

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 20TH 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, 30TH 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 Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Guyana Fire Service  
for the year 1985.

(HA: 1/1/3<sup>TJ</sup>)(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

For Written Replies

No. 7 - Foreign Exchange Expended in 1985

By Mr. Kwavana to the Minister of Finance:

QUESTION: Will the Minister say how much was lawfully expended by residents in the year 1985 in foreign exchange issued or sold by authorised dealers in Guyana for the following purposes:-

- (a) official travel by resident Government officials on Government business?
- (b) payments by Ministries in respect of travel to Guyana by non-residents to attend conferences?
- (c) artificial flowers?
- (d) spare parts for privately owned transport vehicles?
- (e) spares for manufacturing?
- (f) spares for agricultural equipment?
- (g) professional services, except medical, delivered within Guyana?
- (h) milk?
- (i) drugs for medical use?

(Notice Paper No. 39 published 1986-05-20) /...

No. 8 - Vehicles Imported

By Mr. Kwayana to the Minister of Finance:

- QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister say how many vehicles have been imported into Guyana to date, in each year since 1980, in exchange for bauxite sales in counter-trade arrangements?
- (ii) What types of vehicles were imported under (i) and how many units of each type of vehicle were imported?
- (iii) What is the total value of the vehicles so imported?

(Notice Paper No. 40 published 1986-05-20)

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. 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)

2. INCOME TAX RELIEFS

Cde. Reepu 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;

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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)

3. BECOMING A PARTY TO THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO INTERNATIONAL COVENANT

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Guyana is a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, but not to the Optional Protocol to the Covenant;

AND WHEREAS the Optional Protocol to the Covenant makes provision for individuals claiming to be victims of violations of any of the rights set forth in the Covenant to submit communications to the Human Rights Committee established under the Covenant, and for that Committee to receive and consider such communications from such individuals, but only if the State against which the violations is alleged is also a party to the Optional Protocol;

AND WHEREAS Article 42 of Part IV of the Covenant provides that if a matter referred to the Committee is not resolved to the satisfaction of the States Parties concerned, the Committee may, with the prior consent of the States Parties concerned, appoint an ad hoc Conciliation Commission (consisting of five persons acceptable to the States Parties concerned) whose good offices shall be made available to the States Parties concerned with a view to an amicable solution of the matter on the basis of respect for the Covenant;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to avail itself of the provisions of the Optional Protocol by becoming a party to it as a matter of urgency.

(Notice Paper No. 22 published 1986-03-13)

4. POLICY OF MEDIA

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That in the opinion of this Assembly the state owned media should fully uphold in theory and practice the fundamental rights of the Constitution and in particular the right to freedom of expression as provided by Article 146 of the Constitution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a Media Council, with all sections of political opinion equally represented, be established as the authority on policy of all state owned media;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the required legislation, while guaranteeing equal access to state owned press and electronic media of all shades of opinion should -

- (a) persuade all media, state owned and private, to implement within their resources the right of reply; and
- (b) guarantee the Government of the day adequate space for the communication of information and the expression of opinion, without a monopoly or semi-monopoly of providing information and expressing opinion.

(Notice Paper No. 33 published 1986-04-17)

5. LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Chapter 28:08 of the Laws of Guyana, namely the Local Authorities (Postponement of Elections) Act and any Act or Order providing for the further postponement of elections of local authorities are repugnant to Article 12 of the Constitution of Guyana and should be repealed;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the rules of conduct for elections to local authorities and the conditions under which they shall be held be debated in the National Assembly and be subject to the unanimous vote of the Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 34 published 1986-04-17)

6. DEVALUATIONS OF THE GUYANA DOLLAR

The Minority Leader to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly condemns the devaluations of the Guyana dollar which have so far resulted in the fall in its value from US\$1.00 = G\$3.03 at 10th January, 1984 to G\$4.15 at 8th April, 1986;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That there should be no further devaluation unless and until it had been debated in the National Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 36 published 1986-04-17)

7. ATTACKS ON LIBYA

The Minority Leader to move the following motion:

WHEREAS US warplanes on Tuesday, April 15, 1986, bombed targets in Libya, killing and injuring military and civilian personnel;

AND WHEREAS this aggressive action is a clear violation of international law and has had the immediate effect of increasing tension in the Middle East and the world;

AND WHEREAS it has been stated in Washington that the US is prepared to do so again "if necessary":

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly deplores this unlawful bombing of a member state of the United Nations and calls upon the Government to condemn it at the United Nations and in all other international forums.

(Notice Paper No. 38 published 1986-04-18)

BILL - Second Reading

8. INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 -  
Bill No. 10/1986 published 1986-07-19

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Interpretation and General Clauses Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-07-16)

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1986-07-28