

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 18TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1986) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY, 1986

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS -

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Vice-President, Education and Social Development, and
Deputy Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Education
and Social Development for the year 1985.

(ED: 30/2/2)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

No. 5 - Alleged Police Brutality, etc.

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Home Affairs, the following question:

- QUESTION:
- (i) Will the Parliamentary Secretary state whether there has been a departmental enquiry into the alleged police brutality against Mr. Anthony La Cruz of Moruca?
 - (ii) If there has been an enquiry, will the Parliamentary Secretary tell the National Assembly what are the findings of the enquiry?
 - (iii) If the answer to (i) is negative, will the Parliamentary Secretary say whether she proposes to hold or order such an enquiry?
 - (iv) Will the Parliamentary Secretary say whether a member of the Police Force in plainclothes duty has been talking Mr. Balram Dhany of Three Friends, Essequibo?
 - (v) Will the Parliamentary Secretary further say whether this same policeman was authorised to approach the same Mr. Dhany and offer him a bribe or inducement for breaking his affiliation with the WPA and attaching himself to any other opposition political party?

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- (vi) Will the Parliamentary Secretary say whether the Commissioner of Police was instructed not to reply to letters from this member on the subject matter which forms the basis of questions (i) to (v)?
- (vii) Is the Parliamentary Secretary aware that Mr. Bhairo of Stewartville, West Coast Demerara, a member of the WPA, was detained for a number of hours on March 24, 1986 at Leonora Police Station on the pretext of having committed the offence of claiming to be a policeman and questioned about the activities of the WPA?
- (viii) Is it the present policy of the Ministry of Home Affairs or the Police Department to tail political activists of opposition parties not suspected of any offence and if so do the victims of this practice include Members of Parliament?

(Notice Paper No. 28 published 1986-04-10)

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 ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER -

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

MOTIONS

1. CHARGES BY CORPORATIONS

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That all variations upwards in the charges made by Corporations providing a service to the community be subject to approval by the National Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 18 published 1986-03-06)

*2. AGREEMENTS WITH IMF

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That before any other Agreement is signed with the IMF, the terms and conditions be debated in the National Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 19 published 1986-03-06)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.

*3. INCOME TAX RELIEFS

Cde. Rcepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the income tax laws and regulations made no provision for certain dependent relatives over the age of 16 who are unmarried, have no children and are unemployed, even though they are dependent on the tax-payer for living expenses;

AND WHEREAS there are many single-parent families, where one person is the sole provider, but no special tax allowances are made for this human situation;

AND WHEREAS many persons have savings in co-operative societies and credit unions;

BE IT RESOLVED:

- That - (i) allowances be given for dependent relatives over the age of 16 once they are unmarried and unemployed;
- (ii) an additional personal allowance be given heads of one-parent families, and
- (iii) income tax relief be given on savings in co-operative societies and credit unions.

(Notice Paper No. 20 published 1986-03-06)

4. RIGHT OF DISMISSED WORKERS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That in the opinion of this National Assembly no civilian or other employee of the Government or of the public sector should be dismissed or subject to final penalty without the right to be heard and the right of defence against specific charges and that where a Court, other tribunal, arbitration or conciliation procedure rules in favour of a worker or employee, reinstatement should follow, except on agreement with the trade union or the legal representative of the affected worker or employee.

(Notice Paper No. 8 published 1986-02-06)

5. IMPORTATION OF WHEAT

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That in the opinion of the National Assembly wheat for milling should be imported, thus improving the domestic food balance and improving the livestock industry.

(Notice Paper No. 9 published 1986-02-06)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.

6. ENACTMENT OF INTEGRITY LEGISLATION

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That in the context of the Government's intention to accelerate foreign investment into Guyana and to pursue a policy of economic dynamism as adopted by the National Assembly, this Assembly is of the opinion that Integrity Legislation, affecting Senior Government Officials, Members of the Government and all Members of Parliament should be enacted without undue delay.

(Notice Paper No. 10 published 1986-02-19)

7. FUTURE OF CANE SUGAR INDUSTRY

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

(i) That the National Assembly urge the Government to seek the assistance of the relevant EEC-ACP institution for the establishment of a joint, high powered advisory Commission to be sponsored and financed by the EEC, with important Caribbean technical, University, trade union and business representation, to pursue among others, the following terms of reference -

- (a) to make an objective and comprehensive study of the cane sugar industry in the Caribbean in its national and international setting, with projections into the future;
- (b) to examine means of rehabilitation of the industry, and at the same time explore alternative economic employment of the human and other resources at present employed in the industry in the Caribbean;
- (c) arising out of (b) to identify and explore possible sources of development finance;
- (d) to establish, if necessary, in an advisory sense, phases of action that involve the least possible level of social dislocation;
- (e) to submit a report or reports to the governments for their consideration and to ensure popular participation;

(ii) Further, that the objective and comprehensive study should bear in mind among other things the welfare of the existing labour force in the various countries, the need for an optimum level of foreign earnings for the Caribbean economies, and the need for Caribbean integration and economic development.

(Notice Paper No. 12 published 1986-02-28.)

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8. ADOPTION OF REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Minister of Information and the Public Service to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the Motion to amend the Standing Orders to provide for a Recess for the National Assembly, be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 97 published 1986-07-11)

9. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS - RECESS FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion:

WHEREAS the President in his address at the ceremonial opening of the first session of the Fifth Parliament of Guyana on the fourth day of February, 1986 referred to the advantages to the members if the National Assembly were to go into recess for a specified period;

AND WHEREAS this National Assembly having considered the above suggestion of the President is of the opinion that the National Assembly should go into recess for a specified period to enable the members thereof to attend to public matters, other than the work of this National Assembly, and their private matters;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Standing Orders of the National Assembly be amended as proposed in the Annexure hereto to provide for a period of recess for the National Assembly between 10th August and 10th October in any year:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That request be made to the President that he shall have regard to the wish of the National Assembly in the this respect while exercising the powers conferred on him by article 69(1) of the Constitution.

ANNEXURE

Draft of proposed amendment

The Standing Orders of the National Assembly are hereby amended by the insertion therein, after Standing Order No. 8, of the following Standing Order as Standing Order No. 8A -

"Recess for National Assembly. 8A. Notwithstanding anything contained in Standing Order No. 8, unless there are special reasons for so doing, no sitting of the National Assembly shall be held from 10th August, to 10th October in any year."

(Notice Paper No. 82 published 1986-06-11)

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BILL - Second Reading

10. CINEMATOGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 9/1986 published
1986-07-05

The Minister of Information and the Public Service to move second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Cinematograph Act to provide for the regulation of video exhibition and to make consequential amendment to the Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-07-11)

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1986-07-14