

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 33RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION
(1998-1999) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 22ND JULY, 1999
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

- (1) By the Chairman of the Special Select Committee to Determine the Terms of Reference and the Composition of the Constitution Reform Commission.
(Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs):

Report of the Constitution Reform Commission
(Dated July 17, 1999).

(To beCirculated)

- (2) By the Minister of Finance:

Financial Paper No. 2/1999 - Supplementary
Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling
\$702,372,250, for the period ending
31st August 1999.

(Circulated)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTIONS

1. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 68(1)**

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the suspension of
Standing Order No. 68(1) to enable Financial Paper No. 2/1999 -
Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling
\$702,372,250, for the period ending 31st August, 1999 - to be
considered at the sitting of the Assembly on Thursday,
22nd July, 1999.

(Notice Paper No. 64 (M23 Govt 19) published 19.7.99)

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2. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1999

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or the 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. 2/1999 - Supplementary Estimate (Current and Capital) totalling \$702,372,250, for the period ending 31st August, 1999.

F.A. NARAIN
Clerk of the National Assembly

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

19th July, 1999

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER NO. 2
FOR THE 33RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION
(1998-1999) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 22ND JULY, 1999
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

(3) By the Minister of Finance:

Report of the Auditor General on a Special
Investigation on the Importation of
Stone by the Ministry of Public Works.
Dated 31st March, 1999.

(Circulated)

F.A. NARAIN
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

22nd July, 1999

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 33RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1998 - 1999) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 22ND JULY, 1999
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (77)

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 (47)

The Hon. Samuel A. A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister (Absent - Performing the functions of the Office of the President)

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

*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 (Absent - on leave)

*The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Minister of Human Services and Social Security (Absent - on leave)

*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 (Absent - on leave)

*The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics (Absent)

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

*The Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

***Non elected Minister**

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

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.(Absent - on leave)

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.

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. (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.

Dr. Bheri Ramsaran, M.P.

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

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

Members of the Minority (29)

(i) People's National Congress (25)

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P.

Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

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

Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

Mr. Andy Gouveia, M.P.

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. John S. DeFreitas, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Dr. Dalglish Joseph, M.P.

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

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

Mr. Sherwood A. J. Lowe, M.P.

Mr. Andrew Hicks, M.P.

Mr. Neaz Subhan, M.P. (Absent)

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) (Absent)

Mr. Thakechand Ramnauth, M.P.

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P.

(ii) The United Force (2)

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

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

(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 2.00 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

Leave

The Speaker announced that leave for that day's sitting had been granted to the following Members:-

Hon. Gail Teixeira,
Mr. Dunstan Barrow,
Mr. Lance Carberry,
Dr. Faith Harding,
Mr. Ivor Allen, and
Mr. Kadim Khan.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

Presentation and First Reading

EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999 - Bill No. 15/1999

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 amend
the Education Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Deferred

ITEM 1 - ELECTRICITY SECTOR REFORM BILL 1999 - Bill No. 13/1999 published 30.6.99

ITEM 2 - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION BILL 1999 - Bill No. 12/1999 published 30.6.99

Following representations made by the Minority Parties, the following Bills were, on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, deferred to Thursday, 29th July, 1999: -

- (i) A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the regular, efficient, coordinated and economical supply of electricity and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.
(Read a first time on 1.7.99)
- (ii) A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the establishment, functions and procedure of the Public Utilities Commission and for matters connected therewith.
(Read a first time on 1.7.99)

BILLS - Second Reading, Committee and Third Reading

ITEM 3 - FACTORIES HOURS AND HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999 - Bill No. 9/1999 published 17.4.99

The Minister of Health and Labour moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Factories Hours and Holidays Act.
(Read a first time on 22.4.99)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Miss Jean Persico
Mr. Manzoor Nadir
Miss Sandra Adams.

Thereafter, the Minister of Health and Labour replied.

The Bill was then taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

ITEM 4 - EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS AND CHILDREN (AMENDMENT)
BILL 1999 - Bill No. 10/1999 published 17.4.99

The Minister of Health and Labour moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Employment of Young Persons and Children Act.
(Read a first time on 22.4.99)

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.

MOTIONS

ITEM 5 - SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 68(1)

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs moved the following motion which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves of the suspension of Standing Order No. 68(1) to enable Financial Paper No. 2/1999 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$702,372,250, for the period ending 31st August, 1999 - to be considered at the sitting of the Assembly on Thursday, 22nd July, 1999.

(Notice Paper No. 64 (M23 Govt 19) published 19.7.99)

ITEM 6 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/1999

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance signified the recommendation of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/1999 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$702,372,250, for the period ending 31st August, 1999.

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. 2/1999 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$702,372,250, for the period ending 31st August, 1999.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.47 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Thursday, 29th July, 1999.


D. C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.
22nd July, 1999.