

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 47TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION
(2002-2005) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 2005
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

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ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-

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DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE-

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

1. **UNPRECEDENTED FLOODING OF THE COASTAL AREAS**

Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion:

WHEREAS Guyana has recently witnessed an unprecedented amount of rainfall during the month of January with rainfall during the period December 24 to January 16 measuring in excess of 30 inches, the record amount for any similar period in the history of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS large areas of the coast in Administrative Regions 3, 4 and 5 have been inundated with the East Coast being the most severely affected;

AND WHEREAS as a result there has been incalculable personal and commercial damages suffered by thousands of households with many members being confined to their homes;

AND WHEREAS many of these households have been unable to access food, potable water and have been exposed to public health hazards, a consequence of which has been evacuation of homes, hospitalisations and fatalities;

AND WHEREAS Guyana now faces the worst natural disaster in its history;

AND WHEREAS the Guyanese people have rallied to the victims of the disaster in their thousands offering help in many ways;

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AND WHEREAS religious bodies, private sector entities and organisations, trade unions, businesses, individuals and many others in Guyana and outside of Guyana have contributed and are continuing to contribute resources of various kinds to the relief effort and have pledged additional resources;

AND WHEREAS Guyanese and non-Guyanese organisations and overseas residents from many countries have pledged and donated goods and materials and have raised funds and continue to do so;

AND WHEREAS many Governments and international organisations have allocated or sent resources and assistance in many forms;

AND WHEREAS assistance and offers of assistance are continually being pledged by all of the above;

AND WHEREAS the Government has committed itself in partnership with specialised international agencies, to a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the disaster on the socio-economic status of households, communities and national sectors devastated by the floods;

AND WHEREAS the Government intends to take action for the recovery and rehabilitation using the results of the assessment.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly:-

1. Expresses its deeply felt sadness and sympathy to the victims of the disaster;
2. Expresses its gratitude to the people and organisations in Guyana and out of Guyana for the assistance they have given and continue to give;
3. Expresses its thanks to those Governments and international organisations which have contributed to the relief effort;

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4. Urges all Guyanese and friends of Guyana to continue their efforts on behalf of the victims;
5. Supports the efforts of the Government of Guyana, the Opposition and all other political organisations which have contributed to the relief efforts;
6. Urges the people of Guyana, including the victims of the flood, to continue their valiant and courageous struggle against this disaster.
(Notice Paper No. 176 (M71 Govt65) published on 2005-02-09)
(Moved by the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics on 2005-02-16)

BILL - Second Reading

- *2. **REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES BILL 2004 - Bill No. 26/2004 published on 2004-12-16**

The Minister of Health to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish regional health authorities with responsibility for providing for the delivery of and administering health services and health programmes in specified geographic areas and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2004-12-30)

MOTION

- *3. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2004**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 9 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirm the Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2004, which was made on 10th December, 2004, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, and published in the Official Gazette dated 10th December, 2004.

(Notice Paper No. 172 (M67 Govt62) published on 2004-12-23)

BILLS - Report from Select Committee and Third Readings

***4. AGE OF CONSENT BILL 2004 - Bill No. 22/2004 published on 2004-11-29**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stage(s) of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Criminal Law (Offences) Act and the Marriage Act.

(Read a first time on 2004-11-29)

(Read a second time on 2004-12-09 and committed to a Special Select Committee)

***5. MINISTRY OF HEALTH BILL 2004 - Bill No. 24/2004 published on 2004-12-02**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stage(s) of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to continue the Ministry with responsibility for Health and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2004-12-09)

(Read a second time on 2004-12-16 and committed to a Special Select Committee)

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MOTION

***6. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 73(5)**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following Motion, after the Standing Orders Committee has reported thereon:

WHEREAS Standing Order 73(5) provides that the deliberations of a Select Committee shall be held in private;

AND WHEREAS the said Standing Order also applies to Standing and Sectoral Committees;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the deliberations of some Committees be held in public or in private if they so decide.

RESOLVED that,

1. Standing Order 73(5) be amended to provide that meetings of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee be held in public except where the said Committees determine otherwise;
2. The said amendment be effected by:

(a) deleting the fullstop at the end of Standing Order 73(5) and replacing it by a colon;

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(b) adding the following at the sentence as a new paragraph:

“Provided that (a) the deliberations of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee shall be held in public except where these Committees determine otherwise; (b) meetings of the Parliamentary Management Committee shall not be held in public”.

3. After the amendment the Standing Order will read as follows:

“The deliberations of a Select Committee shall be in private and shall be confined to the matter referred to it by the Assembly and any extension or limitation thereof made by the Assembly and, in the case of a Select Committee on a Bill to the Bill committed to it and relevant amendments”;

Provided that:

(a) the deliberations of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee shall be held in public except where these Committees determine otherwise;

(b) deliberations of the Parliamentary Management Committee shall not be held in public.

(Notice Paper No. 170 (M65 Govt60) published on 2004-12-10)

(Referred to Standing Orders Committee on 2004-12-16 in accordance with Standing Order §2(3))

BILL - Second Reading

***7. CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 10/2003 published on 2003-07-04**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move 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 2003-07-10)

MOTION

***8. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2004**

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or 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. 1/2004 - Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$330,000,000 for the period ending 2004-12-31

(Notice Paper No. 118 (M59 Govt55) published on 2004-09-29)

(Paper presented on 2004-08-05)



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Clerk of the National Assembly

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Georgetown.**

16th February, 2005.

***Not to be proceeded with at this sitting**

BILL - Second Reading

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