

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 45TH 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 FRIDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1987

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS -

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT -

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER - *See Notes*

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS -

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

(1) By the Minister of Finance:

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Guyana Co-operative Insurance Service for the year 1985.

(ii) *See Notes* (ST:25/2/1/7^{II}) (Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Labour:

(i) Minimum Wages (Employees in Dry Goods Stores) (Amendment) Order 1987 (No. 40), made under section 9A of the Labour Act, Chapter 98:01, on 21st July, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 25th July, 1987.

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(ii) Minimum Wages (Employees in Drug Stores) (Amendment) Order 1987 (No. 41), made under section 9A of the Labour Act, Chapter 98:01, on 21st July, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 25th July, 1987.

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(iii) (Amendment) Order 1987 (No. 42), made under section 9A of the Labour Act, Chapter 98:01, on 21st July, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 25th July, 1987.

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(iv) Minimum Wages (Employees in Groceries) (Amendment) Order 1987 (No. 43), made under section 9A of the Labour Act, Chapter 98:01, on 21st July, 1987 and published in the Gazette on 25th July 1987.

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QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS -

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PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -

Presentation and First Reading

- (1) SEA DEFENCE LAWS (AMENDMENT AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 6/1987

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Sea Defences Act and the Sea Defence Act for certain purposes.

- Speaker: Let the Bill be read a first*
(2) DOMICILE REFORM BILL 1987 - Bill No. 7/1987

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to reform the law relating to domicile.

- (3) CRIMINAL LAW REFORM BILL 1987 - Bill No. 8/1987

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for suspended sentences and for certain other matters relating to sentences.

- Speaker*
(4) REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS BILL 1987 - Bill No. 9/1987

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to make provision for rehabilitation of offenders and for matters connected therewith.

- (5) FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 10/1987

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to give effect to article 153(6) of the Constitution and for matters connected therewith.

(6) LAW REFORM (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 11/1987

The Vice-President, First Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the High Court Act, the Summary Jurisdiction (Magistrates) Act, the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, the cattle Stealing Prevention Act, the Pounds Act and the Slaughter of Cattle (Control) Act.

(7) *Sec 6 pp. O.P. (2)*
PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Second Reading

1. CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE BILL 1987 - Bill No. 4/1987 published 1987-06-13

The Senior Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to provide for the implementation by Guyana of the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute.

(Read a first time on 1987-06-10)

2. INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987 - Bill No. 5/1987, published 1987-06-13

The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:-

A Bill intituled An Act to amend the Insurance Act.

(Read a first time on 1987-06-17)

MOTIONS

SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS OF NON-PENSIONABLE EMPLOYEES

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

WHEREAS Legislative Council Resolution No. XXV of 1940 as amended from time to time provided that an employee holding a non-pensionable appointment should be granted superannuation benefits on certain terms and conditions;

AND WHEREAS under the aforesaid Resolution, as so amended the superannuation benefits provided for therein are available to a non-pensionable employee only in the case of his retirement on account of ill-health, incapacity, inefficiency or voluntary retirement on or after the age of fifty-five years, or on abolition of post;

AND WHEREAS Government is of the view that in a case where the service of a non-pensionable employee is terminated on account of unavailability of work, closure of project, redundancy or in the public interest (not being a case where his service is terminated on disciplinary grounds or on resignation) and who has more than one but less than seven continuous years of service, should be paid a gratuity calculated -

- (a) in the case of a non-pensionable employee holding an "approved" appointment at a rate of one-eighteenth of a month's pay for each month of service; and
- (b) in the case of a non-pensionable employee not holding an "approved" appointment at a rate of one-twenty-sixth of a year's pay for each year of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approve that the aforesaid Resolution be amended in the following respects -

- (a) by the renumbering of paragraph B as sub-paragraph (i) thereof and by the insertion, after sub-paragraph (i) as so renumbered, of the following sub-paragraph as sub-paragraph (ii) -
 - "(ii) A non-pensionable employee holding an approved appointment whose service is terminated on or after 1st April, 1982, on account of unavailability of work, closure of project, redundancy or in public interest (not being a case where his service is terminated on disciplinary grounds or on resignation) and who has more than one but less than seven continuous years of service be paid a gratuity calculated at the rate of one-eighteenth of a month's pay for each month of service.";
- (b) in paragraph C, by the renumbering of sub-paragraph (ii) as sub-paragraph (iii) and by the insertion, after sub-paragraph (i), of the following sub-paragraph as sub-paragraph (ii) -
 - "(ii) A non-pensionable employee not holding an approved appointment whose service is terminated on or after 1st April, 1982, on account of unavailability of work, closure of project, redundancy or in public interest (not being a case where his service is terminated on disciplinary grounds or on resignation) and who has more than one but less than seven continuous years of service be paid a gratuity calculated at the rate of one-twenty-sixth of a year's pay for each year of service.";

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED BY MR. E. KWAYANA, TO THE MOTION
PUBLISHED ON 1987-07-10 ON NOTICE PAPER NO. 212 BY THE MINISTER
OF INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE, DEALING WITH SUPERANNUATION
BENEFITS OF NON-PENSIONABLE EMPLOYEES.

RESOLVE CLAUSE

- (i) In (a) (ii) after the word "holding" delete the words
"an approved appointment" and insert the following words:

"an approved appointment or not holding
an approved appointment"

- (ii) Delete the provisions which follow at (b).

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(c) by the insertion, after paragraph I , of the following paragraph as paragraph J -

"J. For the purposes of this resolution -

- (i) "pay", for calculating gratuity payable to an employee, shall be computed on the basis of the last salary or wages drawn by the employee;
- (ii) "approved appointment" means any appointment approved in that behalf by the Minister."

(Notice Paper No. 212 published 1987-07-10)

*4. 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)

*5. REPEAL OF LABOUR (AMENDMENT) ACT 1984 (No. 9)

Cde. Belgrave to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the Government to repeal the Labour (Amendment) Act, No. 9 of 1984.

(Notice Paper No. 128 published 1987-03-04)

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

BILLS - Second Reading

- *6. MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 12/1986 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
Municipal and District Councils Act.

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

- *7. LOCAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 - Bill No. 13/1986 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 Democratic Organs Act.

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

- *8. 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

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1987-07-31.