

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 3RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2006) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2006
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BRICKDAM

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (71)

Speaker (1)

The Hon. Hari. N. Ramkarran, S.C., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government (42)

(i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (41)

(ii) The United Force (1)

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice),
Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications (Absent – Performing the
functions of the Office of President)

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

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

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation

The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),
Minister of Health

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, M.P., (Region No. 9 – Upper Takutu/Upper Essequiibo),
Minister of Amerindian Affairs

*The Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh, M.P., Minister of Finance

*The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. Harry Narine Nawbatt, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

***Non-elected Minister**

The Hon. Robert M. Persaud, M.P., Minister of Agriculture

The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni),
Minister of Public Service

The Hon. Kellawan Lall, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

*The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of
Legal Affairs (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. Brindley H.R. Benn, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

**The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Labour

The Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P., (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice),
Minister of Human Services and Social Security

The Hon. Dr. Desrey Fox, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Education

The Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Health

The Hon. Jennifer I. Webster, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Finance

The Hon. Manniram Prashad, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P.

Mr. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Chief Whip

Ms Bibi S. Shadick, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara) (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, M.P.

Mr. Albert Atkinson, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni)

***Non-Elected Minister**

****Elected Member from the United Force**

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P., (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Mohamed F. Khan, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P.

Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P.

Mr. Neendkumar, J.P., M.P.

***Mr. Steve P. Ninvalle, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary

Mr. Parmanand P. Persaud, J.P., M.P., (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary

***Mrs. Pauline Sukhai, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Mr. Norman A. Whittaker, M.P., (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Members of the Opposition (28)

(i) Members of People's National Congress Reform-One Guyana (22)

Mr. Robert Corbin, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Mr. Winston Murray, C.C.H., M.P.

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P., Chief Whip

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. Anthony Vieria, M.P.

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***Non-elected Member

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P.

Mr. James McAllister, M.P.

Mr. Dave D. Danny, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Ernest B. Elliot, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Judith David-Blair, M.P., (Region No.7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Mervyn Williams, M.P., (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Island/West Demerara)

Ms Africo Selman, M.P.

Dr. John Austin, M.P., (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Ms Jennifer Wade, M.P., (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice)

Ms Vanessa Kissoon, M.P., (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Mr. Desmond Fernandes, M.P., (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

(ii) **Alliance For Change (5)**

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Mrs. Sheila V.A. Holder, M.P.

Ms Chantalle L. Smith, M.P., (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. David Patterson, M.P.

(iii) **Guyana Action Party/Rise Organize and Rebuild (1)**

Mr. Everall N. Franklin, M.P.

OFFICERS

Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs, Clerk of the National Assembly

Mrs. Lilawattie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The sitting commenced at 2.07 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND
MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

Suspension of Standing Order No. 54(1)(a)

The Minister of Home Affairs, moved the following motion, which was put and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Standing Order No. 54(1)(a) be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at its sitting on Thursday, 2nd November, 2006, with the second reading and the remaining stages of the ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007 Bill 2006 – Bill No. 22/2006.

(Notice Paper No. 8 (M2 Govt 2) published on 2006-10-24)

PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Assembly resumed the debate on the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the President, Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, for his Address to the National Assembly which was made on the occasion of the Ceremonial Opening of the First Session of the Ninth Parliament of Guyana on Thursday, 28th September, 2006, and approves of the policy adumbrated therein.

(Notice Paper No. 1 (M1 Govt 1) published on 2006-10-19)

(Moved by the Minister of Home Affairs on 2006-10-30)

The Minister of Finance spoke to the motion.

When Mr. Winston Murray was speaking to the motion, the Speaker interrupted the proceeding to inform Members that it was decided that on the conclusion of Mr. Murray's speech, the Assembly will proceed with the second reading and the remaining stages of the ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007 Bill 2006, and that on the conclusion of the Bill, the Assembly would resume the debate on the motion of the President's Speech.

Thereafter Mr. Murray continued and concluded his speech.

BILLS – Second Reading

ITEM 2 - ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP WEST INDIES 2007 BILL 2006 – Bill No. 22/2006
published on 2006-10-23

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the fulfillment of Guyana's commitment to the efficient and effective staging of ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007 and for related purposes.

(Read a first time on 2006-10-30)

Mrs. Clarissa Riehl spoke to the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.15 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.12 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Labour

Mr. Mervyn Williams

The Minister of Home Affairs

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan

Mr. Bernard DeSantos

Mr. Basil Williams

Thereafter the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport replied.

The Bill was then read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 54 were passed as printed.

Clause 55

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport moved the following amendments, which were put and carried:

Insert the following as Clause 55 1(a):

“In any case where a monetary penalty is impose for an offence under this Act, the Court may as an alternative penalty impose a term of imprisonment not exceeding nine (9) months.”

Clause 55 was then passed as amended.

Clauses 56 to 59 were passed as printed.

The Schedules were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed.

On a motion by the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport the ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007 Bill 2006, was read the third time and passed as amended.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 6.55 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 7.35 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The Assembly resumed the debate on the motion for the Approval for the Government's Policy in the President's Address.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

Mr. Anthony Viera

The Minister of Education

The Minister of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation

Mr. Aubrey Norton

Thereafter the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

MOTION

ITEM 3 - NOMINATION OF MEMEBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

The Assembly deferred the nomination of Members of the Committee of Selection.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.56 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Home Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



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HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam.

2nd November, 2006.