

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER**  
**FOR THE 53<sup>rd</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**  
**(1998-2000) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2000**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FOR SITTING**

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

(1) By the Speaker (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of Selection  
held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2000.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs:

Seventh Report on the Oversight Committee on  
Constitutional Reform  
(Dated July 20, 2000).

(Circulated)

(3) By the Minister in the Office of the President with responsibility for Finance:

Financial Paper No. 2/2000 - Supplementary Estimates  
(Current and Capital) totalling \$947,826,408, for  
the period ended 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2000 - Advances made  
from the Contingencies Fund.

(Circulated)

The Minister to name the day for the consideration of the Financial Paper.

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**F.A. NARAIN**  
**Clerk of the National Assembly**

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

27<sup>th</sup> July, 2000

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (76)**

**Speaker (1)**

The Hon. Derek C. Jagan, O.R., 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)

\*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. 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 (Absent)

\*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 (Absent)

\*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

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

\*The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President with  
responsibility for Finance

\*The Hon. Geoffrey Da Silva, M.P., Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry (Absent)

\*Non elected Minister

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

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, C.C.H., M.P.

Mr. Donald Ramotar, 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. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., 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. (Absent)

Mr. Hari Narayan Ramkarran, S.C., M.P. (Absent)

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.

Mrs. Bijulee Moti, M.P.

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) (Absent)

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

**Members of the Opposition (29)**

**(i) People's National Congress (25)**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P. Leader of the Opposition

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

Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P., Chief Whip

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. (Absent)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. John S. DeFreitas, M.P.

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

Dr. Dagleish Joseph, M.D., 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. (Absent)

Mr. Andrew Hicks, M.P.

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

Mr. Colin Bynoe, M.P.

Miss 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. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P. (Absent)

**(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

Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Principal Assistant Secretary (Finance) (Performing the functions of Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, in the absence on leave of Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs)

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 2.08 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

**Leave**

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

The Hon. Anthony Xavier,

Mr. Bernard DeSantos,

Mr. Ramratan,

Mr. Winston Murray,

Mr. Lance Carberry, and

Mr. Ivor Allen,

for that day's sitting, and

Mrs. Deborah Backer up to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2000, and

Mr. Thakechand Ramnauth up to 27<sup>th</sup> August, 20

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**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**BILLS - Second Reading**

**ITEM 1 - KAIETEUR NATIONAL PARK (AMENDMENT) BILL 2000-**

**Bill No. 10/2000 published 2000-07-19**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the  
Kaieteur National Park Act.

(Read a first time on 2000-07-20).

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Raphael Trotman  
Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine  
The Leader of the Opposition  
Mr. Navindranauth Chandarpal.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister 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**.

**ITEM 2 - CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL 2000 - Bill No. 9/2000**  
**published 2000-07-17**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to alter the Constitution  
in accordance with articles 66 and 164.

(Read a first time on 2000-07-20)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mrs. Clarissa Riehl  
Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine  
The Minister of Information  
Mr. Raphael Trotman.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 4.26 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 4.58 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke on the motion for the second reading of the Constitution (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2000:

Mr. Manzoor Nadir  
Mr. Joseph Hamilton  
Mr. Odinga Lumumba.

Thereafter, the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs replied.

The motion was then **put** and **carried**.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

**In Committee**

**Clauses 1 and 2** were **passed** as **printed**.

**Assembly resumed.**

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 5.48 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 6.10 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

At the request of the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the third reading of the Bill was **deferred.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6.11 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2000.



**D.C. JAGAN**  
**Speaker of the National Assembly**

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

**27<sup>th</sup> July, 2000**