

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 75TH 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, 15TH DECEMBER, 2005
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, 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, ETC.

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

Minutes of proceedings of the 16th Meeting of the Committee of Selection, held on
Thursday, 24th November, 2005.

(To be Circulated)

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(2) By the Minister of Finance:

(i) The Ministers, Members of the National Assembly and Special Offices (Emoluments) Order 2005.

(To be Circulated)

(ii) The Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) Order 2005.

(To be Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS-

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 NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second Readings

1. **COMPETITION AND FAIR TRADING BILL 2005 - Bill No. 18/2005 published on 2005-11-09**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to promote, maintain and encourage competition and to prohibit the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition and the abuse of dominant positions in trade; to promote the welfare and interests of consumers, to establish a Competition Commission and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2005-11-10)

2. **LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005 - Bill No. 19/ 2005 publish on 2005-11-10**

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Authorities (Elections) Act to provide for the postponement of elections of councillors of local democratic organs.

(Read a first time on 2005-11-24)

MOTIONS

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GUYANA FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT PROJECT REPORT (THE BRADFORD REPORT)**

Mr. Winston Murray, M.P., to move the following motion:

WHEREAS on the 27th day of October, 2005 the National Assembly adopted a motion accepting, in general, the recommendations of the Needs Assessment of the Guyana National Assembly Report and its Addendum by the Commonwealth Senior Parliamentary Staff Advisor to the Guyana National Assembly, Sir Michael Davies;

AND WHEREAS the recommendations of the said Report have been referred to a Select Committee of the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS under the Public Sector Technical Assistance Credit (PSTAC) a Guyana Fiduciary Oversight Project was commissioned;

AND WHEREAS the strengthening of Fiduciary Oversight was considered under the study of that Project;

AND WHEREAS the recommendations under study 1 almost exclusively relate to Parliamentary Fiduciary Oversight;

AND WHEREAS there is a high degree of similarity between many of the recommendations in Study 1 of the Guyana Fiduciary Oversight Project and the Needs Assessment of the Guyana National Assembly Report and its Addendum,

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly refers the recommendations of the Guyana Fiduciary Oversight Project Report (The Bradford Report) to the Select Committee already established by the National Assembly on 27th October, 2005;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the said Committee consider the Needs Assessment of the Guyana National Assembly Report and its Addendum and the Guyana Fiduciary Oversight Project Report (The Bradford Report) so that all recommendations relating to the oversight role of the National Assembly may be comprehensively considered and reported on to the National Assembly by January 31, 2006.

(Notice Paper No.228 (M94 Opp 7) published on 2005-11-09)

4. **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

Mr. James McAllister, M.P., to move the following motion:

WHEREAS over 150 members of Guyanese civil society of various walks of life and from various fields of endeavour have put forward a National Development Strategy that details a series of bold economic initiatives and exciting programmes geared towards the transformation and diversification of the economy;

AND WHEREAS among the stated objectives of the National Development Strategy are attainment of the highest possible rates of economic growth, the alleviation of poverty, the equitable geographic distribution of economic activities and benefits and the diversification of the economy,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly adopts the National Development Strategy and the measures and policies therein as the overarching strategy for pursuing the economic and social transformation of Guyana;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly urges the Government to commence consultations immediately with the private sector, wider civil society and other stakeholders to establish a representative cross sectional group, supported by a suitably resourced secretariat with access to research expertise, to update the National Development Strategy at the earliest practicable date;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly authorises its Economic Services Sector Committee to monitor the work of the cross sectional group and receive monthly interim progress Reports and the updated National Development Strategy and to make specific recommendations to the National Assembly for the implementation of the said updated National Development Strategy.

(Notice Paper No. 232 (M 95 Opp 8) published on 2005-11-18)

BILLS - Second Reading

- *5. **HIGH COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005 - Bill No. 17/2005 published on 2005-11-09**

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 High Court Act.
(Read a first time on 2005-11-10)

BILL - Report from Select Committee and Third Reading

- *6. **AMERINDIAN BILL 2005- Bill No. 13/2005 published on 2005-08-03**

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 provide for the recognition and protection of the collective rights of Amerindian Communities, the granting of land to Amerindian Communities and the promotion of good governance within Amerindian Communities.

(Read a first time on 2005-08-04)

(Read a second time on 2004-10-20 and committed to a Special Select Committee)

MOTIONS

***7. AFFIRMATION OF THE VALUE-ADDED TAX REGULATIONS 2005**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion, after the Special Select Committee has reported on its consideration of the Regulations:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 95(3) of the Value-Added Tax Act 2005 (Act No. 10 of 2005), affirm the Value-Added Tax Regulations 2005, made under section 95(3) of the Value-Added Tax Act 2005, on 31st October, 2005 and published in the Gazette dated 31st October, 2005.

(Notice Paper No. 225 (M91 Govt84) published on 2005-11-02)

(Regulations Referred to a Special Select Committee on 2005-11-10)

***8. AFFIRMATION OF THE EXCISE TAX REGULATIONS 2005**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion, after the Special Select Committee has reported on its consideration of the Regulations:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 15 of the Excise Tax Act 2005 (Act No. 11 of 2005), affirm the Excise Tax Regulations 2005, made under section 15 of the Excise Tax Act, 2005 on 31st October, 2005 and publish in the Gazette dated 31st October, 2005.

(Notice Paper No. 226 (M92 Govt85) published on 2005-11-02)

(Regulations Referred to a Special Select Committee on 2005-11-10)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

BILL - Second Reading

- *9. **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

- *10. **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)



S.E. ISAACS

Clerk of the National Assembly

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

8th December, 2005.

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