

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND**  
**SESSION (2002-2003) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON THURSDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2003**  
**IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, OCEAN VIEW INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,**  
**LILIENDAAL, GREATER GEORGETOWN**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (68)**

**Speaker (1)**

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

**Members of the Government (37)**

**(i) People's Progressive Party/Civic (34)**

**(ii) Non-elected Ministers (2)**

**(iii) The United Force (1)**

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works  
and Communications

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., J.P., M.P., Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Trade and International Co-operation

The Hon. Harripersaud Nokta, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

The Hon. Gail Teixeira, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister of Finance

The Hon. Shaik K.Z. Baksh, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water

The Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs  
(Region No. 3 -Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and  
Social Security (Absent - on leave)

The Hon. Clinton C. Collymore, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and  
Regional Development

The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Fisheries, Other Crops and Livestock  
(Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

- \* **The Hon. S. Rudolph Insanally, O.R., C.C.H., M.P., Minister in the Office of the President with responsibility for Foreign Affairs -**
- \* **The Hon. Doodnauth Singh, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs**  
**The Hon. Dr. Jennifer R.A. Westford, M.P., Minister of the Public Service**  
**The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics**  
**The Hon. Bibi S. Shadick, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)**
- \*\* **The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce**  
**The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs**  
**The Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Health**  
**Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Chief Whip**  
**Mr. Cyril C.L. Belgrave, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)**  
**Mr. Donald R. Ramotar, M.P.**  
**Mr. Husman Alli, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)**  
**Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.**  
**Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P. (Absent)**  
**Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)**  
**Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P.**  
**Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.**  
**Mr. Heeralall Mohan, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)(Absent - on leave)**  
**Mr. Ramesh C. Rajkumar, M.P.(Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)**  
**Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)(Absent - on leave)**  
**Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P.**  
**Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Water**  
**Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)**  
**Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.**

\*Non-Elected Minister  
\*\*Elected Member from The United Force

**Members of the Opposition (30)****(i) People's National Congress/Reform (27)**

Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, M.P.

Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)

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

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

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P.

Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Vincent L. Alexander, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

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

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Mr. Andy Goveia, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Dr. Dalgleish Joseph, M.D., M.P. (Absent)

Miss Anna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice)

Miss Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Jerome Khan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Miss Myrna E.N. Peterkin, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. James K. McAllister, M.P. (Region No. 3 - Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Miss Lurlene A. Nestor, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Abdul Kadir, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Ricky Khan, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

Mrs. Rajcoomarie Bancroft, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni)

Mr. Nasir Ally, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Miss Judith David, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Miss Genevieve Allen, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

(ii) **Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance (2)**

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

Mrs. Shirley J. Melville, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo)

(iii) **Rise, Organise and Rebuild Party (1)**

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P.

**OFFICERS**

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

Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 2.00 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

**OATH OF A NEW MEMBER**

(i) **Election of Mr. Basil Williams**

The Speaker informed Members that following the death of Mr. Hugh Desmond Hoyte as a Member of the National Assembly, and that following his call upon the representative of the list of candidates in which Mr. Hoyte's name was included, he was informed that the name of Mr. Basil Williams had been extracted from the said list and that Mr. Basil Williams was, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2003, declared to be an elected Member of the National Assembly to fill the vacancy.

The Speaker stated that before Mr. Basil Williams could take part in the proceedings of the Assembly, he would have, as required by Article 167 of the Constitution, to make and subscribe the oath of Office.

As Mr. Basil Williams was present, the oath was administered to him by the Clerk.

(ii) **Resignation of Mr. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal**

(iii) **Election of Mr. Neendkumar**

The Speaker informed Members that Mr. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal had resigned as a Member of the National Assembly, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2003, and that following his call upon the representative of the list of candidates in which Mr. Chandarpals' name was included, he was informed that the name of Mr. Neendkumar had been extracted from the said list and that Mr. Neendkumar was, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2003, declared to be an elected Member of the National Assembly to fill the vacancy.

The Speaker stated that before Mr Neendkumar could take part in the proceedings of the Assembly, he would have, as required by Article 167 of the Constitution, to make and subscribe the oath of Office.

As Mr. Neendkumar was present, the oath was administered to him by the Clerk.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

The Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, congratulated Mr. Basil Williams and Mr. Neendkumar upon their election to the Assembly and extended best wishes to them.

**Leave**

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to the following Members:

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan up to 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2003,  
 Mr. Stanley Ming up to 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2003, and  
 Mr. Andy Gouveia,  
 Dr. Dalgeish Joseph,  
 Mr. Jerome Khan, and  
 Dr. George A. Norton, for that day's sitting.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS****(1) Private Bill**

Mr. Cyril Belgrave presented a petition on behalf of Demerara Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited, seeking to have introduced into the Assembly a Private Bill to amend the Demerara Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited Ordinances, Chapter 211 of the Kingdon Edition of the Laws of British Guiana.

The Petition was read by the Clerk

The question that the Promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

**(1) Private Bill**

Mr. Cyril Belgrave presented a petition on behalf of the Guyana Free Protestant Episcopal Church, seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill for the incorporation of the Church.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

The question that the Promoters be allowed to proceed was put and carried.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.**

By the Minister of Education:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Education for the year 2002.

(Circulated)

By the Minister of Health (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Pharmacy Practitioners Bill):

Report of the Special Select Committee on the Pharmacy Practitioners Bill 2003 - Bill No. 5/2003.

(Circulated)

**QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS**

**For Oral Replies**

**No. 1 - FULFILLING THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY/CIVIC (PPP/C'S) MANIFESTO PROMISE**

Mrs. Sheila Holder asked the Prime Minister the following question:

\*What steps have been taken by the Government of Guyana since the last National Elections to fulfill the People's Progressive Party/Civic's manifesto to introduce competition in the Telecommunication and Information Technology sectors in the country?

(Notice Paper No. 31 (Q24 Opp24) published 2003-02-17)

**Oral Reply by the Prime Minister**

“In keeping with its promise to liberalize the telecommunications sector in Guyana, the PPP/C Government entered into an Agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) as Administrator of the Multilateral Investment Fund on August 18, 2000, whereby the IDB provided the sum of US \$ 1,100,000.00 to fund a Project aimed at Modernization of the Telecommunications Sector. The Government has committed the sum of US \$500,000.00 as counterpart funds to the Project. The stated general objective of the Project is to modernize the telecommunications sector and the specific objective is to promote competition in the telecommunications and information services sectors, and to establish the regulatory framework that would support a liberalized telecommunications sector.

The Project consists of five components, which are as follows:

- (1) Strategy Formulation and Implementation
- (2) Legal/Regulatory Framework Reform
- (3) Network Modeling and Audit
- (4) Outreach and Training
- (5) Strengthening Regulatory Capabilities

Implementation of the Project commenced in August, 2000 and was expected to be completed by February, 2003. However, the Project has been put on hold at the request of the IDB since July, 2002, due to a lawsuit instituted in Washington, DC, USA in June, 2002 by Atlantic Tele-Network Inc., the majority shareholder in GT&T against Guyana, the IDB and the US Government. A Court decision was given in favor of all Defendants on March 7, 2003 and the Government is in the process of discussing a restart of project implementation with the IDB.”



**No. 2 - SNAKE BITES IN THE HINTERLAND**

Mrs. Sheila Holder asked the Minister of Health the following question:

Would the Minister:-

- (i) \*say how many hinterland residents were reported to have been bitten by snakes during the last three years?
- (ii) \*please explain the reason why his Ministry does not provide hinterland Health Centers/facilities with available dry anti-venom?

**(Notice Paper No. 23 (Q16 Opp16) published 2003-02-17)**

**Oral Replies by the Minister of Health**

(i) "The table below provides the relevant information. These are reported cases. Cases treated privately may not have been reported to the Ministry. It should be noted that many people bitten by snakes do not seek medical assistance and deal with the problem locally using traditional methods. Most snake bites do not result in optimal venom injection and, thus, many persons recover without medical assistance. Because of this practice, many people do not seek immediate medical attention.

Age range/years	Year/Gender					
	2000		2001		2002	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
< 1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 - 4	7	2	3	0	3	1
5 - 14	26	16	17	11	17	11
15 - 24	45	10	20	8	40	11
25 - 34	39	6	39	7	43	6
35 - 44	20	5	23	7	38	16
45 - 64	19	5	24	1	11	7
65+	3	0	0	0	2	2
Unknown	9	2	13	13	14	3
Total	168	46	139	47	168	57

Region	Year/Gender					
	2000		2001		2002	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1	22	6	24	8	19	5
2	38	11	25	10	27	10
3	8	2	13	13	14	3
4	38	18	21	5	46	15
5	13	3	22	3	14	5
6	15	0	7	5	8	2
7	8	4	1	0	17	8
8	8	1	5	0	12	3
9	4	0	7	2	8	4
10	14	1	14	4	3	2
Total	168	46	139	47	168	57

(ii) "The Ministry has purchased anti-venoms and distributed these to the health facilities according to their requests. In 2001/2002, 150 vials of anti-venom were purchased. In the second half of 2002, 57 vials of anti-venom were distributed. For the first 2 months of 2003, 32 vials have been distributed by the Ministry of Health. Requests for anti-venom came from Lethem Hospital, Anni Health Center, Kumaka Hospital, Region 10, Region 6, Region 2 and GPHC.

It should be noted that purchasing of anti-venom is constrained as the specific anti-venoms for the snake population of Guyana is only available from limited sources.

Moreover, the use of anti-venoms is limited to certain medical facilities and medical personnel as the side effects could be such that the local health care workers/facilities may not be able to deal with. Treatment with anti-venoms could result in severe allergic reactions which itself could lead to death. Thus, the Ministry of Health has to ensure that anti-venoms are provided only to facilities where such personnel may be present."

**No. 3 - REPORTED INCIDENTS OF MALARIA IN AND OUT OF GEORGETOWN**

Mrs. Sheila Holder asked the Minister of Health the following questions:

Could the Minister:-

- (i) \*say by Region what are the reported incidences of persons contracting Malaria?
- (ii) \*say how many persons in Georgetown and its environs have been diagnosed with malaria but who have no history of going into the hinterland?
- (iii) \*say what organized community prevention anti-malarial programme is in place to counteract the growing incidence of malaria in the hinterland, townships and the city?

**(Notice Paper No. 24(Q17 Opp17) published 2003-02-17)**

**Oral Replies by the Minister of Health**

- (i) "Malaria is a major Public Health Problem in Guyana, notably in Regions 1,7,8 & 9. The average number of malaria cases in Guyana annually between 1991-1998 was some 48,805 cases. The Government of Guyana has adopted the recommendations of WHO Global Strategy for Malaria Control and the "Initiatives of Roll Back Malaria". As a result of these efforts, in 1999 we experienced a 48% decrease over the 1998 level and a further 12% decrease for 2000 over the 1999 level, despite abnormal though prime environmental conditions favouring sustained malaria transmission. In mid - 2002, we again introduced a new anti-malaria drug schedule for falciparum malaria after extensive field studies. This was to combat the serious non-compliance/interrupted treatment problem noted in 2001."

(ii) "A small number of cases of malaria were observed in Region # 4,5 & 6 - Coastlands. Fever cases were noted from Georgetown and its environs. Epidemiological Case Investigations over the last 2 decades have demonstrated only sporadic transmission on the coast. Although the vector on the coast is a poor reservoir and a weak vector for the parasite, it is technically capable of transmitting the malaria parasite. Since persons infected in the hinterland are frequently present on the coast while carrying the parasite, it is possible for some transmission to occur."

(iii) "A Pilot Project between the Ministry of Health and Unicef in Region # 9, South Rupununi, was concluded in 2002 (GRQ: GOYA/2001/000,000,226). The Project was described as highly successful (reduction of malaria by about 70%) and further funding is being pursued to continue and extend this Project in Region # 9 and to other areas, especially Region # 1. The Project objectives were to increase Community Awareness, Involvement and Participation as a social responsibility regarding their monitoring, efficiency, effectiveness and quality of surveillance, prevention, management and control of malaria by CHWs and MCP staff."

"In 2003, will be initiated as a major prevention method of reduction of host (human)/vector (mosquito) contact. The nature and extent of the actual project is still being considered but will aim primarily among the high-risk groups: children, pregnant women and miners and loggers."

**TABLE 1: THE INCIDENCE OF MALARIA : 1991 – 2002**

Incidence of Malaria and estimate man – days lost (average 5 days per case) during 1991 – 2002

YEARS	TOTAL MALARIA CASES	ESTIMATED MAN DAYS LOST
1991	42,204	211,020
1992	39,7025	198,510
1993	38,857	194,285
1994	42,808	214,040
1995	84,017	420,085
1996	45,299	266,495
1997	43,609	218,045
1998	52,245	216,225
1999	27283	136,415
2000	24,081	120,090
2001	27,122	135,610
2002	21,895	109,475
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>489,059</b>	<b>2,485,295</b>

**TABLE 11: DATA ON MALARIA IN GUYANA: 2000 – 2002**

Regions	YEARS								
	2000			2001			2002		
	P.F. & MIX	P.V.	Total POS.	P.F. & MIX	P.V.	Total POS.	P.F. & MIX	P.V.	Total POS.
1	2,381	2,099	<b>4,480</b>	2,281	3,169	<b>5,450</b>	2,650	2,956	<b>5,606</b>
2	298	245	<b>543</b>	281	206	<b>487</b>	198	146	<b>344</b>
4 & 5	13	12	<b>25</b>	11	9	<b>20</b>	10	7	<b>17</b>
6	15	46	<b>61</b>	31	18	<b>49</b>	3	15	<b>18</b>
7	2,010	2,150	<b>4,160</b>	2,966	3,364	<b>6,330</b>	2,678	1,467	<b>4,145</b>
8	5,028	4,089	<b>9117</b>	6,268	5,255	<b>11,523</b>	4,599	5,625	<b>10,224</b>
9	2,054	3,025	<b>5,079</b>	904	2,097	<b>3,001</b>	252	878	<b>1,130</b>
10	389	164	<b>553</b>	89	173	<b>262</b>	186	202	<b>388</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,168</b>	<b>11,830</b>	<b>24,018</b>	<b>12,831</b>	<b>14,291</b>	<b>27,122</b>	<b>10,576</b>	<b>11,296</b>	<b>21,872</b>

**For Written Reply****CURRENT COST OF ELECTRICITY PER KW HOUR**

Mrs. Sheila Holder asked the Prime Minister the following question:

What is the current cost of electricity per KW hour being produced by GPL and does the current cost of electricity to Guyanese consumers compare to the costs to consumers in other CARICOM countries?

(Notice Paper No. 29 (Q22 Opp22) published 2003-02-17)

**Written Reply by the Prime Minister**

Effective February 1, 2003, GPL's average tariff projected by the Interim Return Certificate was approximately G\$50.00 per kWh. This reflected an increase of approximately 16% over the rates billed to consumers in December 2002.

Electricity prices differ for different classes of consumers. Please see table below which shows the tariff classification and the number of consumers in each class:

<b>Tariff Classification</b>	<b>Number of Consumers</b>
A - Residential	113,453
B - Commercial (small business)	11,077
C - Industrial	158
D - Industrial	173
E - Street Lighting (Municipalities and NDCs)	11 (51 unregularised <sup>4</sup> )

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**Presentation and First Reading:**

1. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 9/2003**  
**published on 2003-07-04**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill:

A Bill intituled AN ACT to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164.

(Circulated )

2. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 10/2003**  
**published on 2003-07-04**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill:

A Bill intituled AN ACT to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164.

(Circulated)

3. **SUGAR LEVY (REPEAL) BILL 2003 - BILL No. 11/2003**  
**published on 2003-07-04**

The Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill:

A Bill intituled AN ACT to repeal the Sugar Levy Act.

(Circulated)

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**ITEM 1 - ADOPTION OF THE THIRD REPORT OF THE**  
**APPOINTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport, on behalf of the Government, presented the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee, to address matters relating to the appointment of members of Commissions established under the Constitution appointed by the Committee of Selection on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2003, and pursuant to article 119C of the Constitution and under the provision of Standing Order No. 70A, met on five consecutive occasions for the purpose of identifying such bodies as appear to it to represent public officers or classes of public officers for consultation in the nomination of two members of the Public Service Commission to be appointed in accordance with article 200(1) (B) of the Constitution;

And WHEREAS the Committee in its third report to the National Assembly has reported that it has considered the following two proposals:



■ that the Public Service Union, the Public Service Senior Staff Association and the Federation of Unions of Government Employees be the bodies as appear to the Committee to represent public officers or classes of public officers.

■ that the Public Service Union be the body as appears to it to represent public officers or classes of public officers.

And WHEREAS, the Committee is of the view that Guyana Public Service Union is one of the bodies as appear to it to represent public officers or classes of public officers to be consulted.

And WHEREAS, the Committee has further reported that it has failed to reach an agreement on the selection of the other appropriate body or bodies as required by the Constitution.

And WHEREAS, it has referred the matter of its failure to the Assembly for its consideration and guidance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**That this National Assembly determines whether the Public Service Senior Staff Association and the Federation of Unions of Government Employees are among the bodies that appear to represent public officers or classes of public officers.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**That the Standing Committee proceed to consult with the body or bodies identified by this National Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.**

**(Notice Paper No. 49(M22 Govt 21) published 2003-07-03)**

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Vincent Alexander

Mr. Doodnauth Singh

Mr. Dereck Bernard

Mr. Cyril Belgrave

Mrs. Shiela V. Holder

The Hon. Minister of Health

Thereafter, the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport replied.

The following amendment was moved by Mr. Vincent Alexander and seconded by Mr. Derek Bernard:

Delete the resolved clauses and insert -

“AND WHEREAS, the Committee has referred the matter of its failure to the Assembly for its consideration and guidance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

That this National Assembly give guidance and direction to the Committee to assist it in its determination of whether the Public Service Senior Staff Association and the Federation of Unions of Government Employees should be among the bodies that appear to represent public officers of classes of public officers and that the matter be referred back to the Committee for the making of that determination.”

The amendment was put and negatived.

The Minister of Health moved the following amendment:-

Delete the word "whether" and insert the word "that" in line two of the first resolved clause.

The amendment was put and carried.

Thereafter, the motion was passed as amended.

### **SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

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

### **RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 4.58 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

### **Bills - Second Reading**

On a proposal by Mrs. Sheila Holder, the speaker ruled that due to its non-publication/ circulation, the second reading of the following Bill be deferred.

### **ITEM 2 - MARITIME DRUG TRAFFICKING (SUPPRESSION) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 8/2003 published 2003-06-21**

A Bill intituled AN ACT to provide for co-operation in the suppression of illicit maritime drug trafficking and for connected matters.

( Read a first time on 2003-05-26)

**Bills – Report from Select Committee and Third Reading**

**ITEM 3 - THE PHARMACY PRACTITIONERS BILL 2003 - Bill No. 5/2003**  
**published 2003-05-12**

On a motion by the Minister of Health -

- (i) That the report of the Special Select Committee on the Pharmacy Practitioners Bill 2003, was adopted, and
- (ii) That the Pharmacy Practitioners Bill 2003, was read the third time and passed as amended.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5.44 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2003.

  
**HARI N RAMKARRAN**  
Speaker of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.**

**10<sup>th</sup> July, 2003.**