

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE OF  
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL 2009  
BILL No. 44 OF 2009**

**Publication**

1. AN ACT to provide certain rights to persons with disabilities; to provide for the promotion and protection and full and equal enjoyment of the rights; to facilitate the enforcement of the rights; to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability; to provide for the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities; to provide for the registration of persons with disabilities; to establish the National Commission on Disabilities; and for connected purposes.

**Introduction and First Reading**

2. The Bill was introduced in the National Assembly and read for the first time on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.

**Second Reading**

3. The Bill was read for the second time and debated on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.

**Committal to Select Committee**

4. Following its second reading, the Bill was committed by the National Assembly to a Special Select Committee for consideration.

**Members of the Special Select Committee**

5. At a meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2009, the Committee of Selection nominated the following Members to comprise the Special Select Committee to consider the Persons with Disabilities Bill 2009 - Bill No. 44 of 2009:

**Members of the People's Progressive Party/ Civic (PPP/C) (6)**

The Hon. Shaik K. Z. Baksh, M.P.,  
Minister of Education

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.,  
Minister of Health

The Hon. Dr. Desrey Fox, M.P.,(now deceased)

Mr. Norman A. Whittaker, J.P, M.P.,

Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P

Rev. Kwame Gilbert, M.P

**Members of the People's National Congress Reform- 1 Guyana (PNC-1G) (3)**

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Dr. George A. Norton., M.P.

Ms. Cheryl Sampson, M.P.

**Member of the Alliance For Change (AFC) (1)**

Mrs. Latchmin Budhan -Punalall, M.P.

6. The Committee of Selection, further, met on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, and nominated the Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., to replace the late Hon. Desrey Fox, M.P., on the Committee.

**First meeting of the Committee - Election of Chairman**

7. At its first meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, the Committee elected the Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Health, as Chairman of the Special Select Committee.

### **Other Meetings of the Committee**

8. The Committee met on three (3) other occasions as follows:

7<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

20<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

### **Consideration of the Bill**

9. Following are the details of the Committee's considerations:

The following Clauses *were accepted as presented* -

1,2,3,4,5,,8,,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19, 20,22,23,25,29,30,31,33,34,35,36,37 ,38,40, and  
42.

The following Clauses were accepted as amended -

6,7,9,21,24, 26, 27,28, 32,39, and 41 *were amended and accepted.*

### **Schedule**

The following paragraphs of the Schedule were accepted as presented -

3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14, 15 and16.

Amendments were made to the following paragraphs -

1 and 2.

10. Details of the amendments made to the Bill and Schedule are attached at **Appendix I.**

## Report of the Special Select Committee

11. At its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, the Special Select Committee on the Persons with Disabilities Bill 2009- Bill No. 44 of 2009, agreed that the Chairman would review the amendments prepared by the Chief Parliamentary Counsel and, with the approval of the Committee, submit the Report to the National Assembly. However, having examined the amendments, the Chairman sought to have a 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

12. The Committee, at its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, further examined the amendments and considered its Draft Report. Thereafter, the Special Select Committee on the Persons with Disabilities Bill 2009 – Bill No.44 of 2009 agreed that this Report on its consideration of the Bill should be presented to the National Assembly for adoption.

13. The Report is accordingly, hereby submitted to the National Assembly.

## Minutes

14. The Minutes of proceedings of the Committee can be seen at **Appendix II**.

## Verbatim Records

15. Verbatim Records of the proceedings of the Committee have been prepared and are available at the Parliament Office.

  
Hon. Dr. Leslie Ramsammy, M.P.,  
Minister of Health  
Chairman

Committees Division  
Parliament Office  
Public Buildings  
Brickdam, Stabroek  
Georgetown

20<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

**APPENDIX 1**  
**(Amendments to Bill No. 44/2009)**

**APPENDIX I**

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL 2009-  
(Bill No. 44 of 2009)**

**Amendments approved by the Special Select Committee**

**Amendment of clause 6**

In the marginal note for the word

“Registration” substitute the words

“Registration of persons and organisations”.

**Amendment of clause 7**

In the marginal note for the word

“false information” substitute the words

“Giving false information”.

**Amendment of clause 9**

In the marginal note for the word

**"Complain" substitute the word**

**"Complaint".**

**Amendment of clause 21**

**Delete the words "(1)".**

**Amendment of clause 24**

**For the word "Auxilliary" substitute the word "Auxiliary".**

**Amendment of clause 26**

**Clause 26(1) is amended by the insertion immediately after the word "Act" the words**

**"or a later date that the Minister may prescribe,".**

**Amendment of clause 27**

**Clause 27(1) is amended by the insertion immediately after the word "Act" the words "or a later date that the Minister may prescribe".**

**"or a later date that the Minister may prescribe,".**

**Amendment of clause 28**

**"For the words "Mobility for" substitute the words "Mobility of".**

**Amendment of clause 32(1) and (3) (c)**

**For the word "Peoples" substitute the word "People".**

**Amendment of clause 39**

For the words “prima fade” substitute the words “prima facie”.

**Amendment of clause 41**

(a) For clause 41(1) substitute the following -

(1) The Minister responsible for Health may make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act relating to the areas for which the Minister has responsibility including -

- (a) the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities under this Act;
- (b) specifying the day and time when each national television station shall comply with section 26(1) and a different day may be specified for each station;
- (c) giving any direction to a telephone provider to assist the provider to comply with section 27(1).

(b) In clause 41(3) (a) and (b)

For the words “section 14” substitute the words “section 13”.

**SCHEDULE**

The following paragraphs of the Schedule were accepted as presented -

3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.



## **Amendment to Schedule**

In paragraph 1 delete the words '(1)'

In paragraph 2(1)

For the word "whom" substitute the word "who"

Paragraph 2 - Delete printer's error relating paragraph (2) beginning with the words "(2) The functions" and ending with the words "the Commission."

**APPENDIX II**  
**(Minutes of Proceedings)**

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION  
OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2006- 2010)

MINUTES OF THE  
1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES BILL 2009 – BILL No. 44 OF 2009  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2010  
IN THE SPEAKER'S CHAMBERS,  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

**(Presiding Officer)**

The Hon. Hari N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker  
(As Presiding Officer for the election of the Chairman)

**Other Members**

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) (5)**  
**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P.,  
Minister of Education

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., - Excused  
Minister of Health

Mr. Norman A. Whittaker, J.P., M.P.

Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Kwame Gilbert, M.P.

(1 vacant seat)

**From the People's National Congress Reform – 1 Guyana (PNC/R – 1G) (3)**  
**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P - Absent

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P - Absent

Ms. Cheryl Sampson, M.P - Absent

**From the Alliance For Change (AFC) (1)**  
**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

Mrs. Latchmin Budhan Punalall, M.P

## Officers

Mrs. Claudia Daniels-Greenidge

- Clerk of Committees

Mr. Nickalai Pryce

- Assistant Clerk of Committees

### **ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 The Speaker as Presiding Officer for the election of a Chairman for the Committee called the meeting to order at 4.06 p.m.

### **ITEM 2: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL 2009 – BILL No. 44 OF 2009.**

- 2.1 The Speaker called for nominations of a Chairman for the Committee.
- 2.1.1 Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P. proposed and Rev. Kwame Gilbert, M.P., seconded the nomination of the Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.
- 2.1.2 There being no other nomination, the Speaker declared the Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., as Chairman of the Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4.06 p.m. the meeting was adjourned *sine die*.

*Confirmed this ..... day of April, 2010*



*The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.,*

*Minister of Health*

*Chairman*

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION  
OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2006- 2010)

MINUTES OF THE  
2nd MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES BILL 2009 – BILL No. 44 OF 2009  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2010  
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER,  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE(10)**

**Chairman (PPP/C)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December,2009)**

**(Elected by the Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> March,2010)**

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.,  
Minister of Health

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) (5)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P.,  
Minister of Education

Mr. Norman A. Whittaker, J.P., M.P. - Excused

Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Kwame Gilbert, M.P.

**(Nominated by the Committee of selection on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010)**

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P.  
Minister of Public Service

**From the People's National Congress Reform – 1 Guyana (PNC/R – 1G) (3)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P. - Absent

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P. - Excused

Ms. Cheryl Sampson, M.P.

**From the Alliance For Change (AFC) (1)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

Mrs. Latchmin Budhan Punalall, M.P. - Excused

## **Officers**

Ms. Deborah Gray - Clerk of the Committee  
Ms. Dellon Adams - Assistant Clerk of Committee

### **ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

### **ITEM 2: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2.1. The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Members and apologized for the late start.

2.2 He gave a brief history of the Bill which was passed in the National Assembly in November, 2009, after its first and second reading. It was, thereafter, referred to a Select Committee at the request of a Member of the Alliance For Change.

2.3 The Committee was informed that the following persons had asked to be excused:-

- (i) Mr. Norman Whittaker, M.P;
- (ii) Dr. George Norton, M.P; and
- (iii) Ms. Latchmin Budhan-Punalall, M.P

2.4 The Committee noted that Ms. Cheryl Sampson, M.P., had to leave to attend another Committee meeting at 3.30pm.

### **ITEM 3: CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS**

3.1 The following documents were circulated prior to the meeting:

- (i) Notice to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010; and
- (ii) Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

**ITEM 4: CORRECTION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**

4.1 There being no corrections, the Minutes were confirmed on a motion moved and seconded by Rev. Kwame Gilbert.M.P and Dr. Vishwa D.B. Mahadeo.M.P respectively.

**ITEM 5: CONSIDERATION OF THE METHODOLOGY FOR THE COMMITTEE'S PROCEEDINGS**

5.1 The Committee agreed to examine the Bill clause by clause.

**ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL 2009-(Bill No.44 of 2009)**

6.1 The Committee examined the Bill clause by clause and accepted the clauses as presented except for the following amendments which were made and accepted:

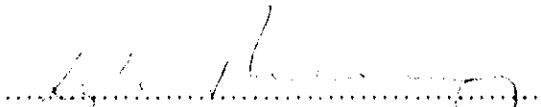
<b>Clauses</b>	<b>Amendments/Changes</b>
Clause 21(1)	Deletion of "(1)" at the beginning of the paragraph
Clause 26 (1) and (2)	Deferred
Clause 27 (1) and (2)	Deferred
Clause 39	Substituting the word "facie" for the word "fade" in line 2.
<b>Schedule</b>	
Constitution, Management and functions of the National commission on Disabilities	Deletion of "(1)" at the beginning of the paragraph.
Clause 1 (1)	
Clause 2. (1) (2)	Deletion of the section on page 19 and the words "whom shall be elected by and from the Members of the Commission."

- 6.2 In response to a query by a Member with regard to the registration of disabled persons, the Chairman informed the Committee that non-registered disabled persons would not be penalized. He, however, suggested that they would be unable to receive certain benefits.
- 6.3 The Hon. Minister Westford expressed reservations with regards to the deadlines given to the private entities in Clauses 26 and 27. The Chairman, therefore, agreed to research similar legislations in other jurisdictions and forward same to the Members. The two(2) Clauses were then deferred to next meeting.
- 6.4 The Committee, thereafter, approved the Bill in principle and agreed that the Committees Division would, in the meantime, prepare a draft report for its consideration at the next Meeting

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4.06 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> April,2010.

*Confirmed this ..... day of April, 2010*

  
.....  
*The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsamy, M.P.,  
Minister of Health  
Chairman*



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION  
OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2006- 2010)**

**MINUTES OF THE  
3rd MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES BILL 2009 – BILL No. 44 OF 2009  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010  
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER,  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN.**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE(10)**

**Chairman (PPP/C)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December,2009)**

**(Elected by the Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> March,2010)**

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.,  
Minister of Health

**From the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) (5)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P.,  
Minister of Education

Mr. Norman A. Whittaker, J.P., M.P.

Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Kwame Gilbert, M.P.

**(Nominated by the Committee of selection on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010)**

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford,M.P  
Minister of Public Service

**From the People’s National Congress Reform – 1 Guyana (PNC/R – 1G) (3)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P. - Absent

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P. - Absent

Ms. Cheryl Sampson, M.P. -Absent

**From the Alliance For Change (AFC) (1)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

Mrs. Latchmin Budhan–Punalall, M.P.

## **Officers**

Ms. Deborah Gray - Clerk of the Committee  
Ms. Dellon Adams - Assistant Clerk of Committee

## **In Attendance**

Mr. Cecil Dhurjon - Chief Parliamentary Counsel

### **ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

### **ITEM 2: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2.1 The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Members and apologized for the late start.

### **ITEM 3: CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS**

3.1 The following documents were circulated prior to the meeting:

- (i) Notice to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2010; and
- (ii) Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

The following document was circulated at the meeting:

- (i) Draft report of the Persons with Disabilities Bill 2009- Bill No. 44 of 2009.

### **ITEM 4: CORRECTION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING HELD ON Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.**

#### **4.1 Corrections:-**

##### **4.1.1 Page 2, paragraph 6.1**

Substituting “ Clause (2)” for “Clause 2 (1) (2)” in the table of amendments and changes

- 4.1 The Minutes were accepted as corrected on a motion moved and seconded by The Hon. Dr. Jennifer Westford, M.P and Dr. Vishwa D.B. Mahadeo, M.P respectively.

**ITEM 5: CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED CLAUSES 26 AND 27 AMENDMENTS OF THE BILL**

**5.1 Flexibility of timelines:**

5.1.1 The chairman reported that he had held discussions with regards to the subject of the two(2) clauses was advised that the timelines stated in Clauses 26 and 27 were appropriate. He invited the guidance of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (CPC).

5.1.2 The CPC advised that there could be flexibility within the clauses and it was agreed that he would formulate Clauses 26 and 27 to reflect same.

<b>Clauses</b>	<b>Amendments/Changes</b>
Clause 26 (1)	Insertion of <i>“or at a later date that the Minister may prescribe”</i> after the word <i>“Act”</i> .
Clause 27 (1)	Insertion of <i>“or at a later date that the Minister may prescribe”</i> after the word <i>“Act”</i> .
Clause 41(3)	Insertion of sub-paragraph(c) <i>“For regulating the time and duration that a National Television station shall observe the provisions of Section 26(1)”</i> .
Schedule Clause 2 (1)	Substitution of the word <i>“who”</i> for the word <i>“whom”</i> in line 2.

## **ITEM 6 : CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S DRAFT REPORT**

### **6.1 Confirmed Issues:**

- 6.1.1 The Committee agreed that the Chief Parliamentary Counsel would provide A formulation for a sub-paragraph (c) of Clause 41(3) regulating the time and the specific special programmes of national interest that would be aired in relation to Clauses 26(1) and 27(1).
- 6.1.2 The Committee, thereafter, agreed that the changes on the Bill would be made by the CPC and forwarded to the Clerk of the Committee. The changes would , thereafter, be reflected in the Report.
- 6.1.3 It was agreed in principle that once the changes were made to the report, it would be circulated electronically to Members who, in principle, adopted it and authorized the Chairman to submit same to the National Assembly for adoption at its next Sitting.

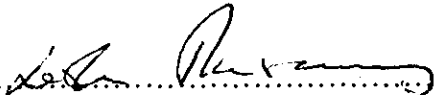
### **6.2 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

- 6.2.1 Mrs. Punalall sought the Chairman's indulgence in making the following observations:-
- Whether parameters were in place to measure the severity of a person's disability
  - Provisions for a time frame regarding Sports programming for the disabled.
  - Conditions for issuing driver's licences to persons with disabilities (Clause 30 )
- 6.2.2 In response to the above, the Chairman informed the Committee that the Bill was a recognition of the government's ambitions for the disabled, and sought to create an empowering environment for such ambitions to be met. He explained that those issues would be dealt with by the National Commission on Disabilities and the relevant authorities as the need arose.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4.06 p.m. the meeting was adjourned .

*Confirmed this ..... day of April, 2010*

  
.....  
*The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.,  
Minister of Health  
Chairman*

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION  
OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA (2006- 2010)

MINUTES OF THE  
4th MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES BILL 2009 – BILL No. 44 OF 2009  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2010  
IN COMMITTEE ROOM No. 1,  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE(10)**

**Chairman (PPP/C)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December,2009)**

**(Elected by the Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> March,2010)**

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.,  
Minister of Health

**From the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) (5)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P., - Absent  
Minister of Education

Mr. Norman A. Whittaker, J.P., M.P.

Dr. Vishwa Deva Budhram Mahadeo, M.P. -Excused

Rev. Kwame Gilbert, M.P.  
**(Nominated by the Committee of selection on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010)**

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P  
Minister of Public Service

**From the People's National Congress Reform – 1 Guyana (PNC/R – 1G) (3)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P. - Absent

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P. - Absent

Ms. Cheryl Sampson, M.P. -Excused

**From the Alliance For Change (AFC) (1)**

**(Nominated by the Committee of Selection on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009)**

Ms. Latchmin Budhan-Punalall, M.P. -Excused

## **Officers**

Ms. Deborah Gray - Clerk of the Committee  
Ms. Dellon Adams - Assistant Clerk of Committee

## **In Attendance**

Mr. Cecil Dhurjon - Chief Parliamentary Counsel

### **ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 The meeting was called to order 11.10 a.m.

### **ITEM 2: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **2.1. Excuses:**

The following persons had asked to be excused:

- (i) Dr. Vishwa Mahadeo, M.P
- (ii) Ms. Cheryl Sampson, M.P; and
- (iii) Ms. Latchmin Budhan-Punalall, M.P.

#### **2.2 Amendments to Bill:**

2.2.1 The Chairman explained to Members that the Chief Parliamentary Counsel had included some additional amendments to the Bill, hence the holding of a fourth meeting to ratify those amendments.

### **ITEM 3: CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS**

3.1 The following documents were circulated *electronically* prior to the meeting:

- (i) Notice to attend the 4th meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2010;
- (ii) Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010; and
- (iii) Copy of amendments made by Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

3.1.1 The following documents were circulated at the meeting:

- (i) Notice to attend the 4th meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2010;
- (ii) Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010;
- (iii) Copy of amendments made by Chief Parliamentary Counsel; and

- (iv) Copy of the Draft Report on Persons with Disabilities Bill 2009-(Bill No. 44 of 2009).

**ITEM 4: CORRECTION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING HELD ON Wednesday,14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.**

**4.1 Page 2, paragraph 5.1.1**

Insertion of the word “and” before the word “was” in line 2.

**4.1.1 Page 3, paragraph 6.1.1**

Substitution of “a” for “A” at the beginning of line 2.

**4.1.2 Page 3, paragraph 6.2.1**

Substitution of the word “disability” for the word “disbility”.

4.1.3 The Minutes were,thereafter, confirmed as corrected on a motion moved and seconded by Rev, Kwame Gilbert,M.P and Mr. Norman Whittaker,M.P respectively.

**ITEM 5: CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE CHIEF PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL**

**5.1 Additional amendments:**

5.1.1 The Committee examined the amendments clause by clause and approved the amendments made.

**ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMITTEE’S DRAFT REPORT**

**6.1 Examination:**

6.1.1 The Committee examined the Report paragraph by paragraph and agreed that the Clerk of the Committee would amend paragraph 11 to reflect the need for a 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Paragraphs 12 to 14 would, therefore, be re-numbered accordingly.

6.1.2 The Committee also agreed that Appendix I would be presented in the same format as submitted by the CPC.



## **6.2 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 6.2.1 The Chairman thanked all the Members and staff of the Committees Division and noted that with the examination of the Bill, Guyana has been made to look a little more humane to the cause of the disabled and, further posited that the Bill sought to change the way in which persons with disabilities were treated.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11.40 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

*Unconfirmed*