NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 18TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION (2020-2021) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD AT 10.00 A.M.

ON THURSDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2021

IN THE DOME OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE,

LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

By the Speaker of the National Assembly (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

Minutes of Proceedings of the 3rd Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Wednesday, 27th January, 2021.

(To be Circulated)

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Reply

COVID-19 CASH GRANT

Member Asking: Mr. Haimraj Rajkumar, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Can the Minister provide a report, interim or final of the audit completed as of January 15, 2021, and state which Regions and Communities that have benefited from the Cash Grant, which remain and the value of distribution thus far?

(Notice Paper No. 33 (Q17 Opp.17) published on 2021-01-20)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS-

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

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. LAW REFORM COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020 – Bill No. 11/2020 published on 2020-11-20

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Law Reform Commission Act.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)

2. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020 – Bill No. 15/2020

The Minister of Human Services and Social Security to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Adoption of Children Act.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)

3. <u>DECEASED PERSONS ESTATES' ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020</u> <u>Bill No. 12/2020 published on 2020-11-10</u>

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Deceased Persons Estates' Administration Act.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

SUSPENSION OF SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE

ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT, DR. MOHAMED IRFAAN ALI

IN THE FORECOURT OF THE ARTHUR CHUNG CONFERENCE CENTRE COMPOUND

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BILLS - Second Reading

4. SMALL BUSINESS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020 – Bill No. 13/2020 published on 2020-11-10

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Small Business Act.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)

5. HIRE-PURCHASE BILL 2020 – Bill No. 14/2020 published on 2020-11-10

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the regulation of hirepurchase, credit sale and conditional sale agreements; and for related purposes.

(Read a first time on 2020-12-23)

BILL - Committee, Second and Third Readings

*6. NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 – Bill No. 2/2021 published on 2021-01-28

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act.

(Read a first time and referred to a Special Select Committee on 2021-01-28)

(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTION

*7. CONDEMN THE BRUTAL AND HORRIFIC KILLING OF JOEL HENRY, ISIAAH HENRY AND HARESH SINGH, BETWEEN THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 6 to 9, 2020

Ms Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, Guyanese citizens, Joel Henry, Isiah Henry and Haresh Singh, all under the age of 20 years old, from the village of N0. 3 Village, West Coast Berbice, were brutally, barbarically and horrifically killed, and the bodies found at or near the Cotton Tree Back Dam in the Mahaica/ Berbice Region No. 5;

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AND WHEREAS, the period September 6 to 9, 2020, will go down in the history of our country as the period when these unspeakable crimes left the nation numb and in a state of shock and sadness;

AND WHEREAS. these brutal, senseless, barbaric, depraved and horrific killings have caused untold pain, agony, grief, anguish, anger and despair to the surviving family members, fellow villagers and the entire Guyanese Community;

AND WHEREAS, these brutal and horrific killings have evoked unequivocal condemnation from Guyanese, living in Guyana and in the diaspora;

AND WHEREAS, the diplomatic community and civil society have also unequivocally condemned these brutal, barbaric and horrific killings;

AND WHEREAS, Parliament, of which the National Assembly is a part of the supreme legislative forum of our Republic wherein the people's elected representatives discuss and determine matters of national interest and is obliged to consider the grave threats to the public welfare and public security;

AND WHEREAS, Article 138(1) of the Constitution of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana prescribes that no person shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of the sentence of a court in respect of an offence under the Laws of Guyana of which he has been convicted;

AND WHEREAS, to date these horrific deaths which are of public importance, concern and welfare remain substantially unresolved.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly recommends to the Government to procure and finance the assistance of expert and competent professionals who can resolve these cases;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly condemns the killing of the three Citizens aforementioned, and extends sincerest condolences to the families of the deceased; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls on the Government to continue its earnest investigations, so as to ensure expeditious justice to the family.

(Notice Paper No. 18 (M8 Opp 2) published on 2020-12-01)

(iii) <u>COMMITTEES' BUSINESS</u>

MOTIONS

8. OUTSTANDING WORK OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Mr. David Patterson, M.P. (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Standing Order No. 104(1), every Committee shall before the end of the Session in which it was appointed, make a report to the Assembly upon matters referred to it;

AND WHEREAS, the Public Accounts Committee, a Standing Committee of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Eleventh Parliament, was unable, owing to the dissolution of Parliament on 30th December, 2019, to conclude the work that was referred to it in that Session,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly of the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament take into account all outstanding work of the previous Committee.

(Notice Paper No. 28 (M14 Committee 1) published on 2021-01-06)

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON ITS EXAMINATION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE YEAR 2015

Mr. David Patterson, M.P. (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on its examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the year 2015, be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

(Notice Paper No. 31 (M15 Committee 2) published on 2021-01-18)

S. E. ISAACS, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE, Public Buildings, Brickdam, Georgetown.

4th February, 2021.