

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 29TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1986-1987) OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN,

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS -

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER -

Cdc. Leroy Evans Scotland, M.P., Parliamentary
Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER -

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

(1) By the Prime Minister:

(a) Annual Report of the Office of the
President for the year 1986.

(OP: 4/1/2) (Circulated)

(b) *See Supp. O.P.*

(2) By the Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister
and Attorney-General:

(i) Court of Appeal (Amendment) Rules 1986
(No. 2) made under section 40 of the
Court of Appeal Act, Chapter 3:01, on
30th May, 1986, and published in the
Gazette on 31st May, 1986.

(Circulated)

(ii) Rules of the High Court (Amendment) Rules
1986 (No. 3) made under section 67 of the
High Court Act, Chapter 3:02, on 30th
May, 1986, and published in the Gazette
on 31st May, 1986.

(Circulated)

(iii) Rules of the High Court (Amendment) Rules
1987 (No. 1) made under section 67 of
the High Court Act, Chapter 3:02, on
11th May, 1987, and published in the
Gazette on 16th May, 1987.

(Circulated)

- (3) 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 1986.

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

- (4) By the Minister of Finance:

External Loans Order 1987 (No. 28), made
under section 3(7) of the External Loans
Act, Chapter 74:08, on 7th May, 1987, and
published in the Gazette on 9th May, 1987.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

No. 62 - Action of Guyana's Representative(s) in U.N. Organs

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs
the following question:

QUESTION: (i) Has the Government of Guyana's representative
in the United Nations Council for Namibia at
any time failed to act, in relation to the
future of Namibia, in accordance with the
views and tactics of SWAPO?

(ii) Will the Minister give the assurance that
he will instruct Guyana's representative
or representatives in UN organs to advance
the self-determination of Namibia by
acting in accordance with the wishes of
that country's recognised representative,
namely the SWAPO?

(Notice Paper No. 142 published 1987-03-04)

No. 63 - Sale of Articles to Mr. Neil Chan

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Finance the following
question:

QUESTION: (i) How many sales of articles seized by Customs
have been made to Mr. Neil Chan between 1983
and 1985 inclusive?

(ii) What is the total value of the articles sold
to Mr. Neil Chan during 1983 to 1985?

(iii) What is the total amount paid by Mr. Neil Chan
for all the articles bought?

(iv) In the numerous sales to Mr. Neil Chan has
the Comptroller of Customs acted under
Ministerial direction?

(v) Will the Minister consult the Government's
legal advisers about the legality of sales
to Mr. Neil Chan?

(Notice Paper No. 143 published 1987-03-04)

No. 64 Dealings with Robert Chappell and Nassau Life Insurance Company

Mr. Kwayana to ask the Minister of Finance the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Has the Government of Guyana in the spirit the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nassau Life Insurance Company signed on July 4, 1985, kept in full its undertaking to create a "Tax Haven Status" in Guyana for offshore banking, offshore corporation activities and offshore company activities?
- (ii) Has Clause (iv) of the Memorandum of Understanding in which the Nassau Life Insurance Company undertook to identify within three months to six months of July 4, 1985 any hinterland project been honoured?
- (iii) If so, has it prepared a project proposal according to its undertaking?
- (iv) If the Nassau Life Insurance Company has identified a hinterland project will the Minister tell the Assembly what is the project?
- (v) What financial arrangements, if any, involving foreign exchange has the Guyana Government entered into with Nassau Life Insurance Company?
- (vi) What is the present standing of Mr. Robert Chappell and the Nassau Life Insurance Company with the Guyana Government?

(Notice Paper No. 144 published 1987-03-04)

No. 65 - Number of Persons who have Emigrated

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to ask the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs the following question:

QUESTION: Will the Minister state the number of persons who have emigrated each year of the last five years?

(Notice Paper No. 151 published 1987-03-04)

No. 66 - Sea Defences of Leguan

Cde. Nokta to ask the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Is the Minister aware that the Sea Defences of Retrieve, Cornelia, Blenheim and Enterprise, Leguan, are in a deplorable condition, with sea water encroaching on and destroying cultivated areas; and that very little has been done despite complaints to the Regional Council and visits made by the authorities?
- (ii) If so, will he say how soon could the farmers expect repairs to be made?

(Notice Paper No. 155 published 1987-03-04)

For Written Reply

No. 67 - Teachers in the Education System

Cde. S.F. Mohamed to ask the Vice-President, Education and Social Development, and Deputy Prime Minister the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Will the Minister state how many teachers have left the Education system from 1980 to the present time and the number employed during the same period?
- (ii) Will the Minister also state what is the present teacher-pupil/student ratio for primary and secondary schools, for the Technical Institutes and for kindergartens?
- (iii) Is the Minister aware that the education system is presently suffering from a grave shortage of trained and qualified teachers?
- (iv) If so, will the Minister say what steps are being taken to ensure a full complement of teachers for the effective and efficient servicing of the education system?

(Notice Paper No. 160 published 1987-03-04)

No. 68 - Pound Fees

Cde. Basir to ask the Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture the following question:

- QUESTION: (i) Is it true that after his 3 cows had been seized a farmer in Planatation Hope, East Coast Demerara was required to pay \$160, a sum considerably in excess of the statutory fee per animal, to the pound to secure their release?
- (ii) If true, will the Minister say whether he will take steps to ensure that such malpractices cease?

(Notice Paper No. 161 published 1987-03-04)

For Written Reply

No. 69 - Persons sent Overseas by N.I.S.

Cde. Belgrave to ask the Minister in the Ministry of Health the following question:

- QUESTION: Will the Minister furnish information as to the number of persons sent overseas by National Insurance Scheme during 1986 for treatment, the names of the countries to which they were sent, the period of their sojourn in each, and the total cost to the Scheme?

(Notice Paper No. 164 published 1987-03-04)

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 - *See Supp. O.P.*

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

MOTIONS

*1. CONDITIONS AT GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS conditions in the Public Hospital, Georgetown, are deplorable, with shortages of the most elementary requirements for carrying out medical care;

AND WHEREAS this has been substantiated by a public statement by doctors of the Hospitals who have registered their dissatisfaction at the critical state of the institution which has for long been suffering from inadequate staff, supplies and equipment:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends to the Government the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry into the Public Hospital, Georgetown, and that such a Commission be broad-based and representative of the Guyanese people.

(Notice Paper No. 92 published 1986-06-26)

2. ABOLITION OF ROAD TOLLS

Cde. Nokta to move the following motion:

WHEREAS road tolls are burden on already heavily-taxed Guyanese;

AND WHEREAS the administration involved in the collection of tolls is costly and unnecessary:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends the abolition of road tolls.

(Notice Paper No. 96 published 1986-07-03)

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.

3. NO-CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT'S MINING POLICY

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly has no confidence in the Government's mining policy, including its policy on precious metals.

(Notice Paper No. 102 published 1986-07-30)

4. GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF TOWN AND VILLAGE MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government's policy of town and village management is ineffective, harmful and ought to be corrected.

(Notice Paper No. 103 published 1986-07-30)

5. HOUSING LOTS IN LINDEN

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That housing lots in Linden should be transferred to bauxite workers or former bauxite workers who occupy such lots or are in possession of such lots at the price of one dollar on terms similar to those applied in the sugar industry.

(Notice Paper No. 104 published 1986-07-30)

6. GOVERNMENT'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Government's agricultural policy is inconsistent, wasteful, secretive and ought to be rationalised.

(Notice Paper No. 105 published 1986-07-30)

7. COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE BUSINESS DEALINGS OF MR. ROBERT CHAPPELL

Mr. Kwayana to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly appoint a Special Select Committee under Standing Order 71 for an investigation of the business dealings of Mr. Robert Chappell, representative of Nassau Life Insurance Company, Ltd.

(Notice Paper No. 106 published 1986-07-31)

*8. PUBLIC HOUSING FACILITIES

Cde. Janet Jagan to move the following motion:

WHEREAS persons in the lower income group have been experiencing severe hardship in obtaining housing facilities commensurate with their income;

AND WHEREAS no effort should be spared in seeking to put an end to overcrowding and in solving this grave social problem;

AND WHEREAS the 1986 budget provision for public housing was very inadequate:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recommends to the Government the adoption of a positive programme of public housing and the provision of adequate funds to finance it.

(Notice Paper No. 114 published 1987-03-04)

9. DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS, SUPPLIES AND COMMODITIES

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

WHEREAS consumers have been experiencing hardships in obtaining essential food items and other supplies, including building materials and cement:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to establish a Permanent Committee with Representatives of all Political Parties represented in Parliament, to ensure the equitable distribution of all goods, supplies and commodities.

(Notice Paper No. 117 published 1987-03-04)

10. DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS ON GASOLINE

Cde. Reepu Daman Persaud to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to re-introduce duty-free concessions on gasoline to farmers.

(Notice Paper No. 118 published 1987-03-04)

11. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Cde. Belgrave to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That in view of the high unemployment in Guyana, this National Assembly recommends that the Government introduce a system of unemployment relief.

(Notice Paper No. 122 published 1987-03-04)

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.

12. ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME

Cde. Belgrave to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the National Insurance Scheme (NIS) was established in 1969, that is to say, 17 years ago;

AND WHEREAS the benefits its members now receive are not commensurate with their contributions to the Scheme:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to set up a broad-based Committee including the TUC to investigate the administration of the N.I.S.

(Notice Paper No. 125 published 1987-03-04)

13. AFFIRMATION OF THE EXTERNAL LOANS ORDER 1987 (No. 28)

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly affirm that External Loans Order 1987 (No. 28), which was made under section 3(7) of the External Loans Act, Chapter 74:08, on 7th May, 1987, and published in the Gazette on 9th May, 1987.

(Notice Paper No. 199 published 1987-05-21)

BILLS - Second Reading

*14.

BILL 1 86 -

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

*15.

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Local Democratic Organs Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.

*16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 14/1986
published 1986-10-29

The Minister of Regional Development to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the
Local Government Act.

(Read a first time on 1986-11-03)

F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN.

1987-06-04.

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting.