance with section 99A of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03, to be filled by a person whose name was to be extracted from the list of candidates from which Dr. Jagan's name was extracted.

As Dr. Jagan's name was extracted from the People's Progressive Party/Civic list of candidates, the Speaker stated that, in accordance with section 99A of the Act, he had called upon the Representative of the said list to further extract from that list the name of a person who was willing to become a Member of the National Assembly, to fill the vacancy in the Assembly.

(ii) **Leave**

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

The Hon. Anthony Xavier)
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PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

ITEM 1 - FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1998

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1998 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$937,204,479 for the period ended 30th October, 1998 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund.

(Day for consideration was named on 16.11.98)

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

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, 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. 2/1998 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$ 937,204,479 for the period ended 30th October, 1998 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund.”

ITEM 2 - FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 3/1998

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

In accordance with article 171(2) of the Constitution, the Minister of Finance signified Cabinet's recommendation for the Assembly to proceed upon the motion to approve Financial Paper No. 3/1998 and thereafter moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 3/1998 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$ 3,057,000,000 for the period ending 31st December, 1998.

(Day for consideration was named on 16.11.98)

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

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Finance, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:-

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BILL - Second Reading

ITEM 3 - PESTICIDES AND TOXIC CHEMICALS CONTROL BILL 1998 -

Bill No. 12/1998 published 15.10.98

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to regulate the manufacture, importation, transportation, storage, sale, use and disposal of pesticides and toxic chemicals, and to provide for the establishment of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Read a first time on 29.10.98)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Ivor Allen

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3.55 p.m., the Sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 4.30 p.m., the Sitting was resumed.

**RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON MOTION FOR SECOND READING OF PESTICIDES
AND TOXIC CHEMICALS CONTROL BILL 1998**

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Bill 1998.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Manzoor Nadir
Mr. Thakechand Ramnauth
Dr. Hughley Hanoman
Dr. Dalglish Joseph
Mr. Lance Carberry
Mr. Navindranauth Chandarpal.

Thereafter, the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

On a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Bill was committed to a Select Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.40 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.**

30th November, 1998.